



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON TUESDAY 1 February 2022.

Representatives:

New Brighton Ward

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

Argoed Ward

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

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones.

1. Apologies

Received from Councillor G Owen, Councillor J Holiday, Councillor B Clarke, Councillor F Hadfield-Jones (Vice-Chair)

2. Chair's Report

It has been a quiet month but the new 20mph signs are now being installed around the villages, due to come in on 28 February 2022. The signs will only be on one side of the road, as per a change in legislation.

3. Clerk's Report

Must advise that Cllr M Bradley has resigned due to his work and other commitments. He wishes to donate his councillor allowance to a New Brighton project. This is disappointing but understandable and an email has been sent, thanking him for his contribution.

There are now two PCSOs who will be assigned to this ward; PCSO Ryan Thomas and PCSO Rachael Duddle, who will complete her training in 5-6 weeks' time. PCSO Rachael Duddle has visited the office and they will be recommencing the Cuppa with a Coppa at Caffi Isa in the near future.

A litter-picking event is being arranged for 22 February 2022, to run for two sessions during the day. An evening event will be arranged for another day.

4. Co-option of Members

None to consider.

5. Declarations of Interest

Cllr J McCarron declared a personal interest only in item 7a (Sabre invoice).

6. Standing Orders

No changes to note

7. Financial Matters

a) The following payments and invoices were noted:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
	Pro Vision	Street Lights Upgrade	418.99	SO
E0600HC5M9	Microsoft	Business Standard x 1	11.28	dd
E0600HBUC4	Microsoft	Business Basic x 13	59.28	dd
No. 5	MLandscapeUK	Gardening contractor- Quarry	690.00	
M133XL	BT	Telephone and internet January	93.91	dd
015012022	Michelle Jones	Gardening contractor, non- Quarry	467.80	
19224	Sabre Guarding Ltd	Annual service for CCTV	720.00	
1941	DM Payroll Services Ltd	Administration of payroll – second half of year	67.50	
TX096569	Flintshire County Council	Street lighting energy Oct-Dec 2021	279.99	
TX096568	Flintshire County Council	Street lighting energy July – Sept 2021	279.99	
Total			3,088.74	

b) The salary and other employment costs for December were noted as £1,888.54

c) Bank Balances as at 27 January 2022 were noted as:

NatWest Current: £4,606.62
NatWest Reserves: £57,513.44

8. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 4 January 2022

Consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2022.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting dated 4 January 2022 were approved:

9. Notices of Motion

None received

10. Welsh Language Policy

After consideration of the draft, the Welsh Language Policy was approved as follows:

WELSH LANGUAGE POLICY

Introduction

Welsh is a living language that is currently more prevalent in some area of Wales than others. Whilst Council business is currently conducted through the medium of English, given the lack of Welsh speakers both on the Council and in the Council offices, Argoed Community Council is committed to encouraging and promoting the use of Welsh in its day-to-day activities and recognises that the Welsh and English languages should be treated equally in the conduct of public business in Wales.

1. Policy Statement

1.1 This policy is intended to advise all involved with Argoed Community Council of its commitment to encourage and promote the use of Welsh within our community and allow our Welsh speaking residents the opportunity to interact with the Council in their chosen language whenever possible.

- 1.2 The policy outlines ways in which Welsh may be used in the Council's day-to-day activities, subject to the Welsh speaking abilities of the members and employees at any given time.

2. Scope of the Policy

- 2.1 All employees and members are expected to be aware of and comply with the Policy and promote the use of the Welsh language whenever possible to do so.

3. Responsibility for implementation of the Policy

- 3.1 The Council has overall responsibility for the effective operation of the Policy.
3.2 The Clerk, Chair and Vice-Chair are responsible for monitoring and reviewing the operation of the Policy and making recommendations for any changes, to increase accessibility to Welsh in the day-to-day activities of the Council.
3.3 Training and resources will be provided when appropriate to support the objectives of the Policy.
3.4 A register will be kept of any Welsh speakers in the Council, so that calls and correspondence may be directed to them if need be.

4. Correspondence

- 4.1 The Council will endeavour to ensure that any correspondence in Welsh that is received, either by post or by email, will be replied to in Welsh and within a reasonable length of time.

5. Contact by Telephone and Visitors to Council Offices

- 5.1 When contact is made with the Council either by telephone or in person, every effort will be made to conduct the conversation and/or meeting in Welsh, if requested, subject to the Welsh speaking abilities of the persons present.

6. Council Meetings

- 6.1 Are currently conducted through the medium of English

7. Council Publications

- 7.1 Notices, agendas and minutes, together with any such document that is required to be published by the Council will be available bilingually upon request until such time as they are routinely published on a bilingual basis on the website.

8. Social Media

- 8.1 The Council will endeavour to incorporate more Welsh in its social media posts.

9. Monitoring and review of this Policy

- 9.1 The Council shall be responsible for reviewing this Policy periodically to ensure it meets legal requirements and reflects best practice.

11. Playscheme Summer 2022

The email from Flintshire County Council was considered, together with the success of the playscheme in the summer of 2021.

Resolved: To request 4 weeks playscheme, split over the 2 usual sites, which should total £2,053.

12. Planning Applications/Decisions

The planning applications and decisions received were considered.

Resolved: **064030 – no objections.**
 063956 – no objections.
 063920 – no objections.
 063532 – decision noted.
 063589 – decision noted.
 063650 – decision noted.

13. Representative's Report

None received from the PCSOs on this occasion but more communication going forward is expected, in light of the new staffing.

14. Committee and Group Reports

After full consideration of the Amenities Meeting Minute dated 26 January 2022.

Resolved: **Minutes dated 26 January 2022 approved.**

The CCTV proposal and quotation be accepted and the replacement camera ordered.

To accept the recommendations for the Quarry in full.

To arrange for all the Argoed Community Council street lights to be inspected.

Meeting concluded 7.40 pm
Next meeting to be held 1 March 2022