



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON TUESDAY 1 March 2022.

Representatives:

New Brighton Ward

Councillor J McCarron

Councillor GK Mutch

Councillor J Morris

Councillor B Clark

Councillor G Owen

Councillor F Hadfield-Jones (Vice-Chair)

Argoed Ward

Councillor M Shepherd

Councillor I Jolly (Chair)

Councillor H McGuill

Councillor J Holiday

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones.

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr R Marsh

2. Chair's Report

The new 20mph signs have now been installed around the villages. The signs will only be on one side of the road, as per a change in legislation.

3. Clerk's Report

We have commenced planning events for the Platinum Jubilee and the next meeting is due to be held on 15 March 2022 at Caffi Isa. Each major venue has been allocated a day, to avoid events clashing.

The litter pick went quite well but more organised events will be arranged. Individuals may come and borrow the equipment on an ad hoc basis too. Noted the suggestion to tie volunteers in to follow the day after the bins and recycling has been collected as this is when there is most rubbish on the roads, etc.

4. Co-option of Members

None to consider.

5. Declarations of Interest

None to consider

6. Standing Orders

No changes to note

7. Financial Matters

Resolved:

- a) The following payments and invoices were noted and authorised:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
	Pro Vision	Street Lights Upgrade	418.99	SO
E0600HOOEJ	Microsoft	Business Standard x 1	11.28	dd
E0600HOS1L	Microsoft	Business Basic x 13	59.28	dd
VP31683570	BT	Telephone and internet	94.75	dd
Total			584.30	

- b) The salary and other employment costs for December were noted as £1,654.74

The pay increase of 1.75% was noted and agreed, together with the clerk rising one place on the SCP, in accordance with her employment contract. This will be implemented from 1 April 2021.

- c) Cllr H McGuill and Cllr K Mutch reported that they had scrutinised the accounts and advised that they had not come across any problems. Remedies have been implemented to resolve the issues identified last time. This was noted.

- c) Bank Balances as at 24 February 2022 were noted as:

NatWest Current: £5,013.14
NatWest Reserves: £57,527.11

8. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 1 February 2022

Consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2022.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting dated 1 February 2022 were approved:

9. Notices of Motion

- a) The motion to organise and fund transport from Mynydd Isa, Llong and New Brighton to visit the Urdd Eisteddfod was considered. It was noted that the Urdd is celebrating its 100-year anniversary this year.

Resolved: That residents are asked if they would be interested in such a scheme and for costs to be researched.

- b) The motion to consider the safety issues on the car park on Mercia Drive and what can be done to address them was discussed. It was noted that when exiting a car at the top end of the carpark that there is no pavement or marked area, or adequate lighting, to get to the community centre and shops.

Resolved: Clerk to write to Flintshire County Council and request a pavement at the upper end of the carpark and that they look at providing more lighting on the carpark.

10. Platinum Jubilee

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2022 were considered.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2022 were noted as follows:

Jubilee Events Working Party – 15 February 2022

In attendance: Mared Eastwood, Trudy Ellis, Sara Parker, Andrea Gill, Dan Reynolds

It was agreed that the street parties would be organised by the residents themselves, Mared to give guidance on how to get roads closed, etc if needed. Street party day is Sunday 5 June.

Each venue to provide entertainment on their own day:

Thursday Caffi Isa – afternoon tea party and jazz evening.

Friday NBCC – car show and crafts, bar in evening.

Saturday ASA party in the park with outdoor screening of official concert, bands and stall/village fete activities. Scouts to be part of this event.

Sunday Street parties.

Other events could include an exhibition of photos/stories of how the village has changed over the Queen's reign – possibly hosted in the WI Hall.

To consider:

Funding – try and get grant funding from the National Lottery in the first instance.

Volunteers

Admin support – please email updates or info to clerk@argoedcommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Actions:

Get costings to make the grant application

Check requirements for tv/performing arts licence

Start booking contributors such as ice-cream vans.

Provide details of ice-cream van contacts, bouncy castles and Neil Roberts (outside screen)

Next meeting: 7pm on 15 March 2022 at Caffi Isa

11. Planning Applications/Decisions

The planning applications and decisions received were considered.

Resolved: 064099 – no objection

063920 – no objection

064134 – no objection

The decisions were noted.

12. Representative's Report

Mark Edwards, Area Coordinator for Streetscene and Jason Williams *from the Police* attended the meeting to give a presentation on the 20mph scheme.

The signage (nearly 200 signs) for the scheme is nearly completed and the 20 on the roads has been hampered by rain but is in progress. The signs on the posts will also be illuminated.

There has been engagement with the fire service and the team has worked alongside schools and road safety officers. There will be average speed cameras and Go Safe cameras. There is a dedicated communications package.

How much enforcement is there going to be?

- The signs and lines will all be in place first
- No enforcement for the first two months, after which the data gathered will be analysed and reviewed to identify the most dangerous roads, which will then be enforced.
- The information will be gathered by a series of visible counters, monitoring the number of vehicles, times of the day and speed.

After first two months, Police will start to enforce initially be pulling drivers over and reminding them of the speed limit. After a further month or so, speeding tickets will be issued (in the three go live areas so far, over 1,000 tickets have been issued). Police will provide Flintshire County Council with the number of tickets issued so that we may publicise this at a local level

13. Committee and Group Reports

Resolved: Minutes of the meeting held 26 January 2022 to be carried over to next month's meeting.

Meeting concluded 7.35 pm
Next meeting to be held 5 April 2022