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To: All Members

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Community Council AGM, to be held on **Tuesday, 5 July 2022 at 7pm** at the Council Chambers within Mynydd Isa Community Centre.

Yours faithfully,

Mered Eastwood

Clerk and RFO for Argoed Community Council

The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting and members of the public and press are welcome to attend, either by attending the meeting in person or remotely by way of Teams. If you wish to attend remotely, please contact the Clerk so that a link may be sent to you.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
To receive any apologies.
2. Chair's Report
To receive the Chair's report.
3. Clerk's Report
To receive the Clerk's report.
4. Co-option of members
To consider the co-option of any potential new members.
5. Declaration of interests
To receive any declaration of interests in the agenda items.
6. Standing Orders
To consider any revision to the Standing Orders and/or Financial Regulations.

7. Financial Matters

a) Payments for authority to pay:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
	ProVision	Street lighting upgrade	418.99	SO
E0600J6CEZ	Microsoft	Microsoft 365 Business Standard	11.28	Dd
E0600J66EE	Microsoft	Microsoft 365 Business Basic x 12		Dd
M138GQ	BT	Telephone and internet	104.67	Dd
3884	Brighthouse Leisure	Bouncy Castle for community event	175.00	
6	MLandscapeUK Ltd	Ground maintenance quarry works	490.00	
73697213822	Cleverbridge	Webroot virus protection	49.99	Pd
Payment voucher	M Eastwood	Ice-lollies and bin for pill packets	30.99	
Payment voucher	J McCarron	Materials to complete installation of conferencing equipment	11.82	
172022	Michelle Jones Gardening	Planting up new planters and hanging baskets	1780.40	
182022	Michelle Jones Gardening	Water-retaining gel, compost and captive straps	535.44	
	Flintshire County Council	Rechargeable Election Costs	410.74	

b) Salary and other employment costs for June 2022: £1,690.60

c) Bank Balances as at 28.06.2022:

NatWest Current: £5,988.02
 NatWest Reserves: £50,127.43

d) Balance sheet – to be sent separately.

8. To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 7 June 2022

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2022 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Representatives:

Argoed Ward: Cllr F Hadfield-Jones, Cllr J Holiday, Cllr I Jolly, Cllr H McGuill,
 Cllr J Morris, Cllr G Owen

New Brighton Ward: Cllr R Marsh, Cllr J McCarron, Cllr GK Mutch, Cllr M Shepherd,
 Cllr U Sikander

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones,
 a member of the public.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Chair's Report

Two youngsters on electric scooters have shot out in front of vehicle on Ellesmere Drive. The local police have viewed the CCTV cameras and have both identified and visited the persons involved.

The jubilee event went well on 3 June 2022 but it was disappointing that there was no beacon on Moel Famau.

3. Clerk's Report

The jubilee events, held at Caffi Isa and New Brighton Community Centre and Football Field have been very popular and were well attended. The bouncy castle raised approximately £200 for Mynydd Isa School and Scouts and the volunteers asked that their thanks were given to Argoed Community Council for organising the bouncy castle.

There has been a recent spate of graffiti in the area, which has been cleaned. Checkpoint in Mold has also been targeted and it is thought that the paint is being bought in B&M. The police are aware and are investigating.

A grant letter has been received from MIND and it is proposed that they be invited to give a presentation prior to a grant application being considered.

There is a potential net zero project that will impact on Padeswood and Council will be kept up-to-date as and when the project progresses.

4. Co-option of Members

A resident has indicated an interest of being co-opted onto the Council. Clerk will make arrangements for a notice of co-option to be published and then the application may be considered at the next meeting.

5. Declarations of Interest

None received.

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 (£)	VAT (£)	
	ProVision	Street lighting upgrade	418.99		SO
E0600ISR5K	Microsoft	Microsoft 365 Business Standard	11.28		Dd
E0600ISKBD	Microsoft	Microsoft 365 Business Basic x 12	60.64		Dd
M137CB	BT	Telephone and internet	102.52		Dd
21714	Amberol	Planters	2059.44		Pd
TX097020	Flintshire CC	Street lighting maintenance	55.55		
14010898	Plantscape	Window box planters	871.80		

b) The salary and other employment costs for May were noted as £1,690.60

c) Bank Balances as at 31.05.2022 were noted as:

NatWest Current: £1,667.54

NatWest Reserves: £57,127.43

Balance Sheet noted as follows:

Opening Bank balances as at 31.03.2022:	
NatWest Current	4,677.44
NatWest Reserves	40,514.82
VAT	0.00
Interest received:	7.95
Precept:	26,604.66
Other income:	<u>50.00</u>
	71,854.87
Less payments made:	-13,059.90
	58,794.97
Bank balances as at 31.05.2022	
NatWest Current	1,667.54
NatWest Reserves	57,127.43
	58,794.97

8. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 9 May 2022
Consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2022.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting dated 9 May 2022 were approved

Cllr Jack Morris be a member of the Amenities and Grant Committees, together with the HR Group

9. Notices of Motion

Cllr Hilary McGuill expanded on her notice of motion that a request be made to have two bus shelters installed, one on each side of Wylfa Hill, similar to the one installed at the Griffin. Cllr H McGuill advised that the hill is a bad spot for bus stops on both sides, but it is worse as you are coming up Wylfa Hill. She believes that part of the hedge needs to be cut out and then the bus stop can be stepped back away from the pavement. She said there is currently a health and safety issue as passers-by need to step into the road in order to pass any people waiting for a bus.

It was noted that a new bus shelter had been promised when the resurfacing on Wylfa Hill was done and that it can't be placed further up the hill as it needs to be a certain distance from a junction.

Resolved: By unanimous vote that the motion be passed and a new bus shelter requested for both sides of Wylfa Hill.

10. Planning Applications/Decisions

Clerk advised that a new system has been introduced by the Planning Department at Flintshire County Council, the details and link for which have been distributed. It will be this system that we will have to use going forward to monitor planning applications in the area.

There was also a planning application distributed just prior to the meeting that was considered.

Resolved: The new planning system was noted.

FUL/000074/22 – no objection.

11. Representative's Report

Assistant Clerk advised that the PCSOs will attend the meetings as soon as they are able. They are aware of the graffiti issues and about the electric scooters being ridden on the roads. A log of the crime numbers will be kept.

Clerk advised that further arrangements have been made about the playscheme, which will operate at the Mynydd Isa and New Brighton sites on an alternate basis, to spread the availability of the scheme as fairly as possible over the summer over the two sites.

Community Speed Watch – it was noted that the implementation of the pilot 20mph scheme was suspended temporarily due to the period of political sensitivity prior to the local elections. Welsh Government and the police will now continue to monitor roads for 'hot spots' and will then proceed to soft enforcement, to be followed by formal enforcement. It was also noted that, due to the uproar following the installation of the scheme, an extended consultation period has been extended and this must also be concluded before the scheme is progressed much further.

12. Committee and Group Reports

None.

Meeting concluded 8pm

Next meeting to be held 5 July 2022

9. Notices of Motion

To provide an opportunity for local school uniform to be exchanged/donated.

- Cllr Hilary McGuill

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10. Consideration of maintenance work needed on footpath in Y Bonc

It has been reported by Michelle Jones and also Richard Roberts of Aura that the bamboo is growing up through the footpath at Y Bonc and creating both a trip hazard and a dangerous surface on which to fall. Contractors have been contacted to provide quotes, which are summarised below:

The initial quote from the contractor that Flintshire County Council referred us to was used as a base:

A	Remove and dispose of bamboo plants. Excavate 30m ² and dispose. Supply and lay 40mm base on footpath, supply and lay 30mm of 6mm topping	£2,495
B	Excavate and remove existing path. Lay weed membrane and 6" sub-base of compacted stone. Lay 60mm thickness of 20mm base and binder course tarmac, finish with 40mm thickness of 6mm surface wearing course layer Excavate and remove bamboo plant and roots. Lay topsoil in excavated hole to make level.	£3,110 plus VAT £1,400 plus VAT
C	Dig out old tarmac and roots. Take down existing fence and reinstate new hardcore, base tarmac and topping and relace new section of fencing wire	£3,150

11. Planning applications/decisions

Reference	Proposal	Location
FUL/000169/22	single storey rear/side extension	Pren View, Rose Lane, Mynydd Isa, CH7 6UA

12. Representatives Report

To receive any reports from representatives from outside bodies.

13. Committee and group reports

To consider the minutes from the Amenities Committee on 15 June 2022:

Minutes of Amenities Committee hybrid meeting held on Wednesday 15 June 2022 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Committee Members: Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd

In attendance: Clerk - Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies:

Cllr U Sikander, Assistant Clerk – Janet Jones

2. Declaration of Interests.

None.

3. Lit path by carpark

Clerk advised that, further to the notice of motion on 1 March 2022, there has been a meeting with Streetscene Officers about the possibility of installing a footpath along the grassed area side of Sainsbury's carpark with street lighting. The officers are going to detail what options are available and the costs involved. As the grassed area comes under the remit of Sara Parker at Caffi Isa, she has been informed also.

Resolved: The update was noted.

4. Electric charging points

Clerk advised that, as part of the general remit to consider climate change, a meeting was held with Mega Electrical (an approved contractor for Flintshire County Council) to discuss what options may be available for electric charging points in Mynydd Isa and the costs involved. A lot of information was given by Mega during the meeting and they are going to write with the options available to us and the costs involved.

Resolved: The update was noted.

5. Planters

Clerk advised that all the planters that have been ordered have been delivered and are being placed within the communities. Cllr Ian Jolly commented that the signs on them are rather small though in that you have to be very close in order to read the wording, he proposed that further signs/stickers are sourced for them, maybe vinyl stickers of Argoed Community Council in 3 inch letters.

Resolved: Clerk to explore options for vinyl stickers in Welsh and English for the planters.

6. Quarry

Clerk advised that the next cut for the Quarry is due for 22 June 2022. Cllr Ian Jolly expressed concern:

- that there are areas around trees where undergrowth and saplings are growing and these need addressing so that the mature trees are not crowded.
- about the height of the Giant Hogweed as the Council is required to remove this by law.
- About the bushes growing at the top of the cliff-face, which are growing through residents' fences to be cut off and dropped back into the Quarry, which looks messy.
- About the ivy which has completely covered the cliff-face, which he thought was a shame, and the tree which is growing through the mesh fencing, which he proposed needs to be removed.

Cllr Miriam Shepherd is of the view that ivy is beneficial in that it stabilises the cliff-face.

Resolved: A site visit be arranged for 17 June 2022 to review the Quarry.

7. Registered land

Clerk advised that arrangements have been made for advice to be obtained from Flintshire County Council so that steps may be taken to get the unregistered plots of land registered properly. General discussion about the issues.

Resolved: The update was noted.

Meeting ended 7pm

Next meeting due to be held on 20 July 2022

To consider the report from Grants Committee on 5 July 2022.