**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7th MARCH 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 F Hadfield-Jones

Councillor D Jenkins Councillor H McGuill

Councillor R Marsh Councillor J Norwood

Councillor A Henry Councillor B Clarke

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

**1.108/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received: Councillor C L W Bull

**2.109/16 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

**3.110/16 Police Report**

**Anti-Social Behaviour Issues/Trends:**

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| **Nuisance** | **11/02/2017 – MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA –** GROUP OF YOUTHS CAUSING NUISANCE  **11/02/2017 – PARK AVENUE, BRYN-Y-BAAL –** GROUP OF TEENAGERS CAUSING NUISANCE IN THE STREET  **21/02/2017 – ELLESMERE ROAD, MYNYDD ISA –** GROUP OF YOUTHS PLAYING KNOCK-A-DOOR RUN  **23/02/2017 – BRYN LANE, NEW BRIGHTON –** GROUP OF YOUTHS PLAYING KNOCK-A-DOOR RUN |
| **Personal** | **0** |
| **Environmental** | **0** |

**Crime Issues / Trends**

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| **Burglary** | **0** |
| **Burglary Other Than Dwelling** | **0** |
| **Criminal Damage** | **11/02/2017 – PARK AVENUE, BRYN-Y-BAAL –** METAL CAN PLACED UNDER WINDSCREEN WIPER ON A VEHICLE, CAUSED DAMAGE |
| **Theft of Vehicle** | **0** |
| **Theft from Vehicle** | **0** |

**4.111/16 Standing Orders**

Reviewed by Chair Vice-Chair and Clerk

**Standing Orders:** No Changes recommended

**Financial Regulations**

Rules relating to purchases are as follows:

1. Purchases above £10,000 out to tender
2. Purchases less £10,000 3 quotations required
3. Purchases less £1,000 3 estimates required.

Suggested change to a) & b) is to be 10% of Precept.

The financial regulations are in conflict with Standing orders regarding where the regulations state £50,000 for a) and b).

**Resolved: the standing orders and regulations are to be brought into line with a) to c) above.**

**Financial Controls** No changes suggested

**Risk Assessment:**

**Loss of cash through theft or dishonesty**

Assessment reduced to Low and guarantee cover is £100,000 as per insurance cover.

**Keeping Financial Records**

Assessment reduced to low.

**Resolved: The above amendments were approved**

**5.112/16 Declaration of interests to be signed**

Cllr McCarron declared an interest on the item of CCTV

Cllr McGuill declared an interest In regard to Play Scheme change.

**6.113/16 Financial Matters**

**Accounts for payments February**

Redbud Limited January Invoice Paid 675.00

Redbud Limited February Invoice 127.50

Universal Builders Repair to wall Y Bonc 1164.00

Jackson Trophies Sabrina Fortune Trophy 88.39

Sabrina Fortune Athletic Kit 117.93

BT Telephone and Internet 54.86

Caffi Isa Room Hire 14.40

Total 2242.08

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

**Salary Costs** arenot recorded in minutes but Councillors have been informed of the cost

**New Swings Heol fammau**

Four copies of a quote has been received from Flintshire County Council for replacing swings at Heol Fammau Park.The council has agreed to match funding of up to £5000 approval is required to proceed.

**Resolved:The council agreed to proceed and March fund the updating of Heol Fammau Park for £5000**

**7.114/16 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2017**

**Resolved: The minutes were approved and signed by the chair**

**8.115/16 Chairman’s Report.**

**a) Matters since last meeting**

1. The trophy for Sabrina Fortune has been purchased as well as new Kit for athletics. A presentation day has been organised in Caffi Isa for April 1st at 11am. Members were shown the trophy.
2. The meeting at New Brighton was successful with around 60 residents attending many Councillors were present. Over 20 residents showed interest in managing the Community Centre and a meeting for the 9th of March has been arranged. The Chair and the Clerk have withdrawn from attending the meeting to allow the local residents to develop their own committee, the Clerk has indicated to the officers the Council and the Charity Mold Recreations would be available should their support be necessary.
3. The Mold recreation has come second in the Tesco Grant and has been awarded £2000. The Clerk has also applied to Greggs who are running a similar scheme. Argoed has agreed to match fund the Tesco Grant.

**Resolved: Members agreed and acknowledged the match funding**

1. A meeting of local residents was held regarding Wat’s Dyke Avenue and it was agreed at the meeting that the plan approved by this council would go ahead. A map on the table shows what has been agreed. The members reviewed the map and discussed the options available.

This has an agreed amount of £1800 and as Chair would like to request that the Council funds the scheme.

**Resolved:The Council agreed to proceed with the plan for Wat’s |Dyke Avenue at a cost of £1800 to the Council**

1. Redbud and Chair attended the Best Kept Communities meeting on the 8th of February and details and forms have been passed to the Clerk and will be attended to.
2. Play scheme have set a costs of £2600 for the new financial year the budget we have ids £1800. Please see appendix B for the results of last year where 524 attendees at a cost of £4.45 each and a cost per person estimated £8.72

An alternative plan was presented to Council before the meeting and the members discussed the benefits of n both plans and the general view was that the alternative presented a better quality service than the County’s plan and the budget of £1800 would be met.

**Resolved: The alternative plan to be accepted at a cost of £1800**

1. One company has viewed the CCTV and another will visit on Thursday.

The clerk is to request an estimate from a third company.

1. The precept has been submitted to Flintshire on the 7th of February
2. Earlier in February there were signs of a bus stop to be erected at the rear of the community centre this decision has now been reversed. The pilot Scheme that was planned will not now go ahead. It was meant to be a new transport hub. There was an indication that a bus 3s was being directed this way. On contacting Arriva buses they stated it was not true.
3. The Chair nor the Clerk were able to attend the county forum on the 28th however the next meeting is to be held in the community centre on June 28th.
4. The Chair would like to hold an elections application Workshop to co-ordinate members and ensure spread across both wards. This was agreed to be on the14th of March at 7pm
5. The Clerk has completed the pension form and have indicated possible changes. The form has been forwarded to the actuaries and were waiting for a reply and there could be a possible charge.

**9.116/16 Notices of Motion**

**The Council to discuss the situation in relation to Argoed Sports Club regarding their receipt of Termination from the Sports Association Cllr D Jenkins**

Cllr Jenkins gave a brief update on the situation at Argoed Sports Club and expressed his disappointment at the behaviour of the Sports Association who seem determined to close the club for ulterior motives which is not of benefit for the community. The date of closure imposed is the 20th of August.

Councillors discussed the update and were disappointed with the approach of the Sports association and the lack of consideration and consultation.

**Resolved: The Clerk to write to Flintshire County Council expressing the Community Council’s concern at the loss of a valuable asset to the community.**

**The Council to discuss and approve a potential traffic scheme for Wat’s dyke Avenue and agree to meet the total cost of the scheme Cllr W J Taylor**

**This Item was discussed in item 8 .4 above**

**The Council to amend the standing orders to state that ALL jobs and installations are required by Council should have at least three tenders Cllr A Henry**

**This item was discussed in item 4 above**.

**10.117/16** **Planning applications/Decisions**

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| **Application ref:** | **055597** | **055785** |  |
| **Application date** | 10/08/2016 | 15/08/2016 |  |
| **Location** | Land at Rose Farm Livery  Well Street Buckley | Top Farm Bryn Road  Bryn-Y-Baal |  |
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| **Development** | Erection of a detached Bungalow | Change of use to a garden from open space |  |
| **Council's Decision** | Consulted with FCC no reply this impedes decision and Objection Lodged |  |  |
| Closing Date |  | 05/09/2016 |  |
| **Council's Comments** | objection | No Objection |  |
| **FCC Decision** | Under consideration | **NO DATA** |  |
| **BY:** |  |  |  |
| **Date** | Target 21/10/2016 |  |  |
| **Application ref:** | **055842** | **056170** |  |
| **Application date** | 30/08/2016 | 09/11/2016 |  |
| **Location** | Vacant Land Adjacent to  Tristernaugh New Brighton | 7 Stone Row  New Brighton |  |
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| **Development** | Erection of detached Dwelling and garage | Continuation of Private Hire Taxi Vehicle |  |
| **Council's Decision** | No Objection |  |  |
| Closing Date | 20/09/2016 | 30/11/2016 |  |
| **Council's Comments** |  |  |  |
| **FCC Decision** | **Approved** | **Approved** |  |
| **BY:** | **Delegated officer** | **Delegated officer** |  |
| **Date** | **15/02/2017** | **15/02/2017** |  |
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| **Application ref:** | **056328** |  |  |
| **Application date** | 11/12/2016 |  |  |
| **Location** | 2 Dwyfor Avenue  Bryn Y Baal |  |  |
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| **Development** | Erection of single storey side extension |  |  |
| **Council's Decision** |  |  |  |
| Closing Date | 01/02/2017 |  |  |
| **Council's Comments** |  |  |  |
| **FCC Decision** | **Approved** |  |  |
| **BY:** | **Delegated Officer** |  |  |
| **Date** | **12/02/2017** |  |  |

**11.118/16 Representative’s Report.**

**Community Speed Watch March 2017**

Cllr J Holiday Presented a report to the Council on the activities of the Community Speed Watch Group. The group is co-ordinated by Cllr Wooley of Buckley and consists of Cllr Holiday and five others who assist on a regular basis. The group operates ay locations around Buckley, Mynydd Isa and new Brighton reporting information gathered to North wales Police who follow up with letters to offending motorists and sometimes action may be required when a vehicle lacks the necessary documents MOT and insurance etc.

The group is pro-active in the area as 50% of Speed watch activity in North Wales emanates from this group.

Should members have any locations of concern they should contact the group through Cllr Holiday.

**12. 119/16 Committee and group reports**

**Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm 14th February at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

PRESENT.

**Committee Members:** Cllr Taylor, Cllr Norwood Cllr McGuill, Cllr R W Marsh, Cllr C Bull, Cllr J Holiday

**In attendance:** Clerk Rhodri Hampson-Jones, Cllr B Clarke, RedBud Ltd and Arriva Buses.

**Apologies**: Cllr D Jenkins,

**Absent: None**

**Declaration of interests:** None

**Bus Routes**

A representative of Arriva Buses explained as to the reasons for reduction in services and stated that due to the lack of funding for maintaining some routes it had to curtail some routes. He explained that there were insufficient travellers on their buses and the current routes were the routes that are used the most frequent. An explanation was given of how the funding worked and in some cases the bus company could not sustain the without the funding and to meet targets a significant increase in the usage would be required.

A question was raised regarding having a bus coming down chambers lane or having one re-routed. The representative explained all avenues had been inspected and reviewed with the best cost effective service is now in place.

**Horticultural Plan**

Redbud limited presented their plan to the committee and was accepted. Redbud expressed concerns regarding the significant change in the contract where she is no longer expected to litter pick. The instruction from the committee that they felt it was not cost effective to pay her to litter pick. Redbud was to concentrate on the horticultural side more.

**Planting out**

The planting of the baskets is to be carried out by a local nursery in Sychdyn and after discussion it was agreed to get all planting from the same supplier. Cllr Norwood and the Chair are to visit the nursery to arrange the planters (which are stored in council’s garage)tob designed by the nursery. Redbud will prepare a list of plants for the Nursery so that they can have them ready for her in time for planting out.

**Environmental Competition**

The Chair and Redbud attended the environmental competition seminar and were pleased to hear the comments about the area. The expected date of the judges visit is the 31st of July .

**CCTV Upgrade**

The Clerk informed the committee that one quote had been received and he is pursuing another.

**5 Year plan**

The Clerk is trying get a five year progressive plan for the committee two items are earmarked:

A circular route around Wat’s Dyke Park for cycling or running.

Paying for the parking upgrade around Wat’s Dyke School.

**Next Meeting: 15th March Meeting Terminated: 7.35 pm**

**Appendix B**

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| Team 4 Mynydd Isa | |  |  |  |  |
| **Day** | **Week 1** | **Week 2** | **Week 3** | **Week 4** | **Week 5** |
| **Mon** | **28** | **31** | **17** |  |  |
| **Tues** | **39** | **16** | **16** |  |  |
| **Wed** | **22** | **19** | **22** |  |  |
| **Thur** | **16** | **20** | **16** |  |  |
| **Fri** | **10** | **13** | **11** |  |  |
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| **Total** | **115** | **99** | **82** | **0** | **0** |
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| Team 6 New Brighton | |  |  |  |  |
| **Day** | **Week 1** | **Week 2** | **Week 3** | **Week 4** | **Week 5** |
| **Mon** | **27** | **14** | **12** |  |  |
| **Tues** | **20** | **13** | **12** |  |  |
| **Wed** | **30** | **12** | **17** |  |  |
| **Thur** | **20** | **7** | **3** |  |  |
| **Fri** | **19** | **9** | **13** |  |  |
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| **Total** | **116** | **55** | **57** | **0** | **0** |
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**Total: 524 attended cost £1800 cost £4.45**

**Individuals est 231 cost per person £ 8.72**