**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor M Jones Councillor J Holiday.

Councillor W J Taylor (Chair) Councillor A Hayward-Baker

Councillor J McCarron Councillor H McGuill

Councillor C L W Bull Councillor D Jenkins

Councillor R Marsh Councillor J Norwood

Councillor A Henry Councillor B Clarke

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

**1.069/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received: Councillor F Hadfield-Jones

**2.070/16 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

**3.071/16 Police Report**

PCSO John Searle attended the meeting and discussed with members about the incidents in the area.

**4.072/16 Co-option of Members**

Mrs A Henry and Mrs B Clarke gave presentations to the council as to why they wish to be a member

**Resolved:Mrs A Henry and Mrs B Clarke were welcomed on to the Council and signed the acceptance of office**

**5.073/16 Standing Orders**

**6.074/16 Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Hayward-baker declared an interest in Item 1 of the chairman’s report

**7.075/16 Financial Matters**

**a) Accounts for payments OCTOBER**

JDH business service Internal Audit 324.00

Redbud Ltd Community Contract 585.00

Flintshire County Playscheme 1800.00

Café Issa Room hire 43.20

NWAMWALC Lunches Rhyl Meeting 45.00

BT Telephone & Internet 52.09

**Total Payments 2849.29**

**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 £15330.36**

**Money Manager £28576.89**

**7.076/16. Approval of Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 4thOctober 2016**

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

**8.077/16. Chairman’s Report**

**Matters arising since last meeting**

**1.** the Solicitors have reported back on the land registry search as follows:

A brief Map search snapshots over all four areas of land has been carried out and the results are listed below. This is a free search initially which would flag up any registered titles or title numbers. I can obtain further information on any applicable entries, however there is a fee involved of between £3-£6 per request.

In respect of the areas of land I would update you as follows:-

The Bonc - obviously the leasehold title to the Bonc is registered but not the Freehold title.

The Quarry - there is a caution noted against the quarry. I can obtain further information relating to this from HMLR and it would be prudent to do so prior to trying to register title.

Chambers Lane - this appears to be registered with freehold title.

Vale Drive - this appears to be registered with freehold title.

The freehold of mines and minerals has flagged up - this is quite common as it is to ensure that freeholders are aware that rights to mines and minerals are excepted.

**Resolved:The council approved further costs of investigations and £100 deposit to be paid.**

**2.** The football posts have been fabricated the chair is trying to get a resident to identify where the posts should go.

**Resolved: The amenities committee to continue with the erection of the new football posts.**

**3.** A new latch for the gate at Y Bonc Park has been constructed by Cllr Bull who will install the latch ready to open the gate. The Clerk is to arrange new signs stating that the latch is to be closed at all times.

**Resolved:** **The Council thanked Cllr Bull for manufacturing the latch. The council is to proceed with its installation and erection of a sign.**

**4.** Flintshire LDP workshop the clerk was unable to attend due to illness

**5.** NWAMWALC will met in Rhyl on the 21st of October Cllr Jenkins and Cllr Bull attended with the Clerk

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

**Resolved:** members nor Clerk can attend as it is the night of a Council meeting.

**7.** Sabrina fortune is unable to attend the lighting ceremony as she is away for two weeks from the 6th of December.

**Resolved: The Clerk to find a suitable glass trophy for presentation to Sabrina.**

**8.** The Clerk has submitted a grant on behalf of Recreation Grounds to Tesco. Some questions were received and replied.

**Resolved**: **The Clerk to view other possible community grants.**

**11.** The Clerk has Contactedthe leisure services manager regarding New Brighton Centre who said he would get back to me. He informed the Clerk that a strong letter had been sent to the centre in January demanding actions to be taken he was not aware of what actions have been carried out and would review with his manager and report back.

**Resolved: The Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Chief Officer Organisational Change and the Chief Officer of Governance**

**12.** The Chair and the Clerk attended a meeting at Argoed School regarding baccalaureate volunteering. The Chair and Cllr Norwood with the Clerk attended another meeting where both councillors showed the teachers and students around the area. The outcome of the meeting was a positive one.

**Resolved:The Council will continue to support the school by providing projects wthin the community especially in the quarry.**

**13.** The Chair visited a local farmer and arranged to have the quarry cut the School have agreed to meet at the quarry on the 7th of November to lift the cut grass. Further planning of the arrangement is required in relation with the school and should be discussed in the next amenities meeting.

**14.** The Chair and Clerk have looked into the option of purchasing a power Scythe and a scarifier to manage the cutting in the quarry in future. The items do not require any special licence to use. This would allow the cutting to be carried out at a better time.

**Resolved: Item to be on hold until future plans can be resolved**

**15.** The Clerk attended the County forum on the 27th of October where the LDP consultation was issued he managed to get hold of 4 copies. What was noticeable that other community councils had drawn up their own plans whether financial or development however they do not necessarily tie up with Flintshire’s LDP.

The Clerk has suggested that in Argoed’s case it might be worth considering a 5 year financial plan to be drawn up?

**Resolved: A planning process to begin with the Amenities to draw up plans for the next Five years.**

**9.078/16 Notices of Motion**

None

**10.079/16. 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 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **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 | 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 | Refused |  |
| **BY:** |  |  |  |
| **Date** | Target 21/09/2016 | 19/10/2016 |  |
| **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 |  |
| **Application ref:** | **056082** |  |  |
| **Application date** | 26/10/2016 |  |  |
| **Location** | Land at Bryn Y Baal Rd  Bryn y Baal |  |  |
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| **Development** | Residential development of 5 houses |  |  |
| **Council's Decision** | Refuse as Number of bedrooms not recorded |  |  |
| Closing Date |  |  |  |
| **Council's Comments** |  |  |  |
| **FCC Decision** |  |  |  |
| **BY:** |  |  |  |
| **Date** | Target 06/12/2016 |  |  |

**12.080/16 Representative’s Report**

**13.081/16. Committee and Group Reports**

**Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm 19th October at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

PRESENT.

**Committee Members:** Cllr Taylor, Cllr C Bull Cllr Norwood

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

**Apologies**: Cllr R W Marsh Cllr McGuill, Cllr D Jenkins,

**Absent: None**

**Declaration of interests:** None

**Y Bonc Wall –** The wall is to be built By Universal Builders and to be paid by the Council with a contribution to general maintenance from Mold Recreation Grounds

**Hanging Baskets** The hanging baskets have been removed and stored in the garage the tree will require a few members to take down and to be stored in the garage in time for the Christmas tree. The Chair stated he would like to look at the electrics to see if it could be done differently.

**Y Bonc Gate** Cllr Cliff Bullconfirmed he wouldtry and design a locking mechanism for the gate to see if they could reopen the gate. If the lock is successful this would do away with the need of fencing around the Zipwire.

**Additional Equipment** The Clerk Confirmed that there was a mower in the garage and would need servicing and could be used in future

**Community Contract**: The Chair stated that the time release that could happen with the litter picking being carried out by volunteers could release Redbud to lob trees in Y Bonc and maintainthe hedging behind the Centre

**Christmas Trees**

The Clerk is to contact the farmer regarding trees and to have them delivered on the 4th of December. There will be a need for support for the farmer in erecting both trees. Last year there was no one around to help him with the one in New Brighton.

**Next Meeting: 9th November**

**Meeting Terminated: 6.35 pm**