**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2016 AT 7 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor M Jones Councillor J Holiday.

Councillor F Hadfield-Jones Councillor W J Taylor (Chair)

Councillor J McCarron Councillor H McGuill

Councillor C L W Bull Councillor D Jenkins

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

**1.056/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received: Councillor R Marsh, Councillor J Norwood, Councillor A Hayward-Baker

**2.057/16 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

**3.058/16 Police Report**

PCSO Maggie Lynch submitted a police update for the Argoed area which has been forwarded to members

**4.059/16 Co-option of Members**

**NONE**

**5.060/16 Standing Orders**

Cllr Jenkins and Cllr McGuill attended the standards committee where changes of the Code of conduct was discussed. The main issue is that when councillors are considering their interests they should consider their opinion on the matter so that even a preconceived opinion could lead to a personal or prejudicial interest.

**6.061/16 Declaration of Interests**

**None**

**7.062/16 Financial Matters**

**a) Accounts for payments September £**

Information Commissioners Data protection 35.00 paid

Glasdon Locks for Notice boards 148.75

Office Furniture Magnetic Holders for Boards 16.80

Redbud Ltd Community Contract 750.00

Flintshire County Inspection £232.83

Electricity £334.43

Repairs £178.50 745.76

BT Telephone & Internet 50.17

**Total Payments 1746.48**

**Resolved: The above payments were authorised and signed By the Chair and Vice Chair**

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

**Balance in bank accounts**

**Community £19219.14**

**Money Manager £28576.89**

**Universal Builders quote for Wall at Y Bonc Park £970+ Vat**

**Resolved: Quote approved and Clerk to proceed with repairs**

Audit report

The audit has been completed and comments were made to comply with the internal audit report. The clerk will write to them and state that the items relating to the CCTV were a repair and did not increase in value.

**Review of accounts to August 2016**

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| **Argoed Community Council** | **2016/17** | **2016/17Budget** | **Balance** |  |
| **Income & Expenditure Statement** | **April-Aug** | **12 mths** |  |  |
| **INCOME** | **£** | **£** | **£** |  |
| PRECEPT | 45016 | 67323 | 22307 |  |
| Interest received | 4.41 |  | -4.41 |  |
| **Total Income** | 45020.41 | 67323 | 22302.59 |  |
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| **Expenditure** |  |  |  |  |
| Lighting energy | 1672.15 | 4150 | 2477.85 |  |
| Lighting Maintenance | 1164.15 | 4200 | 3035.85 |  |
| Lighting repairs | 437.78 |  | -437.78 |  |
| Staff costs | 8068.65 | 19365 | 11296.35 |  |
| Community Caretaking | 4058.87 | 9000 | 4941.13 |  |
| Employer's NIC& Pension | 2795.37 | 6320 | 3524.63 |  |
| Staff Expenses |  | 100 | 100 |  |
| Rent | 1000 | 1000 | 0 |  |
| Chair's Allowance | 625 | 1250 | 625 |  |
| Travel and Conference | 81.72 | 300 | 218.28 |  |
| Councillors Training | 85 |  | -85 |  |
| Grants s137 | 1100 | 2000 | 900 |  |
| Audit Fees |  | 1000 | 1000 |  |
| Professional Fees |  | 100 | 100 |  |
| Webdesign and Newsletter | 66.6 | 500 | 433.4 |  |
| Photocopying | 249.27 | 750 | 500.73 |  |
| Printing And Stationery |  | 150 | 150 |  |
| Insurances | 1429.67 | 2000 | 570.33 |  |
| Telephone | 92.58 | 350 | 257.42 |  |
| Internet Charges | 124.8 | 300 | 175.2 |  |
| POSTAGE |  | 60 | 60 |  |
| Other Administration costs | 59.96 | 100 | 40.04 |  |
| Christmas tree and Lights |  | 2000 | 2000 |  |
| PLANTING | 750.81 | 1500 | 749.19 |  |
| Playscheme |  | 2000 | 2000 |  |
| PC/Printer Consumables |  | 100 | 100 |  |
| Other Maintenance costs |  |  | 0 |  |
| Other Community Projects | 171.44 | 5000 | 4828.56 |  |
| CCTV |  | 1500 | 1500 |  |
| Garden Projects | 987.55 | 2000 | 1012.45 |  |
| Total Overheads | 25021.37 | 67095 | 42073.63 |  |
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| **Excess Income/(Expense)** | **19999.04** | **228** | **-19771** |  |

**7.063/16. Approval of Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 6th September 2016**

**The Minutes were approved by council and signed by the chair**

**8.064/16. Chairman’s Report**

**Matters arising since last meeting**

**1**. Brackets for baskets have been attached to the posts in the square. It has been decided not to put the baskets up as it’s too late.

**2.** The Clerk has corresponded with the county Council with regard to the Memorial Park and Vale drive. Their response was they were not on their asset listing and if the community council would write in and request an EOI they would see what we can do. I have been in touch with out solicitors and requested that they review and see if Recreation Grounds could claim.

**Resolved: The Clerk is to proceed with registering the sites to ensure community ownership.**

**3**. The Chair attended the presentation for the Best Kept communities and collected the two first prizes. Photographs of the competition has been received by the Clerk

**4.** Community Transfer overview of open spaces has been postponed for two years.

**5**. The Clerk is still pursuing the football posts and has received a quote from Flintshire

To fabricate 1 No. set of 5 aside goals. For the sum of £295.00 + VAT.

To galvanise, tee wash, undercoat and paint white.For the sum of £240.00 + VAT.

To excavate ground 450 x 450 x 600 deep set up goals and fill with concrete.

For the sum of £250.00 + VAT **Total cost £785**

**Resolved: Members of the amenities committee will arrange a cut and shape of an old goal posts and erect in the play area.**

**6.** A new latch proposed for the gate at Y Bonc Park has been quoted at £390

**Resolved:** **Cllr Cliff Bull will review and make a suitable latch**

**7**. The transport open day on Friday September 30th was a success according to the department involved. 24 coffees were issued and £42 collected for Macmillan and over 20 responses to the survey and many attended the afternoon survey.

**8.** The Fashion show for Thursday has been cancelled however the Chair will be attending Buckley Town |Council’s Ball and Dinner.

**9.** Flintshire LDP workshop is to be held 21st Morning 24th Afternoon 25th Evening would anybody who would like to attend let the clerk know

**Resolved: Clerk to attend**

**10.** NWAMWALC will meet in Rhyl on the 21st of October Cllr Jenkins is attending with Chair and Clerk.

**11.** Next Police Forum will be 6th of December in the Town Hall Mold.

**Resolved Members will be unable to attend as there is Council meeting that evening.**

**12.** Schools and Caffi Isa have been notified of the carol service and Sionelise singers will also perform. It has been suggest that the lights should be turned on by the local Olympian Sabrina Fortune.

**Resolved: The Clerk to contact Miss Fortune and invite her to turn on the lights. The trees should also be ordered**

**13**. Civic service Saltney Town Council 23rd of October 2016 the Chair is to attend.

**14.** The Clerk has submitted a grant on behalf of Recreation Grounds to Tesco.

**15.** A local resident has contacted the council requesting that the Welsh name should be erected for the village of New Brighton. He has consulted with many residents who are in agreement. The name would be Pentre Cythraul. The resident has asked for the Council’s support.

**Resolved:** **The Clerk to approach Flintshire with evidence of derivation of the name.**

**16.** The Fire Service are requesting residents to provide feedback on their services. The website is [www.nwales.-fireservice.org.uk](http://www.nwales.-fireservice.org.uk). The fire service has been reduced and members should go on site and give their opinions as to the service they require.

**17.** Street scene has issued a letter regarding preparations for The Winter. This has been forwarded to members any comments should be forwarded to the Clerk.

**9.065/16 Notices of Motion**

**The Council to consider the hiring of litter picking services Cllr WJ Taylor**

Councillors expressed concerns at the costs relating to litter picking and were looking at what alternatives are available for the council. A member suggested that there could be mileage in approaching Argoed High School who have a programme of Welsh baccalaureate where students need to get some volunteering experience as part of their qualification.

**Resolved: The Chair and the |Clerk to approach the school and report back to the council.**

**10.066/16. Planning Applications/Decisions**

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| **Application ref:** | **055597** | **055870** |  |
| **Application date** | 10/08/2016 | 08/09/2016 |  |
| **Location** | Land at Rose Farm Livery  Well Street Buckley | 154 Mold Road |  |
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| **Development** | Erection of a detached Bungalow | Erection of two storey rear extension and detached Double garage |  |
| **Council's Decision** | Consulted with FCC no reply this impedes decision and Objection Lodged |  |  |
| Closing Date |  | 29/09/2016 |  |
| **Council's Comments** | objection | No objection |  |
| **FCC Decision** |  |  |  |
| **BY:** |  |  |  |
| **Date** |  | Target 21/10/2016 |  |
| **Application ref:** | **055785** | **055310** |  |
| **Application date** | 15/08/2016 | 17/05/2016 |  |
| **Location** | Top Farm Bryn Road  Bryn-Y-Baal | Argoed Service Station, Main Road, New Brighton |  |
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| **Development** | Change of use to a garden from open space | Erection of 24no. dwellings with associated garages, parking garden areas and open spaces with demolition of existing service station and outbuildings |  |
| **Council's Decision** | No Objection | The Council has objected to this application  previously and stands by its objection and would also like the Builder to be responsible in providing a mini  roundabout on the main road capable of handling this site and another site opposite where it is expected to have approx 70 cars coming on to a very busy main road |  |
| Closing Date | 05/09/2016 |  |  |
| **Council's Comments** | No Objection | Objection |  |
| **FCC Decision** | Under Consideration | Under Consideration |  |
| **BY:** |  |  |  |
| **Date** |  | Target 15/06/2016 |  |
| **Application ref:** | **055842** | **055876** |  |
| **Application date** | 30/08/2016 | 07/09/2016 |  |
| **Location** | Vacant Land Adjacent to  Tristernaugh New Brighton | 2 LLys Fammau  Mynydd Isa |  |
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| **Development** | Erection of detached Dwelling and garage | Erection of two Storey extension to front of dwelling |  |
| **Council's Decision** | No Objection | No objection |  |
| Closing Date | 20/09/2016 |  |  |
| **Council's Comments** |  |  |  |
| **FCC Decision** | Under Consideration |  |  |
| **BY:** |  |  |  |
| **Date** | Target 14/10/2016 | Target 20/10/2016 |  |
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| **Application ref:** | **055919** | **055977** |  |
| **Application date** | 05/09/2016 | 27/09/2016 |  |
| **Location** | 4 Bryn Road  Bryn y Baal | 1 Moel Gron  Mynydd Isa |  |
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| **Development** | Erection of Extension to rear of dwelling | Erection of 1st floor extension, single storey rear extension to replace the existing conservatory |  |
| **Council's Decision** | No objection | No Objection |  |
| Closing Date |  |  |  |
| **Council's Comments** |  |  |  |
| **FCC Decision** |  |  |  |
| **BY:** |  |  |  |
| **Date** | Target 30/09/2016 | Target 07/11/2016 |  |

**12.067/16 Representative’s Report**

At a meeting of Argoed Sports it was reported that there were significant problems with dog fouling and there is suggestion that playing fields may be fenced off and a grant may be requested from the association.

**13.068/16. Committee and Group Reports**

**Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm 21st September at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

PRESENT.

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

**In attendance:** Clerk Rhodri Hampson-Jones, Redbud Ltd.

**Apologies**.Cllr R W Marsh

**Absent: None**

**Declaration of interests:** None

**Y Bonc Wall –** The Clerk Chair and Cllr Norwood met up with a manager from Universal builders who take on projects to help long term unemployed back to work. The manager is an experienced tradesman reviewed the site and discussed with Cllrs Norwood and Taylor the requirements and will forward quote on to the council.

**Hanging Baskets** the final hangers for four baskets have been attached to the posts in the square however it’s been decided that it would not be beneficial to erect the baskets.

**Y Bonc Gate-**the members discussed the possibility to seal the gate as the Clerk had discussions with members of the public who understood the reasoning and do not miss the access. However members will review the options that is best to serve the users of the park.

A member suggested some fencing within the park to guide users around the Zipwire as the park was originally designed for the front of the park for smaller children’s use.

The Chair of the Charity requested that the £100 Prize for the Best Kept Wildlife area be directed to the Charity. This was agreed.

**Community Contract**:The Clerk presented a copy of the contract to all members no changes were requested and both parties agreed to retain as it is. The Clerk and Redbud to sign the contract.

**Next Meeting: 12th October**

**Council Meeting Terminated: 8.25 pm**