**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY1st SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.30 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 A Hayward-Baker Councillor J McCarron

Councillor P M Jones Councillor W J Taylor

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

**1.046/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received:

Councillor B Bragg, Councillor J Norwood, Councillor F Hadfield-Jones

**Absent:**

 **2.047/15 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

**3.048/15 Standing Orders- Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Roy Marsh declared an interest with regard to the application for co-option

**4.049/15 Co-Option of Members**

John McCaron gave a presentation to the council and was asked to leave the room.

**Resolved: Councillor McCarron was invited on to the council and signed the declaration of acceptance.**

**5.050/15 Financial Matters**

**Accounts for Payments July and August 2015**

 £

BT July invoice 60.39

Viking Direct Stationery 40.74paid 12/08

Redbud Ltd Community Contract £840 Materials £ 28 868.00 paid 12/08

Information commissioners 35.00 paid 17/08

Canda Copying Photocopying 159.09

BT August invoice 54.55

Redbud Ltd Community Contract £720.00

 Garden maintenance £ 90.00 810.00

 Hacker Young Audit Fee 450.00

 Total for two months 2477.77

Invoices for Flintshire County Council for £ 2341.98 are held back due to queries.

**Resolved: The above payments were authorised and signed by Chair and Vice Chair and the Clerk to arrange a contractual review of the lighting contract to include tenders.**

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

**Audit Statement**

The Clerk confirmed that the audit had concluded and that the “Notice of conclusion of Audit” was on display and a “Statement of Assurance” had been completed and both will be returned to the auditors.

**CCTV**

Several requests have been received from individuals requesting CCTV. Does the Council wish to charge for this service?

Members discussed the matter and felt that as the Clerk has to spend some time in locating the data then it should be chargeable.

**Resolved: A charge of £25 should be raised for requiring a copy of an incident.**

**6.051/15 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th July 2015 and 25th of August 2015**

**Resolved: Minutes of both meetings were approved and accepted by the Council.**

**7.052/15 Chair’s Report**

**Matters since last meeting**

1. The information Commissioners have been paid and a new certificate received.
2. The legal department have been contacted regarding the park at Y Bonc and they are investigating the ownership. They had no experience in their office to offer advice on whether the transfer from MIFFY should be to Council or Mold recreations. The lottery office in Aberystwyth has been unavailable for the last couple of weeks.

**Resolved**: **The Clerk was asked to complete the form as soon as possible and the member for the South would approach the legal department**

1. The gates at Park Avenue where the resident is complaining of noise is covered with sound proofing material.
2. The Chair held his annual Swamp Party over the weekend and has successfully raised some funds for charity which was the Macmillan Cancer.
3. Cllr Bull has requested support for a charity raising project he is running.
4. Christmas Carols concert is expected to be on the 4th of December this year.

**Resolved: The Clerk should contact the local schools to confirm.**

1. A Christmas tree needs to be ordered in time for the festive season. The members discussed the supply of trees in the Argoed area and agreed that a 10ft tree would be supplied to New Brighton

(Budget £100) and a slightly smaller than east year for Mynydd Isa (Budget £150)

**Resolved: The Clerk to order two trees for Argoed.**

1. The Bus shelter has been ordered for Bryn Y Baal. Staff from transport were due to visit Community Councils but has been postponed indefinitely.
2. Buses will no longer travel down Mercia Drive and the X55 has been taken off since of service since August the 8th.
3. The Summer Playscheme operated during the summer the statistics are likely to be issued end of September early October.
4. The Best Kept Communities Competition resulted in two third prizes for Mynydd Isa square and The Quarry. 4 places have been booked at presentation on the 11th of September 6pm

**Correspondence**

Flintshire CC Removal of play Equipment Forwarded

Member N B Lighting Faults Forwarded

One vice Wales Conference Forwarded

Member south Ward Bus route Changes Received

 Flintshire CC Licence to Occupy Actioned

Assembly Democracy White paper Forwarded

NWCHC Changes to maternity service Forwarded

Flintshire CC Miffy and land law Received

Member South Ward Moles on Bonc Actioned

Flintshire CC Settlement Survey Forwarded

 **Resolved: to be completed by Clerk**

Flintshire CC Planning Application 053208 Actioned

Flintshire CC Planning application 048402 Actioned

 Inspector 15 September 10 am Cllr Norwood to attend

**8.053/15 Expression of Interest in Community Assets**

Members expressed concerns on the use of funding from developers as to whether it will benefit the community where the building takes place.

The Clerk was requested to contact Café Isa about progress.

**10.54/15 Notices of Motion**

 **NONE**

**11.055/15 Planning Outstanding Items**

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| **Application ref:** | **53920** | **053208** |  |
| **Application date** | 18/08/2015 | 17/02/2015 |  |
| **Location** | Fairview Vale Drive | Land at Issa Farm |  |
|  |  | Mynydd Isa |  |
| **Development** | Erecttion of Two Storey Extension | Erection of 59 dwellings, |  |
| **Council's Decision** | No Objection |  |  |
|  Closing Date | 07/08/2015 | 10/03/2015 |  |
| **Council's Comments** | No objection | Objection see comment below |  |
| **FCC Decision**  |  | Committee 09/09/2015 |  |
| **BY:** |  |  |  |
| **Date** |  |  |  |
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| **Application ref:** | **53484** | **53999** |  |
| **Application date** | 23/04/2015 | 22/07/2015 |  |
| **Location** | Signage Wylfa S/stn | Hill Farm Chester Rd Llong |  |
| **Development** | Starbucks Drive Thru | Agrcultural development-erection of building |  |
| **Council's Decision** |  |  |  |
|  Closing Date | 14/05/2015 |  |  |
| **Council's Comments** | No Objection | No Objection |  |
| **FCC Decision**  | Approved | No prior approval needed |  |
| **BY:** | Delegated Officer | Delegated Officer |  |
| **Date** | 20/07/2015 | 12/08/2015 |  |
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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

**12.056/15 Representatives Reports**

**Argoed Sports Association.**

Many of the committee members have resigned and there is a review of leases and a restructuring programme in place.

**New Brighton**

A representative gave a brief report on the development of the centre and how it is now a vibrant centre.

**13.057/15 Committees and Groups Report**

The minutes for the amenities committee for the 15th of July are attached

**Web Group**

The web group have met in august and new items are being updated regularly. The site now contains a list of all meetings with dates and photographs of all the parks.

**Meeting ended 8.55pm**

**NEXT Meeting 6th of October 2015**

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

 **15th July2015 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

PRESENT.

**Committee Members:** Cllr R W Marsh, Cllr D Jenkins, Cllr Taylor

 Cllr McGuill

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

**Apologies**: Cllr C Bull Cllr Norwood,

**Absent: None**

**Declaration of interests:**.

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

**Summer Planting and maintenance Update**

Plants outside Sainsbury’s have suffered from a blocked drainage, Redbud commented on how solid the earth was and will review the situation. Plants keep on disappearing from the planters at Bonc 15 to date have disappeared.

The laurel at the park needs to be hacked back and the notice board to be seen. The park also requires a layer of bark around the shrubbery with the shrubbery cut back.

Bod Offa has been confirmed to the Clerk is not part of Argoed.

**Bryn Y Baal Quarry**

It was agreed that a new sign for the Quarry should be ordered stating that it’s open for public use. Stating it was the environment winners in 2013

**Transfer of assets Update**

After some discussion it was suggested that all the lighting should be exchanged for the parks.

**Recommendation: The Clerk is to write to the County Council with the proposal of an exchange.**

A letter had been received from the Argoed Sports Association regarding the dog bin at the Pen y Garreg entrance. Received.

**Next Meeting: 8th SEPTEMBER**

**Meeting Terminated: 7:15 pm**