



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 5 JULY 2022 AT THE 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, two members of the public.

1. Apologies

None from Members. Assistant Clerk, Janet Jones gave her apologies.

2. Chair's Report

The Quarry has now been cut back but there is some snagging and the contractor will return to the Quarry to complete the work as there are still patches of Giant Hogweed, which remain a concern. There has been a recent newspaper article about a dog which was badly affected by the plant.

3. Clerk's Report

Two entries have been made in the Best Kept Communities Competition. In Mynydd Isa, the judges will be asked to view the memorial garden off Chambers Lane, the Square, the wildflower garden on Bryn Road, Bryn-y-Baal, which is being tended by school children and the Quarry. In New Brighton, they will be asked to view the area around New Brighton Community Centre where residents have spent a lot of time improving the appearance of the area. Clerk will create a pack for the judges, to show the areas at their best as there are seasonal displays.

The VAT claim has been submitted.

Part of the fence at Wats Dyke has come down and been removed by Streetscene. Clerk will liaise with Richard Roberts from Aura to see if match-funding would be available to replace the fence.

It's disappointing that the meeting arranged to be held with the Deputy Minister Lee Waters regarding the 20pmh pilot scheme was cancelled by his office with less than 24 hours' notice. After a debate amongst the Members, it was noted that the Council's comments have already been given as part of the initial consultation process.

4. Co-option of Members

Rebecca Legge made her application to be co-opted onto the Council, highlighting her connection with our community, her young age and that she is studying history and politics. She left the meeting for her application to be considered.

Resolved: That Rebecca Legge be welcomed onto Argoed Community Council as a co-opted member.

5. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jon McCarron declared an interest in agenda item 7(a) as he has submitted a payment voucher for approval.

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 (£)	
	ProVision	Street lighting upgrade	418.99	SO
E0600J6CEZ	Microsoft	Microsoft 365 Business Standard	11.28	Dd
E0600J66EE	Microsoft	Microsoft 365 Business Basic x 12	70.20	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) The salary and other employment costs for May were noted as £1,690.60

c) Bank Balances as at 28.06.2022 were noted as:

NatWest Current: £5,988.02

NatWest Reserves: £50,127.43

- d) It was noted that there is a cost to the Clerk in taking the recyclable pill packets and crisp packets to designated recycling places and agreed that the Clerk should claim mileage expenses in future.

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

Consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2022.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting dated 7 June 2022 were approved

9. Notices of Motion

Cllr Hilary McGuill expanded on her notice of motion that an initiative to display donated school uniform, for it to be collected free of charge by anyone who would like it, to be co-ordinated through the Clerk's office, with the permission of Caffi Isa for using their foyer. Cllr Hilary McGuill is happy to wash and dry the uniform but could do with more boxes.

Resolved: By unanimous vote that the motion be passed and Cllr Jon McCarron to liaise with school to get more uniform from the junior sites.

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

The following quotes were considered and it was noted that contractor A is the contractor that Flintshire County Council uses:

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	£3,110 plus VAT
	Excavate and remove bamboo plant and roots. Lay topsoil in excavated hole to make level.	£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

Resolved: That Contractor A is the favoured contractor but a revised quote be requested, to include a membrane within the works.

That the Amenities Committee be given authority to approve the revised quotation.

11. Planning Applications/Decisions

Planning applications 169/22 and 181/22 were discussed.

Resolved: 169/22 – subject to there being sufficient parking, no objections.

12. Representative's Report

It was noted that no report has been submitted by the PCSO team.

Councillor Roy Marsh advised that there had been a disturbance at the bottom of Moorcroft in New Brighton in that a group of young people set up camp there. They've been climbing trees and may hurt themselves. There is also a hole in the hedge that has been patched-up previously but needs patching-up again.

Councillor John Holiday provided an update on Speedwatch, saying that they've only been able to do 2 or 3 exercises per week and can only conduct the exercises in the 30mph/40mph areas. They are not permitted to test in the 20mph areas at this time.

Resolved: To put police items on the agenda.

13. Committee and Group Reports

The minutes of the Amenities Committee were considered.

Councillor Hilary McGuill advised that the Grants Committee had met and recommended grants as follows:

Mynydd Isa Fuchsia and Geranium Society - £250
North Clwyd Animal Rescue - £150
Flintshire Foodbank - £150
Argoed High School - £75
Ysgol Mynydd Isa - £75

and that the Chairman's allowance of £1200 be added to the milestone restoration project.

Resolved: Subject to the amendment that Cllr Jack Morris was not in attendance, the minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 15 June 2022 were approved.

The grants were all approved as recommended.

Meeting concluded 8pm

Next meeting to be held 6 September 2022