**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7th JULY 2015 AT 7.20 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor R Marsh (Chair) Councillor D Jenkins

Councillor M Jones Councillor J Holiday.

Councillor H McGuill Councillor C L W Bull

Councillor F Hadfield-Jones Councillor A Hayward-Baker

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

**1.035/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received:

Councillor P M Jones, Councillor Bragg, Councillor W J Taylor, Councillor J Norwood,

**Absent:**

**2.036/15 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

**3.037/15 Co-Option of Members**

**None**

**4.037/15 Standing Orders- Declarations of Interest.**

**None**

**5.038/15 Financial Matters**

**Accounts for Payments June2015**

**£**

BT Telephone and internet 65.16

Redbud Landscapes Inv 102-107 Contract £ 690.00 Environment £1183.05 1873.05

NWAMWAOLC Meeting lunch 17/07/2015 (3) 45.00

Thorncliffe 7 tonne of Bark 336.00

P&A Group Additional Planter 80.00

Closed Circuit Security CCTV Upgrade 5487.60

Total Invoices 7886.81

**£**

**Resolved: The above payments were authorised and signed by Chair and Cllr Jenkins**

**Salary Costs** were presented to council in the information pack for information only.

**Bus Shelter**

The Clerk presented to Council a quotation and photographs of two types of shelter and the Council’s contribution was estimated to be £2000. The Shelter (Cantilever) would be erected on Bryn Road Bryn y Baal

**Resolved: The estimated figure of £2000 was authorised and signed by the Chair and Cllr Jenkins**

**Grants:** Five applications were presented to the Grants Group, however the application for Caffi Isa had been withdrawn for further consideration by them.

The following amounts were approved:

£

St James’s Church 200.00

Woodland’s Imps 200.00

Argoed Gardening Club 200.00

Mynydd Isa Fuschia Soc 100.00

Total approved 700.00

**Resolved: The Council authorised the above amounts for payment and was signed by the Chair and Cllr Jenkins**

**6.039/15 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2nd June 2015**

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

**7.040/15 Chair’s Report**

**Matters since last meeting**

1. The Website is slowly being brought up to date with the Clerk updating the site with library times, Doctors in the area, dates of Council meetings. The Clerk would like to organise a meeting with the Web group over the summer break.
2. Flintshire County Council has supplied two men and a sweeper to clear around the community centre in readiness for the communities’ competition.
3. The former Spar was opened by the Chair on the 4th of July which is now the Elite dance and fitness studio.
4. The Chair and Clerk attended a Planning Aid meeting where the future process of planning was discussed. It was interesting how the Welsh government wants to get the community councils’ more involved with planning issues. The key issue was to have a system that was more bottom up rather than top down. Mr Andy Roberts will attend the next meeting in September as part of his visits to community councils. He will be available from 6.45pm.
5. The CCTV system is operational and the digital cameras have been installed and are working. Three cameras have failed to connect..
6. The Chair attended the Civic services of Buckley Town Council on the 7th of June and Flintshire County Council in Leeswood on the 14th of June. And Connah’s Quay on the 28th of June
7. A meeting was held on the 19thof June with Caffi Isa with regard to the development of the Caffi. At present there is no formal structure to the venture however there has been plenty of interest from residents who want to come on board. The members suggested that once the structure was in place it would be easier to move on with the venture.

The Caffi has advertised and had some interest for trustees and once the structure is established with a constitution and a bank account is open they will be in a position to progress.

1. The transfer of assets from Miffy is in progress but the Clerk needs instruction as the assets to be transferred to the Council or to the Charity Mold Recreations? On speaking with the Lottery fund they are under the impression that the assets are to be transferred to the Council.

**Resolved: that the Clerk to contact the legal department for advice.**

1. 7 plants have been stolen from planters outside the park on Mold Road and the morning of the meeting some were taken out and thrown on to the floor.
2. The Clerk reviewed the Garden competition held by Hawarden Community Council and has attached a copy of their website. One item of interest was the use of a local garden centre as sponsor of prizes.

**Resolved: To be discussed in the amenities meeting.**

**Correspondence**

Ombudsman report Annual report 2014/15 Received

Assembly Gov Provision of Toilets Received

Resident Street Lights out New Brighton Actioned

Survey Monkey Renewal of subscription Forwarded

Flintshire CC County Councillors Exps Replied

Flintshire CC Andy Roberts Visit sept Confirmed

Cllr Mc Guill Drinking on Y Bonc Reported

Urdd Eisteddfod Flint Thank you Received

S Maund Big Lottery see Chair report (8) Received

Argoed Sport’s Assoc Dog Bin Pen Y Carreg Actioned

Aled Roberts Gate adjacent to property Received

**Resolved:Clerk to view the Gate**

Charity Commission Bank acc For Mold Recreation Authorisation Required

**Resolved: Clerk to contact Charity commission**

North Wales CHC working together Received

Flintshire CC Play Area Match Funding Received

**Resolved: Heol Fammau park to be upgraded**

**8.041/15 Expression of Interest in Community Assets**

A meeting was held with Ian Bancroft and two colleagues in relation to the asset transfer. The matter for discussion is what parks the Council would like to manage if any and to consider the grants available from Flintshire.

The meeting were told that the management of the Sports facilities were already under a lease as well as the New Brighton Community Centre which has a short term lease and should consider a long term Lease. Mynydd Isa community centre is under consideration by another party.

With the Play Area match funding in mind, possibly for the last time, the Council needs to consider which play area is to receive the match funding this year based on the information provided at the meeting with Ian Bancroft which park should receive upgrading this year. The decision is required by the Leisure department by the 1st of August.

**9.042/15Closure of Surgery**

The Council agreed to remove from future agenda.

**10.42/15 Notices of Motion**

**NONE**

**11.043/15 Planning Outstanding Items**

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| **Application ref:** | **53379** | **053208** |  |
| **Application date** | 05/05/2015 | 17/02/2015 |  |
| **Location** | The stables Wells Street | Land at Issa Farm |  |
|  |  | Mynydd Isa |  |
| **Development** | Static Caravan and Toilets | Erection of 59 dwellings, |  |
| **Council's Decision** | Has Concerns |  |  |
| Closing Date | 26/05/2015 | 10/03/2015 |  |
| **Council's Comments** | Councillors expressed concerns regarding the need for a toilet Block and Caravan | Objection see comment below |  |
| **FCC Decision** | Refused | Gone |  |
| **BY:** | Delegated Officer |  |  |
| **Date** | 16/06/2015 |  |  |
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| **Application ref:** | **53484** |  |  |
| **Application date** | 23/04/2015 |  |  |
| **Location** | Signage Wylfa S/stn |  |  |
| **Development** | Starbucks Drive Thru |  |  |
| **Council's Decision** |  |  |  |
| Closing Date | 14/05/2015 |  |  |
| **Council's Comments** | No Objection |  |  |
| **FCC Decision** |  |  |  |
| **BY:** |  |  |  |
| **Date** | Target date 02/06/2015 |  |  |
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**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

**NOTE:** The environmental impact survey on 66a Mold Road is ready for inspection at County Hall. Three documents of approx. 500 pages a document is available.

**12.044/15 Representatives Reports**

**Argoed Sports Association.**

An AGM was organised but did not take place now waiting for a new date.

**Ysgol Mynydd Isa**

The school governors met where the headmaster gave a positive presentation where he stated the school was full.

**Transport:** Councillor for theWest Wardattended a meeting in relation to the future of bus routes in the area and was informed that the subsidy for bus route will be reduced in the next 18 months. The plan is to maintain routes between the main centres of the county.

**13.045/15 Committees and Groups Report**

There are no minutes for Amenities Committee in May as there was no quorate.

**Web Group**

The web has been updated with the latest minutes and the Clerk and Cllr Hadfield-Jones have sorted the e-mails out bringing all the changes relating to the AGM into action. A latest list of Councillors has also been sent and should be updated in the next week or so showing the members names, addresses, telephone Numbers and the councillors’ Argoed e-mail addresses. The Clerk has liaised with Sara Parker in relation to putting something on site about the Caffi.

**Meeting ended 9.15pm**

**NEXT Meeting 1st September 2015**

**Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm 10th June 2015 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

PRESENT.

**Committee Members:** Cllr R W Marsh, Cllr Norwood, Cllr D Jenkins, Cllr Taylor Cllr C Bull Cllr McGuill

**In attendance:** Clerk Rhodri Hampson-Jones and Redbud Ltd

**Apologies**: Cllr C Bull Cllr McGuill Cllr Holland

**Absent: None**

**Declaration of interests:**.

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

**Summer Planting and maintenance Update**

The Clerk informed the committee that Redbud had ordered the Plants and they will be arriving in two weeks. The Border has had a considerable amount of work on it by two gardeners and that 7 tonnes of bark had been ordered and laid down.

Pictures had been taken and committee were pleased with the result.

The Wylfa planter had been set up and put in place and was looking good with the other planters moved to outside the park on Mold Road.

The planters for under the signs were ready and the Clerk has ordered another one as agreed in the Council meeting and Redbud will pick them all up once the last one is finished.

**Bryn Y Baal Quarry**

The Clerk informed the Committee that the quarry has had a path cut and while he was there taking Photographs he noticed that one of the large rocks had been broken. Members suggested that it should be replaced with a bench of wood made from the wood that Cllr Bull was prepared to supply.

**Recommendation: The Clerk is to contact Cllr Bull to see if the offer was still open.**

The Clerk is to contact the school to see if they can create another Bug Hotel.

The Clerk was to talk to Redbud with a view of having the top of the quarry strimmed next to the fencing on the road.

The members were concerned that the stones had been moved to deny access to the meadow and suggested that they should be moved back to where they were to allow access to cutting the meadow in early September.

**Transfer of assets Update**

Further discussions should take place after the meeting the next day with Flintshire County Council.

**Argoed Park Update.**

The Clerk informed the members that the Park was still closed as the basket had not arrived for one of the equipment. He had spoken to Leisure services that it would be open the following week.

**Bus Shelter**

The Clerk informed the committee that the County Council has had a quote for a bus shelter of around £3500 with the community council contributing 50%.

**Recommendation: The Clerk is to put on the Agenda for the next Council meeting.**

**Next Meeting: 15th July**

**Meeting Terminated: 7:15 pm**