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7 December 2021

## To: All Members

You are hereby summoned to a remote meeting of the Community Council, to be held on Tuesday7 December 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. Poppies for next year - at present reduced cost
8. Electric Power Points \& Grants for Electric Cars
9. Festive Decorations - review of contract

## Christmas Lights / Festive Decorations

## Mega Electrical Ltd

New Brighton

| Description |  | Unit Price | Vat | Amount |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Install \& take down $5 x$ column dis |  | 85.00 | $20 \%$ | 425.00 |
| Decorate Christmas tree up to 12 ft |  | 500.00 | $20 \%$ | 500.00 |
| \& remove lights |  |  |  |  |
| Storage | 60.00 | $20 \%$ | 60.00 |  |

Mynydd Isa Lights

| Description | Unit Price | VAT | Amount |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Install \& take down 2 column decoration | 85.00 | $20 \%$ | 170.00 |
| Decorate tree \& remove lights up to 12ft | 500.00 | $20 \%$ | 500.00 |
| Storage \& Test | 60.00 | $20 \%$ | 60.00 |

Total $£ 1,715.00$ plus vat

## Lite Ltd

## Description

Decorate trees \& remove lights up to 12 ft
Install \& take down 7 column decorations
For New Brighton and Mynydd Isa
Total Cost £1,596,00 plus vat

## Deeco Lighting at Mold

Install \& dismantle 7 column displays
Decorate two Christmas trees up to $12 \mathrm{ft} \&$ remove lights
Storage costs
Total 1,200.00 plus vat
One other firm was contacted, Festive Lights based in Chorley, they were not able to comply to requirements.
10. Financial Matters
a) The following payments and invoices were noted:

| Invoice no. | Supplier | Details | Amount (£) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1763 | DM Payroll | Payroll for first half year | 67.50 | pd |
|  | ProVision |  | 418.99 | so |
| M130LU | BT | Telephone and internet (October) | 94.56 | dd |
| E0600GMUCD | Microsoft | 365 Business Standard | 11.28 | dd |
| E0600GMY7C | Microsoft | 365 Business Basic $\times 13$ | 59.28 | dd |
| Payment Voucher | S.M. Eastwood | Reimbursement for Councillor Training session | 30.00 | pd |
| M131P\& | BT | Telephone and internet (November) | 94.33 | dd |
| ACCRH21 | Caffi Isa | Hire of Council Suite for 2021 | 1,500.00 |  |
|  | Loggerheads Christmas trees | 12 ft Tree \& delivery | 95.00 |  |
| Payment Voucher | Mared Eastwood | Table fixings and fast set concrete post mix | 9.70 |  |
| 0132021 | Michelle Jones Garening | Emptying and disposal of summer bedding | 862.40 |  |
| 0142021 | Michelle Jones Gardening | Weed killer spraying in Square and Memorial Garden | 250.00 |  |
| Total |  |  | 3493.04 |  |

c) The salary and other employment costs for November were £1,803.06
d) Balance sheet as at 30 November 2021:

Balance Sheet as at 30.11.2021
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 | $\underline{£ 790178.67}$ |
| Other income: | $£ 89,666.14$ |
|  | $-£ 40,441.73$ |
| Less payments made: | $£ 49,224.41$ |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Bank balances as at $30.11 .2021:$ |  |
| NatWest Current | $£ 47,923.30$ |
| NatWest Reserves | $£ 49,224.41$ |
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e) Budget review - preparation for Precept
11. To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 2 November 2021:

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON TUESDAY 2 November 2021.

Representatives:
New Brighton Ward
Councillor J McCarron
Councillor GK Mutch
Councillor J Morris
Councillor B Clarke

## Argoed Ward

Councillor J Holiday
Councillor I Jolly (Chair)
Councillor H McGuill
Councillor M Shepherd
Councillor G Owen

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr M Bradley, Cllr R Marsh, Cllr F Hadfield-Jones, Janet Jones
Resolved: Due to his personal circumstances, it was agreed that the 6month rule should not apply to CIIr R Marsh at this time.
2. Co-option of Members

None to consider.
3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr H McGuill declared an interest in agenda item 12 in that she is a member of Argoed Sports Association.
4. Standing Orders

No changes to note.
5. Chair's Report

Cllr I Jolly gave thanks to Mared Eastwood, her husband and to Cllr J Holiday for putting the poppies onto the lampposts. Enquiries have been received from other councils about how we managed this and there have also been positive comments from residents.

Cllr I Jolly also advised that he has seen a nice sign, warning that entry is at own risk, at another quarry and he will send a photo of it to the Clerk, for own sign proposals to be made.
6. Clerk's Report

The 'H' mark to go by the dropped kerb next to Sainsbury's has been requested.
The wildflower meadow has been seeded and the poppies have been put on the lampposts. The Christmas preparations are ongoing.

The planning comments have been submitted and we are in the process of obtaining quotes for signs at the Bonc and the Quarry.

A remembrance service has been arranged for 14 November 2021 at 10.45am and there will also be a fireworks event, hosted by the ASA, on 5 November 2021.

The play equipment for the playground near to ASA has been ordered by Aura.
Attended the Standards Committee on behalf of Argoed Community Council, interesting in that it discussed the code of conduct for councillors - appreciate that there are no issues currently at Argoed Community Council.

## 7. Financial Matters

a) The following payments and invoices were noted:

| Invoice no. | Supplier | Details | Amount (£) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | NWAMWALC | ASA donation - fireworks | 750.00 | Pd |
|  | Membership fee | 65.00 | Pd |  |
| Payment <br> voucher | Clerk | Card and flowers, poppy wreath <br> 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 <br> 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 <br> Lighting | Street lamps (October ) | 418.99 | so |
| Total |  |  | $3,697.06$ |  |

The playscheme invoice is expected to be received soon, for the amended amount of $£ 1,905.20$, and will be paid upon receipt.
c) The salary and other employment costs for October were noted as being $£ 1,713.06$.
d) The balance sheet as at 31.10.2021 was noted as follows:

| 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: | $£ 99,666.14$ |
|  | $-35,419.15$ |
| Less payments made: | $£ 54,246.99$ |
|  |  |
|  | $£ 3,323.69$ |
| Bank balances as at 31.10.21: | $£ 50,923.30$ |
| NatWest Current | $£ 54,246.99$ |
| NatWest Reserves |  |

Resolved: All payments were noted and approved for payment.
8. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 5 October 2021

Consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2021.
Resolved: Minutes of meeting dated 5 October 2021 were approved.
9. Remote Meetings

It was noted that Welsh Government has passed legislation to allow remote meetings to carry on. Cllr I Jolly suggested that Argoed Community Council should continue with remote meetings whilst COVID remains an issue. Cllr H McGuill considered that there should be a date to work towards.

Resolved: That the remote meetings be continued and be reviewed during the April 2022 meeting.
10. Notices of Motion

Cllr G Owen advised that the idea to form a dog-walking group came from his daughter as she doesn't like going out on her own to walk the dog in the dark.

Would it be possible to create a community walking group for residents who don't like to walk on their own in the dark and also allow new dogs to socialise? This was considered to be an excellent idea and it was thought that residents would probably be interested. We could create safe routes to be used. Interest in the scheme could be gauged via Facebook, etc.

Resolved: Agree to the idea in principle. CIIr G Owen to liaise with the Clerk to action.

## 11. Remembrance Service

Clerk advised that Mold Town Council have requested if a representative from Argoed Community Council is to go and attend their service and Cllr I Jolly will attend at Mold. The service in Mynydd Isa will be held at 10.45 on Sunday 14 November 2021 with CIIr F Hadfield-Jones to do the reading, if available, together with Cllr J Morris. Cllr J McCarron is also available to assist.

Resolved: The arrangements were noted.
12. Fireworks Event - ASA

Consideration of the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 27 October 2021.

Resolved: The minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 27 October 2021 were approved.
13. Planning Applications/Decisions

General discussion about the planning applications that have been received.
Resolved: 063287 - no objections
063532 - no objections
063589 - no objection subject to there being sufficient sight lines
for traffic.
14. Police Report

The following report was considered:

## Leaflets.

I am not aware of the leaflets you mentioned, and I don't think anything has come up to anyone about it? Intrigued to know.

## Halloween.

We had no problems on Halloween in the Mynydd Isa area, as the demand seemed to be in Mold.

Vehicle behind the office.
I have checked the vehicle and it seems to be in order, however the owner is not local. I think we'll keep an eye on it this week and see if it moves. If not, I will contact a PCSO who covers their area to conduct a check.

## Parking.

The parking near Park Ave Junior School was bought to attention, with the thought of blocking the road off while leaving School. If it's where I'm thinking of, I don't think this would be possible for reasons such as needing access etc (Happy to hear further thoughts). Parking around School times is very difficult in terms of dealing with, such as us not being available all the time. We completely understand the frustration especially from residents.
Also on Park Avenue, I'm currently engaging with a few of the vehicle owners. Will update you on this.

## Bonfire Night.

I have made contact with ASA and received the details required.
ASB.
Bike riders - Chambers Lane, we had report of bike riders ragging their bikes around causing a nuisance.
Argoed Social Club - Damage caused to one of the new goals - Looking into this.

## Additonal -

The College of Policing has conducted a survey where members of the public can highlight areas where they don't feel safe and why, or any issues. I'll be reviewing this, and forward anything relevant to you.
15. Committee and Group Reports

Consideration of the minutes from the Amenities Committee meeting on 20 October 2021.

Resolved: Minutes of Amenities Committee dated 20 October 2021 approved.

Meeting concluded 07.55 pm
Next meeting to be held 7 December 2021
12. Planning applications/decisions

## Ref: 063650

Proposal: Proposal of a full length, single story, side extension. Extension to utilise the space at the side of the house up to the boundary line.

Location: $\quad 16$ Tir Wat, Mynydd Isa, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6SD
13. Representative's Report:
14. Committee and group reports

To approve the minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting dated 24 November 2021:

Minutes of Amenities Committee remote meeting held on Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 6pm.

## PRESENT

Committee Members: Cllr I Jolly, Cllr K Mutch, Cllr B Clarke<br>In attendance:<br>Clerk - Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies:

Cllr R Marsh, CIIr F Hadfield-Jones, Cllr M Shepherd

## 2. Declaration of Interests.

None.

## 3. Broken Fence in Bonc Dog-walking Area

A section of the fence to the dog-walking area at the Bonc is listing as the wooden posts are rotting in the ground. Quotes have been obtained from two companies, each with three options; to replace the listing part of the fence only, to replace the whole of the fence to the right of the gate (to include the listing part) and to replace the fence in its entirety, both sides of the gate. After general discussion, it was noted that there is a significant difference between the two quotes. It was also noted that one of the contractors had recently installed the fence at New Brighton football field to a high standard. It was considered that the best option would be to replace the fence in its entirety, if budget allows, as this would be aesthetically more pleasing and would avoid contractors having to be recalled when the other wooden posts rotted.
Resolved: To recommend the entire fence be replaced, using the contractors Jones Brothers Leeswood Ltd.

## 4. Proposal for Wild Flower Meadow at the Bonc

The proposal sent by North Wales Wildlife Trust was considered. It was noted that Flintshire County Council currently maintain the grass on this site and there will be room on site for the cuttings to be composted and creating a different biodiversity habitat.

## Resolved: Recommend the proposal to full Council.

## 5. CCTV Signs

Clerk advised that, as new cameras have been purchased and the laptop has also been returned to the office, new signs are needed to alert the public about the CCTV. Quotes have been obtained and it was noted that HH Print Ltd have also done work for the Council previously and to a high standard.

Resolved: To recommend HH Print Ltd as the supplier for the new signs.

## 6. Christmas Tree and Lights

Clerk advised the tree for Mynydd Isa was due to arrive 25 November and Mega had been booked to light the tree for 26 November, together with all the other lights.

Resolved: This progress was noted.
7. Salt bins for the community

Clerk advised that a letter has been received from Streetscene, detailing the cost of community salt bins which may be purchased in addition to the county council salt bins. There was a community council salt bin sited at New Brighton Community Centre but this had to be removed during the summer of 2021 due to it being broken.

Resolved: To defer discussion of this matter and put on agenda for full council to consider.

## 8. Tesco Bags of Help

Clerk advised that the grant application for cooking utensils, etc has been submitted and, if successful, would tie in with a new initiative to run slow-cooker cooking classes that is being funded by Welsh Government and run by Flintshire County Council.
Resolved: Update was noted.

Meeting ended 6.40pm
Next meeting due to be held 15 December 2021

## Mared Eartwood

## Clerk and RFO

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, please contact the Clerk by 6 December 2021 so that a link may be sent to you.

