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To: All Members

You are hereby summoned to a remote meeting of the Community Council, to be held on
Tuesday 3 November 2021 at 7 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Co-Option of members
3. Declaration of interests
4. Standing Orders
5. Chair's Report
6. Clerk's Report
7. Financial Matters

a) The following payments and invoices were noted:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
		ASA donation - fireworks	750.00	Pd
	NWAMWALC	Membership fee	65.00	Pd
Payment voucher	Clerk	Card and flowers, poppy wreath and cable ties	40.10	
E0600GA215	Microsoft	365 Business Standard	11.28	Pd
E0600GACHH	Microsoft	365 Business Basic x 13	62.77	Pd
439936	Canda Copying	Rental of photocopier	99.60	
440442	Canda Copying	Photocopying	31.96	
TX096149	Flintshire CC	Street lighting and inspection	264.58	
2849	SCR Services Ltd	Mole man	72.00	
7845	Mega Electrical	Mynydd Isa feeder upgrade	1,740.00	
228584015	Amazon	Metal step-ladder	32.23	
227840930	Amazon	Solar string lights	13.99	
	BT	Telephone and internet	94.56	dd

	ProVision Lighting	Street lamps (October)	418.99	so
Total			3,697.06	

c) The salary and other employment costs for October were £1,713.06

d) **Balance sheet as at 31 October 2021:**

Balance Sheet as at 31.10.21	
Opening balances as at 31 March 2021	
NatWest Current	£6,163.29
NatWest Business Reserves	£23,742.12
VAT	£5,789.55
Interest received:	£2.51
Precept	£53,178.67
Other income:	<u>£790.00</u>
	£89,666.14
Less payments made:	-35,419.15
	£54,246.99
Bank balances as at 31.10.21:	
NatWest Current	£3,323.69
NatWest Reserves	<u>£50,923.30</u>
	£54,246.99

8. To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 5 October 2021:

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON TUESDAY 5 October 2021.

Representatives:

New Brighton Ward

Councillor J McCarron
Councillor GK Mutch
Councillor J Morris
Councillor R Marsh
Councillor B Clarke

Argoed Ward

Councillor J Holiday
Councillor I Jolly (Chair)
Councillor H McGuill
Councillor M Shepherd
Councillor F Hadfield-Jones (Vice-chair)

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr M Bradley, Cllr R Marsh, Cllr G Owen and Assistant Clerk Janet Jones

2. Co-option of Members

None to consider.

3. Declarations of Interest

None received.

4. Standing Orders

No changes to note. Revised standing orders have been published on the website.

5. Chair's Report

Cllr I Jolly advised that 70 locations have been found for the poppies – 20 in New Brighton and 50 in Bryn-y-Baal and Mynydd Isa.

Resolved: It was agreed that a couple of them would be re-located from New Brighton so that they may be displayed in Llong.

6. Clerk's Report

There has been a meeting with Flintshire officers about the 20 mph limit. This will be a permanent pilot scheme in Flintshire and all of Bryn Road/Chambers Lane, from New Brighton lights to Mold Road, Mynydd Isa will be 20 mph although, given the process, it may be done at different stages.

The CCTV cameras have been checked. One is to be returned to Revader as it is not recording properly, the other two have been re-directed, to cover the areas we are interested in seeing.

We now need volunteers to put up the poppies on lampposts. We have had permission to display them for the month of November.

A number of feedback comments have been received for the orchard and wildflower proposal. A second site visit has been arranged, to review the proposal in light of the comments.

A quote of £870 has been received to fix the fence in the Bonc.

Cllr F Hadfield-Jones has demonstrated the type of conferencing system that could be used to allow audio access only to the council meetings. The cost of the equipment is in the region of £450 and will need a phone number to go with it. It will be brought forward as an agenda item when the cost of the phone number is known.

Resolved: To research alternative options for the fence at the Bonc.

7. Financial Matters

a) The following payments and invoices were noted:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
505452	Amazon	Letterbox cage	21.99	Pd

E0600FXS8C	Microsoft	365 Business Standard	11.28	Pd
E0600FY0P6	Microsoft	365 Business Basic x 12	54.72	Pd
0112021	Michelle Jones Gardener	Planters and baskets	2540.04	
	ICO	Data Protection Fee	40.00	Pd
M129FB	BT	Telephone and internet	94.98	Pd
7710	Mega Electrical	NB Christmas tree repairs	156.00	
	ProVision Lighting	Street lamps (September)	418.99	so

- b) Clerk explained that although the match-funding in the sum of £7,500 has previously been discussed and approved, it had not been minuted clearly.
- c) The salary and other employment costs for September were noted.
- d) The balance sheet as at 30.09.2021 was noted and the bank balances noted as follows:
NatWest Current – £3,936.59
NatWest Reserves- £55,922.36.

Resolved: All payments were noted and approved for payment.

The receipt of £7,500 match-funding from Argoed Recreational Charity was also noted and approved.

8. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 7 September 2021

Resolved: Minutes of meeting dated 7 September 2021 were approved.

9. North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils

General discussion about benefits of joining this organisation.

Resolved: To join the organisation.

10. Notices of Motion

The consideration of dog-walking events was adjourned to the next meeting due to the absence of Cllr G Owen.

11. Playscheme Summer 2021

Clerk advised that the scheme had been well-attended this year but that there appears to be a misunderstanding in the number of weeks ordered. 4 weeks playscheme had been requested, to be split over the two sites as per usual practise, but 8 weeks playscheme have been delivered. This equates to £3,810.40 being invoiced rather than the £1,905 that was budgeted.

Resolved: To challenge the invoice and not pay anything towards the playscheme at this time.

12. Match-funding proposed play area scheme

The proposal put forward by Aura was considered, with general discussion about the age-group of the children who tend to use this park, near the Argoed Sports Association site.

Resolved: It was agreed that this proposal be accepted but that Aura be requested to put more teenage-focussed equipment in future proposals.

13. Fundraising Event

This item was adjourned due to the absence of Cllr R Marsh.

14. Zero Carbon Britain

Cllr M Shepherd advised that the Centre for Alternative Technology ("CAT") are running courses to assist Councils to reduce their carbon footprint – some villages are going for net-zero. Cllr J McCarron asked if any grants are available and Cllr H McGuill suggested that the appropriate chief officers at Flintshire County Council be contacted about the availability of grants.

Resolved: It was noted that the CAT courses are live, on-line courses.

That the Clerk is to write to Andy Farrow and Neal Cockerton at Flintshire County Council about the possibility of grants.

15. Christmas Lights and Switch-on

Clerk advised that a number of people had started to discuss Christmas and what the Council's plans are. It was noted that the Village of Light event last year was very successful, but the simultaneous 'switch-on' wasn't. It was considered that if a carol concert with the schools is allowed to be held, in relation to any Covid restrictions that may apply at the time, that this would need to be held on a school afternoon. Shangri-La switch their lights on the first Sunday of December. Clerk also advised that the feeder pillar in Mynydd Isa square needs some maintenance work as it floods each year due to being too low in the ground. A quote has been received from Mega for £1,350 plus VAT to do this work. Clerk also advised that quotes are being asked for from other contractors for the purchase and installation of Christmas lights, to check if Mega are being competitive.

Resolved: To donate £200 for the presents for the drive-by Father Christmas at Shangri-La

Organise a carol service if able to do so in light of any Covid restrictions.

Arrange for feeder pillar in Mynydd Isa square to be raised, as per Mega's quote.

Order three new lights, to be sited on Mercia Drive, by the car-park.

Order some solar powered lights for the weeping birch in front of Caffi Isa.

Noted and approved that a Christmas Tree has been pre-ordered.

16. Resurfacing of Heol Fammau Road

Cllr B Clarke advised that the state of Heol Fammau Road and Moel Gron is deteriorating and needs to be re-surfaced. It was noted that the pot-holes should not be filled in as this would put the road further down the list for re-surfacing.

Resolved: Councillors to give the Clerk a list of the roads they consider should be re-surfaced, for the Clerk to then liaise with the Streetscene Area Coordinator.

17. Planning Applications/Decisions

Planning application 063496 – the proposed new school. Whilst this proposal is generally considered to be excellent, Cllr GK Mutch raised a concern about the increased pressure on the already struggling sewage system. There will be hundreds more children on the site and it is a 6 inch pipe along Llewelyn Drive only.

Resolved: Clerk to write to Flintshire County Council, Welsh Water and the planners (Arup) with the concerns.

Planning application 063532 – no issues.

Planning application 063507 – circulated upon receipt but insufficient time to consider the application fully and make a decision.

Resolved: Invite comment from the residents' group and discuss it as a special agenda item at the Amenities Committee meeting on Wednesday, 20 October 2021

18. Police Report

None received this month.

19. Committee and Group Reports

Consideration of the minutes from the Amenities Committee meeting on 15 September 2021.

Resolved: Minutes of Amenities Committee dated 15 September 2021 approved.

Meeting concluded 08.40pm

Next meeting to be held 2 November 2021

9. Remote Meetings

10. Notices of Motion

To organise dog walking events, to allow residents to meet other dog walkers in the area.

Cllr G Owen

11. Remembrance Service

12. Fireworks Event - ASA

To approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 27 October 2021:

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2021

Representatives:

New Brighton Ward

Cllr B Clarke
Cllr G K Mutch

Argoed Ward

Cllr I Jolly (Chair)
Cllr H McGuill
Cllr G Owen

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies: Cllr J McCarron, Cllr F Hadfield-Jones, Cllr M Bradley, Cllr J Holiday, Cllr M Shepherd, Cllr R Marsh
2. Fireworks: to consider the request letter for funding from Argoed Sports Association to support a fireworks event.

The letter received from ASA had already been distributed to the Members and was discussed in general. It was noted that this will be a free event for the community and it was hoped that it will bring residents together safely, in an open-air environment. Clerk advised that Cllr J McCarron had expressed support for the event and that, in response to Cllr M Bradley's query, the ASA had advised that they would be lighting the fireworks but that a risk assessment had been done and the event will be covered by their insurance. It was also noted that an organised event such as this may prevent some residents lighting fireworks in their own gardens, which was seen as a positive.

Resolved: That ASA be awarded £750 by way of match-funding, towards the fireworks event on 5 November 2021 with the caveat that Argoed Community Council is credited with having supported and sponsored the event and that a copy of the risk assessment is sent to the Clerk.

Meeting ended: 6.10pm

13. Planning applications/decisions

REF: 063287

PROPOSAL: Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey rear and side extension canopy

LOCATION: 17 Parc Issa, Bryn Y Baal, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6NH

GRID REF: E 326312 N 364879

AMENDMENTS AND/OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I would advise you that I am in receipt of AMENDMENTS AND/OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION to the planning application for the above proposal.

Full details of the application (including amendments) can be found on our web site by clicking onto the url (if this does not work, please copy and paste the url in your web browser.)

https://digital.flintshire.gov.uk/FCC_Planning/Home/Details?refno=063287

Ref: 063532

Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement single storey extension.

Location: Jomurna, Rose Lane, Mynydd Isa, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6UA

Grid Ref: E 325941 N 363647

Is a Departure from the Development Plan	No
Affects a Right of Way	No
Accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment	No

I would advise you that I am in receipt of a planning application for the above proposal.

Full details of the application can be found on our website by clicking onto the url (if this does not work, please copy and paste the url in your web browser.)

https://digital.flintshire.gov.uk/FCC_Planning/Home/Details?refno=063532

Documents can then be viewed by clicking on the heading '**Associated Documents**'.

Ref: 063589

Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension to the rear side and a double storey extension to the left side of the property.

Location: 44 Llewelyn Drive, Bryn Y Baal, CH7 6SW
Grid Ref: E 326075 N 364477

Is a Departure from the Development Plan	No
Affects a Right of Way	No
Accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment	No

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Full details of the application can be found on our website by clicking onto the url (if this does not work, please copy and paste the url in your web browser.

https://digital.flintshire.gov.uk/FCC_Planning/Home/Details?refno=063589

Documents can then be viewed by clicking on the heading '**Associated Documents**'.

14. Representative's Report:
None received.

15. Committee and group reports

Minutes of Amenities Committee remote meeting held on Wednesday 20 October 2021 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Committee Members: Cllr I Jolly, Cllr K Mutch, Cllr M Shepherd, Cllr B Clarke, Cllr G Owen, Cllr J Holiday, Cllr H McGuill, Cllr J Morris

In attendance: Clerk - Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies:

Cllr R Marsh, Cllr F Hadfield-Jones, Cllr M Bradley

2. Declaration of Interests.

None.

3. Daffodils

Clerk advised that the daffodils had now arrived at the office, ready to be planted. Mark Edwards, Streetscene has suggested that a boundary be marked around the

bulbs in some way so that the cutters know not to mow in that area, especially for the first season. Volunteers are needed to plant the bulbs.

Resolved: Cllr H McGuill to approach the Fuschia and Geranium Society again and Clerk to approach the scouts.

4. Poppies

Clerk advised that a risk assessment had to be undertaken before volunteers could attach poppies to the lampposts and this has been done to the satisfaction of Flintshire County Council. Part of the risk assessment however, requires a step ladder that conforms to the relevant British Safety Standards.

Resolved: A step ladder to be bought with a budget of approximately £40. Poppies to be attached the weekend prior to 1 November 2021.

5. ASA Garage

Clerk advised that an email has been sent to Flintshire County Council, requesting the appropriate lease and licence be extended, with no other changes.

Resolved: This progress was noted.

6. Christmas Tree and Lights

Clerk advised that whilst the feeder pillar in Mynydd Isa was being refurbished another fault was found in the connection located in a lamppost. This has been rectified but there will be an additional cost of around £100 in relation to this. However, piping that may be used to create a more stable form of erecting the Christmas Tree has been dropped off at the office, with only appropriate nuts and bolts now needed (together with a volunteer to do the work).

Resolved: This progress was noted.

7. Trees for Y Bonc

Clerk advised that an email has been received from North Wales Wildlife Trust to say that Y Bonc is an unsuitable site for trees. However, it was considered that it is a suitable site for a wildflower meadow and a formal proposal may be drawn up if this is of interest to the Council.

Resolved: It was noted that Y Bonc is not suitable for tree planting and that a formal proposal for a wildflower meadow in this area be requested.

8. Salt bins for the community

This was adjourned until a later meeting.

9. Proposed 84 houses at New Brighton

A report of objections has been received from the local resident group, distributed to all Members and representatives from the residents' group attended to expand further on the report. Their main points were:

- With regard to a safe route to school, there had been a fourth option of making New Brighton Rd one-way but it was felt that this would speed up traffic and would be objected to by many residents.
- The proposed footpath would be a valuable community asset. However, many tracts of the verge along New Brighton Road would not be sufficiently wide to accommodate a footpath.
- The proposed development of the existing public rights of way not only would require travel along the road but much of it is over private land.
- The funding of the bus option would involve an ongoing cost to Flintshire County Council and is considered unsuitable on that basis.
- The proposal is considered to be over-development of the village and would have a negative impact on services.
- Flintshire County Council appears to be selective when it refers to the LDP and when it cites the UDP.
- Under the LDP, 40% of the build needs to be affordable homes, therefore this requirement should be increased from the current 30%.
- This development is car-dependent, which counteracts the obligation to encourage more active travel. There is no shop within walking distance other than the Shell garage.
- Welsh Water, in the pre-application consultation, said that the current drainage system would not be able to cope with these additional houses. Flintshire County Council had requested a hydraulic modelling assessment, which had given options to mitigate the issue.

The report and additional information was considered.

Resolved: To support the residents' group in their comments as per the report and presentation.

Meeting ended 6.55pm

Next meeting due to be held 17 November 2021

Mared Eastwood

Clerk and RFO