



## **MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON TUESDAY 7 December 2021.**

### **Representatives:**

#### **New Brighton Ward**

Councillor J McCarron  
Councillor GK Mutch  
Councillor J Morris  
Councillor R Marsh  
Councillor M Bradley

#### **Argoed Ward**

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

**In attendance:** Clerk Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr G Owen, Cllr B Clarke, Cllr F Hadfield-Jones, Janet Jones

2. Co-option of Members

None to consider.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Standing Orders

No changes to note.

5. Chair's Report

Cllr I Jolly advised that the poppies have now been removed from the lampposts, although not all of them had survived the storm at the end of the month.

6. Clerk's Report

A letter has been sent to the solicitors with regard to the registration of Y Bonc and the Quarry.

As advised by the Chair, the poppies that were left after the storm have been removed in accordance with the permission given by Flintshire County Council. Many thanks to those who have helped to remove them.

The Christmas lights have been switched on with various Christmas events happening in both New Brighton and Mynydd Isa Community Centres. The switch-on at Shangri La was a success.

We have been successful in our Bags of Help application for funding towards the proposed cooking workshops. The next stage will be to attract votes for the scheme when it is open for voting in January.

The litter-pickers from Keep Wales Tidy have been received and it is proposed that a launch event is held during the early months of next year, maybe with a scouting group.

Cllr H McGuill suggested that an event is held around Valentine's Day "Love your village".

**7. Poppies for next year**

Clerk advised that there had been a rumour that poppies are currently available for £2 each but enquiries have shown that this is not the case. There are currently no poppies in stock but we have been advised to contact the supplier in January. From the 70 poppies which were displayed this year, only 50% of them have survived intact after the storm, although around another 10 may be patched up, if needed. Both when displaying the poppies and removing them, members of the public did express their appreciation for the poppies.

**Resolved: That the stock of poppies is replenished so that the Council has 100, subject to cost and budget. Authority to Clerk to use her discretion on this item.**

**8. Electric Power Points and Grants for Electric Cars**

Clerk advised that an email had been sent to the Streetscene Chief Officer on the basis that any electrical points installed by the Council should complement those considered by Flintshire County Council, potentially filling in gaps. A response has been received to say that limited funding is being provided for Council fleet vehicles and to install charging points in 9 of the Flintshire owned car parks, which is currently being procured. She is not aware of any other funding streams at the moment, unfortunately.

**Resolved: The response received was noted and looking for grants, etc for charging points will be ongoing.**

**To publicise on the Council's website that there are charging points at The Beaufort Park and that the Council is seeking to install a charging point within the community.**

**9. Festive Decoration – Review of Contract**

Clerk reminded Council that a request had been made to review the costs charged by our electrical contractor for the Christmas lighting as it is a significant annual cost. On this basis, quotes had been sought to ascertain the competitiveness of our current contractor. The three quotations were discussed, the help Mega had given in erecting the Christmas tree and their general responsiveness was noted as was the call out fee of £180 for Deeco Lighting.

**Resolved: To stay with Mega Electrical and to thank the other providers and let them know they have been unsuccessful this time.**

**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 x 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	12 ft Tree & delivery	95.00	
	Christmas trees			

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	
<b>Total</b>			<b>3493.04</b>	

Two invoices from Mega (£2,650 and £1,443.60) were also noted, not listed as they had come in after the agenda was sent, and approved to be paid prior to formal authority to pay at the next meeting, together with the donation of £200 to Shangri-La.

c) The salary and other employment costs for October were noted as being £1,803.06.

d) The balance sheet as at 30.11.2021 was noted as follows:

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	£53,178.67
Other income:	<u>£790.00</u>
	£89,666.14
Less payments made:	-£40,441.73
	<b>£49,224.41</b>
Bank balances as at 30.11.2021:	
NatWest Current	£1,301.11
NatWest Reserves	£47,923.30
	<b>£49,224.41</b>

**Resolved: All payments were noted and approved for payment.**

**11. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 2 November 2021**

Consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2021.

**Resolved: Minutes of meeting dated 2 November 2021 were approved.**

**12. Planning Applications/Decisions**

General discussion about the planning applications that have been received.

**Resolved: 063650 – no objections**

**13. Representative's Report**

No report has been received from the police, but contact has been made by a PCSO to view the CCTV footage from the camera by the Bonc.

**Resolved: Request was noted and full cooperation to be given to the police.**

#### **14. Committee and Group Reports**

Consideration of the minutes from the Amenities Committee meeting on 24 November 2021.

**Resolved: Minutes of Amenities Committee dated 24 November 2021 approved.**

**That the entire length of the fence to the dog-walking area at the Bonc be replaced and that Jones Brothers Leeswood Ltd be contracted to do the work.**

**That wildflowers are seeded in the Bonc as shown in the proposal.**

**That a salt refill is ordered for Mynydd Isa Community Centre and a new salt-bin, which has salt included, is ordered for New Brighton Community Centre.**

Meeting concluded 8.05 pm

Next meeting to be held 4 January 2022