



## **MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON TUESDAY 5 April 2022.**

### **Representatives:**

#### **New Brighton Ward**

Councillor J McCarron  
Councillor GK Mutch  
Councillor R Marsh  
Councillor F Hadfield-Jones (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor G Owen

#### **Argoed Ward**

Councillor M Shepherd  
Councillor I Jolly (Chair)  
Councillor H McGuill  
Councillor J Holiday  
Councillor J Marsh

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

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr B Clarke

2. Chair's Report

Residents are getting used to the 20mph speed limit.

3. Clerk's Report

The nomination papers for all the councillors who wish to stand again have been safely delivered to County Hall.

The office is receiving feedback about the 20mph limit, which is being responded to both when residents visit the office and when they write in. A Freedom of Information request has been received.

4. Co-option of Members

None to consider.

5. Declarations of Interest

Cllr J McCarron declared a personal interest in agenda item number 7a.

Cllr F Hadfield-Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item number 11.

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 – April 22	418.99	SO
	ProVision	Street Lights Upgrade – May 21	418.99	SO
	ProVision	Street Lights Upgrade – Sept 21	418.99	SO
	ProVision	Street Lights Upgrade – Oct 21	418.99	SO
	ProVision	Street Lights Upgrade – Dec 21	418.99	SO
E0600IQFW	Microsoft	Business Standard x 1	11.28	dd
E0600I1SFE	Microsoft	Business Basic x 12	50.31	dd
TX096986	Flintshire County Council	Match-funding for play areas – work previously authorised by ACC	5,000.00	pd
M1354S	BT	Telephone and internet	94.28	dd
19505	Sabre Guarding Ltd	Maintenance on faulty CCTV camera – cost previously authorised by ACC	240.00	pd
0162002	Michelle Jones	Gardening contractor	481.40	
TX097022	Flintshire County Council	Electrical inspection of 127 columns	2,032.00	
TX097021	Flintshire County Council	Work carried out on ACC lamp in Rose Lane	55.55	
TX096995	Flintshire County Council	Street lighting monthly inspections	264.58	

The Clerk advised that there are a number of ProVision payments to be formally authorised as they had been missed on previous payment authorities.

- b) The salary and other employment costs for December were noted as £2,300.38
- c) The need to renew the Webroot virus protection was noted and the expected cost of around £56 was approved.
- c) Bank Balances as at 31 March 2022 were noted as:

NatWest Current: £4,677.44

NatWest Reserves: £40,514.82

8. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 1 March 2022  
Consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2022.

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

## 9. Notices of Motion

None received

## 10. Hybrid Meetings

Cllr F Hadfield-Jones explained that there has been a change in legislation that requires the Council to be able to conduct hybrid meetings if they are not being conducted remotely. This is a permanent change following the change of rules to accommodate the pandemic. After researching options, it is recommended that the Council purchases the equipment listed as follows, which will enable to transmit meetings over Teams as well as being present in the room. The equipment will allow the public to attend via a phone line in addition to internet access.

Equipment needed:

Webcam - £248.60

[Konftel 931201001 4K Ultra HD Video Conference Camera, 8x Digital Zoom, HDMI and USB, Up to 12 People Meeting Size, 105° Viewing Angle: Amazon.co.uk: Computers & Accessories](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Konftel-931201001-4K-Ultra-HD-Video-Conference-Camera-8x-Digital-Zoom-HDMI-and-USB-Up-to-12-People-Meeting-Size-105-Viewing-Angle/dp/B089L3Y89L)

Phone - £350.23 + VAT

[Yalink CP960 WiFi VoIP/SIP 5-Way Conference Phone w/ 5-Inch Colour Touchscreen Display \(broadbandbuyer.com\)](https://www.broadbandbuyer.com/yealink-cp960-wifi-volp-sip-5-way-conference-phone-w-5-inch-colour-touchscreen-display)

Switch - £26.10 + VAT

[Planet FSD-604HP 6 Port 10/100 Ethernet POE switch | Connectec.uk](https://www.connectec.co.uk/planet-fsd-604hp-6-port-10-100-ethernet-po-e-switch)

Wireless Keyboard and Mouse - £19.99

[Logitech MK270 Wireless Keyboard and Mouse Combo for Windows, 2.4 GHz Wireless, Compact Mouse, 8 Multimedia and Shortcut Keys, 2-Year Battery Life, for PC, Laptop, QWERTY UK English Layout - Black : Amazon.co.uk: Computers & Accessories](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Logitech-MK270-Wireless-Keyboards-Mouse-Combo-for-Windows-2-4-GHz-Wireless-Compact-Mouse-8-Multimedia-and-Shortcut-Keys-2-Year-Battery-Life-for-PC-Laptop-QWERTY-UK-English-Layout-Black/dp/B079VW3894)

Cable – anti trip mats - £49.95 each

[Portifera Morland Protect Rubber - 120cm x 40cm - Nitrile Rubber Cable Cover Mat: Amazon.co.uk: DIY & Tools](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Portifera-Morland-Protect-Rubber-120cm-x-40cm-Nitrile-Rubber-Cable-Cover-Mat/dp/B079VW3894)

Connection cables - £5.99

[Amazon Basics USB 2.0 A-Male to Micro B Cable, 3 feet, Black : Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Amazon-Basics-USB-2-0-A-Male-to-Micro-B-Cable-3-feet-Black/dp/B079VW3894)  
[rhinocables USB 2.0 Extension Cable A to A Extender Lead — Male Plug to Female Socket for Extending Connection to Peripherals, Printers, Cameras, Mice, Keyboards — 5m / 500cm \(Black\): Amazon.co.uk: Computers & Accessories](https://www.rhinocables.co.uk/usb-2-0-extension-cable-a-to-a-extender-lead-male-plug-to-female-socket-for-extending-connection-to-peripherals-printers-cameras-mice-keyboards-5m-500cm-black/)

TV Stand - £89.99

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product/B07GDFLH1J/ref=ppx\\_yo\\_dt\\_b\\_asin\\_title\\_o08\\_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product/B07GDFLH1J/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o08_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1)

Smart TVs – 55” – 65”: £365 - £550

Total projected cost: £957.20 - £1142.20.

The Council considered the proposal and also that the chambers could then be rented out as a fully functioning training room, subject to insurance and training, as a way to provide a community asset and recoup the cost of investment in the equipment. There was general support for the proposal and it is believed that the equipment will help future-proof the Council's needs.

**Resolved:** That the equipment listed be purchased with the Clerk being given a maximum budget of £1,200 before having to return to the Council for costs to be authorised, to allow for fluctuating prices.

**The biggest TV screen that will fit to be bought, if possible, to maximise the potential for other uses.**

#### **11. Website**

Cllr F Hadfield-Jones explained that there has been new legislation which requires the website to comply with accessibility standards. A review of the website has been undertaken and it is not compliant. An alternative theme has been identified, which was demonstrated during the meeting. The proposed new website retains much of the character of the current website and the content has transferred over, currently on a trial basis, very well. There are improvements in that the type face is clearer to read and the layout is more up-to-date. It fully meets the accessibility criteria and a security certificate can also be obtained, which complies with security requirements and is not available on the current website. It is proposed that the website be moved to FHJ Computer Support who will provide what's needed at cost price. FHJ Computer Support would be unable to host the domain name and this should remain with HCI Data Ltd.

It was queried what Councillor details should be put on the website, that is photos and emails.

Cllr F Hadfield-Jones left the meeting after explaining the proposal and before the discussion and vote.

**Resolved: That the proposal be accepted in its entirety.**

#### **12. Change of May Meeting Date**

Clerk advised that the date of the next meeting is 3 May 2022, two days before the election. The AGM also needs to be held between 9 and 23 May 2022. The Clerk is on annual leave from 10 – 20 May 2022.

**Resolved: The date of the next meeting be moved to 9 May 2022.**

#### **13. Window Boxes and Bedding Flowers**

The Council has agreed to upgrade the community planters on a rolling basis and there is remaining money in the budget which may be used to purchase new planters. The cost of a metre square planter with a crest logo on it, with delivery is £390, the cost of the largest size window boxes, each with three removeable liners is £169 with a delivery charge of £40 per pallet.

**Resolved: To purchase a meter square planter with a crest logo, to be placed on Bryn Road near the junction with Llewellyn Drive.**

**To purchase 5 window boxes, to be located in Llong, Wylfa roundabout, Bryn Road near Alltami, New Brighton, coming up from County Hall and Pren Hill.**

#### **14. Planning Applications/Decisions**

The planning applications and decisions received were considered.

**Resolved: 064212 – no objection**

## **15. Representative's Report**

PCSO Rachael Duddle attended the meeting and advised that she has been with the team since December and will be coming to visit at the Community Centre soon. She has been to the Youth Club and was able to mingle with the children/young persons who are becoming known to the Police. They intend to do more patrols.

Cuppa with a Coppa has returned to Caffi Isa and whilst there the parking issues on Wats Dyke was reported to them. The Council reported continuing parking issues also on Park Avenue and on Uwch-y-Nant/Bron-yr-Eglwys.

## **16. Committee and Group Reports**

Cllr H McGuill, as Chair of the Grants Committee, advised that a meeting had been held immediately prior to the Council meeting. The three grant applications that had been received and the councillor nominated donation from former councillor Martin Bradley were considered and the following had been agreed:

New Brighton Bowling Club - £500

Mynydd Isa Scouts - £500

New Brighton Community Centre - £500

Cllr nominated donation - £150 towards new fence at the Bowling Club

**Resolved: The report was noted.**

Meeting concluded 8.20 pm  
Next meeting to be held 9 May 2022