**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2015 AT 7 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor R Marsh (Chair) Councillor D Jenkins

Councillor M Jones Councillor J Norwood

Councillor J Holiday. Councillor H McGuill

Councillor W J Taylor

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

**1.001/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received:

Councillor C L W Bull, Councillor P M Jones, Councillor F Hadfield-Jones, Councillor Bragg.

**Absent:**

 **2.002/15 Use of recording Equipment**

The Chair asked that all recording equipment and mobile phones to be switched off with the exception of the recording equipment used by the Clerk

**3.003/15 Chairman’s Review of the Year**

It’s been another busy year for all of us we continue to make progress on several fronts.

Our valiant efforts to save the Post Office and the health centre have been partially successful!!

Firstly the Post Office with much liaising and meetings with the Post Office officials from Cardiff showed we were sincere in helping our local community.

Second unfortunately not successful in saving the health centre despite complaining and lobbying. Our people have lost out.

**Flintshire County Council**

We hosted the County Forum in October which not only gave us an opportunity to meeting other councils, but helped in putting Argoed Community Council firmly on the map. We can only guess what is around the corner with the reformation of local government and we need to work with other councils on several fronts.

I personally found it a worthwhile experience in chairing this event and was proud to see a number of our councillors attending and actively taking part in the forum where approximately 50 attended.

**Council meetings –duration**

During the last year we have continued to make progress at our meetings introducing subtle changes. We have partially succeeded.

**Keep Argoed Colourful**

We continue to maintain a “feel good factor” in and around the area with an increased and improved troughs to add an array of colour to our villages this has been achieved mainly thanks to Redbud limited and the Amenities Committee efforts

**And Finally**

I would personally would like to thank Cllr Dai Jenkins as Vice-chair and fellow Councillors for their support as well as the Clerk for his help and support during the last year.

Cllr Dai Jenkins is unable to take up the role of Chairman due to other commitments and I would like to offer myself again as chairman as well as any other nominations.

**4.004/15 Election of Chair**

Two members were proposed as and a vote was carried in favour of Cllr Roy Marsh to chair for another year.

**5.005/15 Appointment of Vice Chair**

Two members were proposed as and a vote was carried in favour of Cllr John Taylor.

**6.006/15 Co-option of Member**

Mr Andrew Hayward-Baker gave a presentation to the council and was co-opted on to the Council.

**7.007/15 Declaration of acceptance of Office**

Cllr Hayward-Baker signed the declaration of interest with the Clerk

**8.008/15 Chairman’s allowance 2015/16**

**Resolved:** the allowance should remain the same at £1250

**9.009/15 Appointment of Members to serve On Council Committees and Groups**

**Groups**

**Grants:** Cllrs McGuill, Norwood, M Jones & Taylor

**Web:** Cllrs Hadfield-Jones, Marsh & Taylor with Clerk in attendance

**Amenities Committee:** CllrsBull, Norwood, Taylor. Holiday, McGuill, Marsh & Jenkins.

The Chairman is an ex officio of the Committee. Each ward has a member on the committee.

**10.010/15Appointment of representatives on outside bodies**

**Argoed Sports Association** Cllrs Norwood and Jenkins

**Ysgol Mynydd Isa governing body** Cllr Hayward-Baker

**North Wales association of town councils** Cllrs Holiday Taylor and Norwood

**New Brighton Community Centre** 3 Councillors representing New Brighton Ward

**Mynydd Isa Youth Club** Clerk was asked to discuss with club the Creation of a Youth Committee

**Flintshire Standards Committee** Cllr Hayward-Baker

**11.011/15 Standing Orders- Declarations of Interest.**

**None**

**12.012/15 Financial Matters**

**Accounts for Payments APRIL £**

BT Telephone and internet 50.59

Redbud Landscapes Inv 89-92 900.00

R Hampson-Jones Flowers 25.00

Amberol Metre Square Flower planter 46.40

Canda Photocopying 125.22 Total Invoices 1547.21

**Resolved: The above payments were authorised and signed by Chair and Vice chair**

A copy of the accounts and Accounting Statements were given to Councillors for review.

**13.013/15 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on**

**7th of April 2015**

**Resolved: Minutes approved and accepted by the Council.**

**14.014/15 Chair’s Report**

**Matters since last meeting**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Flintshire County Council Guidance for filling Vacancies Received

 Resident Dog Mess and request for New dog Bin Actioned

 NW Police New inspector Jonathan Bowcott Received

 Flintshire County Council Register of interests by Community Councils Received Resident Bryn Y Baal Quarry water supply Received

 Betsi Cadwaladr Receipt of Letter Received

 Welsh Government Receipt of consultation Received

 Cllr M Jones Nomination Received

 Welsh Government Statutory guidance on access to Information Received Hacker young Audit Papers Received

**Resolved:The Clerk to write to Street Scene as a follow up to encourage the installation of the Dog bin.**

**15.015/15 Expression of Interest in Community Assets**

The Clerk explained that no response had been received from the County Council to date. The members expressed their dismay, disappointment and annoyance at not receiving a reply after such a long time

**Resolved: The Clerk is to write to the County Council with copy to the chief executive and the FLVC.**

**16.016/15 Anti-Social Behaviour Act**

The Clerk suggested the removal of this item from the agenda for future meetings.

 **Resolved: The item is no longer required as an agenda item.**

**17.017/15 Closure of Surgery.**

In the last month The Surgery in Mynydd Isa has closed its doors and moved out. The understanding is that they have not had it sanctioned by Betsi Cadwaladr Health board. The Clerk has written to the health board requesting an open meeting at Mynydd Isa Community Centre with the representatives of the surgery and health board being present. An e-mail has been received confirming receipt.

**18.018/15 The Local Government Wales Consultation**

A meeting on the 22nd of April was held with Cllrs M Jones and R Marsh in attendance. Cllr Holiday presented a form for consideration as was used with the other two members’ applications to compile an application representative of the Council. The form has been submitted via e-mail and a receipt received from the Welsh Office.

**19.019/15 Notices of Motion**

 **NONE**

**20.020/15 Planning Outstanding Items**

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|  | **Argoed Community Council** |  |
| **Application ref:** | **053154** | **053208** |  |
| **Application date** | 29/01/2015 | 17/02/2015 |  |
| **Location** | Oakfield Cottage | Land at Issa Farm |  |
|  | Alltami | Mynydd Isa |  |
| **Development** | Erection of replacement dwelling | Erection of 59 dwellings, |  |
| **Council's Decision** | No Objection |  |  |
|  Closing Date | 25/02/2015 | 10/03/2015 |  |
| **Council's Comments** |  | Objection see comment below |  |
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| **FCC Decision**  | WITHDRAWN | Under Consideration |  |
| **BY:** |  |  |  |
| **Date** | Target 13/03/2015 | 30/03/2015 |  |
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| **Application ref:** | **053456** | **053440** |  |
| **Application date** | 01/04/2015 | 01/04/2015 |  |
| **Location** | 19 Pen Y Carreg Close | New Brighton Bowling Club |  |
|  | Bryn Y Baal CH7 6TW | Moel Fammau Road |  |
| **Development** | Erection of Two Storey Extension | Continuation of use of storage container and extension to pavilion |  |
| **Council's Decision** |  |  |  |
|  Closing Date | 22/04/2015 | 22/04/2015 |  |
| **Council's Comments** | No objection | No objection |  |
| **FCC Decision**  | Under consideration | Approved. |  |
| **BY:** |  | Delegated-Officer |  |
| **Date** |  |  23 April 2015 |  |
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| **Application ref:** | **053463** | **53484** |  |
| **Application date** | 07/04/2015 | 23/04/2015 |  |
| **Location** | 14 Parc Issa | Singage Wylfa S/Stn |  |
|  | Bryn y Baal CH7 6NH |  |  |
| **Development** | Erection of Two Storey Extension | Starbucks Drive Thru  |  |
| **Council's Decision** | No objection |  |  |
|  Closing Date | 28/04/2015 | 14/05/2015 |  |
| **Council's Comments** |  |  |  |
| **FCC Decision**  |  |  |  |
| **BY:** |  | Target date 02/06/2015 |  |
| **Date** |  |  |  |

**Planning Application 053208**

The Council objects to the project on the following basis.

1. The area is protected under the current Unitary Development and is a protected Greenfield Development.

2. Schools are oversubscribed in the area that such a large development would cause additional strain.

3. Current Sewage system is unable to cope, with local housing already having had overflow in their gardens and an additional 59 houses will make the matter worse.

4. The Power system is inadequate and will not cope with the amount of housing anticipated.

5. The project will increase vehicular flow in the area by 120+ cars which will put additional strain on the Highways.

6. S 106 should include the development of a path from site to Buckley Common which includes a cycle path and a contribution to improve the sports and community facilities in Argoed

**21.021/15 Representatives Reports**

A member for the West Ward expressed concerns regarding the lack of representatives’ reports and asked members who are members of groups and representatives on outside bodies provide reports to Council to keep them updated.

**22.022/15 Committees and Groups Report**

Minutes of the Amenities committee was presented to Council see appendix A

**Resolved: the council is to write to the County Council expressing concerns regarding the withdrawal of support to the local community who are against the project on safety grounds and that the County Council is putting money before safety.**

**Meeting ended 9.05pm**

**Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm**

**15th April 2015 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

PRESENT.

**Committee Members:** Cllr D Jenkins, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Norwood

**In attendance:** Clerk Rhodri Hampson-Jones

**Apologies:** Cllr C Bull, Cllr McGuill, Cllr R Marsh

**Absent: None Declaration of interests:** none

**Recording of Minutes:** Committee members were advised that the minutes were not being recorded.

**Summer Planting**

**Y Bonc:**

Two planters will be moved to next to the play area from theWylfa Ave/Hill junction. The replacement 1 metre squared planter has been purchased with the expected delivery to be the 7th of May. The Clerk has received quotes Cllr Norwood from P&A for the planters under signs and are now on order.

**Redbud ‘s** Alison Plumer has carried on the work of maintaining the area. Michelle is expected back soon and has ordered the plants for the area

**Bryn y Baal Quarry:**

The quarry required another visit to connect the pipes. The water is now operational.The Clerk has been asked to arrange for another bug house to be built. There was some consideration given to hold an event at the quarry.

**Bus Shelter**

The Clerk and Chair of Committee are to meet the Flintshire County council’s representative to discus s the location of the bus stop. Its expected to be in by july

**Argoed Sports Park**

The Clerk confirmed that the apparatus for Argoed Play area has been ordered and should be completed by Mid May

**Closed Circuit Television**

The Council had approved a company who will install in Mid May

**66 Mold Road**

Members expressed concerns regarding the development in 66 Mold Road where the County Council has reversed its decision on supporting the recognised danger of the traffic in the area if the project continues. Members understand that Highways and the County Council have a disagreement over the matter and Highways had stated that to reverse the decision would require court action. It seems the County Council has reversed their decision as it will not want to incur the costs of a court action. Members believe that this decision is putting costs before safety.

**Recommendation: The Community Council should write to the County Council expressing their dismay and disappointment on the reversal of support against the**

**Development with disregard to safety.**

**Next Meeting: 13th May 2015 Meeting Terminated 6.55pm**