



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 6-month rule should not apply to Cllr 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 (£)	
		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	

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:	£790.00
	£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	£50,923.30
	£54,246.99

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. Cllr 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 Cllr 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 brought 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