



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Representatives:

Argoed Ward: Cllr F Hadfield-Jones (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Holiday, Cllr I Jolly (Chair), Cllr H McGuill, Cllr J Morris

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

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones, two members of the public.

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Roy Marsh and Cllr Gwilym Owen.

2. Chair's Report

The summer has been relatively quiet, other than the extraordinary meeting so that new play park equipment could be ordered.

3. Clerk's Report

Two emails have been received in from residents following the meeting in July 2022. The residents complained about the way in which the 20mph opposition group was referred to by one of the community councillors. One resident wished for the councillor to resign, the other thought that insufficient consideration had been given to the research and views of the opposition group.

Advice has been sought from the Monitoring Officer at Flintshire County Council who has confirmed that councillors are entitled to express their political views. As such, the matter is now concluded.

There is a petition being circulated, requesting that Heol Fammau and surrounding roads are re-surfaced due to their poor state of repair. Councillors are invited to sign the petition, if they wish, and to consider whether it should be signed on behalf of Argoed Community Council.

No formal feedback has been received from Flintshire County Council yet, but informally, the playscheme has been considered to be a success and well attended.

The gardening contractor has been asked to present proposals for a semi-permanent display in the planters and also for winter bedding.

There has been a meeting to begin discussing Christmas celebrations. The lights switch-on at Shangri La will be on Sunday, 4th December 2022 and we will start to arrange events within the community which will support this and hopefully avoid clashes.

The audit papers have all been sent to the external auditor. It should be noted that only one email, which was incomplete, has been received from the auditor regarding this year's audit.

The ASA garage has been broken into. It is not thought that anything has been stolen but there is some graffiti inside now. The door is in a very poor state of repair and enquiries will be made as to whether it should be replaced or fixed.

Resolved: That the petition be signed on behalf of Argoed Community Council.

4. Co-option of Members

Clerk advised that two enquiries have been made over the summer and the packs have been sent out but no formal applications have been made.

5. Declarations of Interest

None declared. Clerk requested councillors update their registers of interest, for completeness.

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
M140QZ	BT		102.00	Dd
	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fee	40.00	
	SLCC	Clerk's membership	166.00	
E0600JXNFS	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Basic x 13	70.20	
E0600JXM8T	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Standard x 1	11.28	
192022	Michelle Jones Gardening	Contracted works from 23-30 June 2022	495.60	
202022	Michelle Jones Gardening	Contracted works from 1 July – 18 August 2022	2284.80	
ACCRH22	Caff Isa	Hire of office and meeting room	1,750.00	
4196	JDH Business Services Ltd	2021/22 internal audit	492.00	
515689094	Hiscox Insurance Company Limited	Insurance policy	1,438.01	

- b) The salary and other employment costs for August 2022 were noted as £1, 511.18
- c) Precept received of £26,604.67 was noted.
- d) Bank Balances as at 31.08.2022 were noted as:

NatWest Current: £4,613.20
 NatWest Reserves: £71,745.08

- e) The balance sheet was noted as follows:

Balance Sheet as at 31.08.2022	
Opening Bank balances as at 31.03.2022:	
NatWest Current	4,677.44
NatWest Reserves	40,514.82
VAT	5,177.40
Interest received:	20.93
Precept:	53,209.33
Other income:	<u>550.00</u>
	104,149.92
Less payments made:	-27,791.64
	76,358.28

Bank balances as at 31.08.2022	
NatWest Current	4,613.20
NatWest Reserves	71,745.08
	76,358.28

- f) Grants that have been paid as follows were noted:

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

- 8. To approve the Minutes of meetings held on 5 July and 2 August 2022
 Consideration of the minutes of the meetings held on 5 July and 2 August 2022.

Resolved: The minutes of the meetings dated 5 July and 2 August 2022 were approved

9. Notices of Motion

The councillor who had submitted the Notice of Motion has given apologies for this meeting

Resolved: To defer the Notice of Motion until the next meeting.

10. Firework Display

Clerk advised that a letter has been received from Argoed Sports Association as they are seeking a donation to the firework display they propose holding again. The benefits of holding a community display were considered in that it may encourage residents to not set off fireworks in their own gardens and would create one display that pet owners could plan around. It was also noted how well attended the event was last year and that money was raised for charity.

Resolved: That a donation of nearer 50% of the anticipated cost be given towards the fireworks display on the basis that the Council is able to help promote the event.

11. Planning Applications/Decisions

Planning applications FUL/000339/22 and FUL/000343/22 were discussed.

Resolved: FUL/000339/22 – no objections.

FUL/000343/22 – Noted that this application will be withdrawn as it has been agreed that an alternative building method will be used, at no extra cost, which means that they will be able to build around the existing sports hall.

12. Representative's Report

It was noted that no report has been submitted by the PCSO team. A report has been requested and will be cascaded when received. There does appear to have been further incidents of anti-social behaviour around the ASA sports field and our garage was broken into there.

Councillor John Holiday provided an update on Speedwatch, saying that they continue to conduct 3 or 4 sessions each week, but not in 20mph areas. They are still finding lots of speeders in New Brighton, Northop and on Wylfa Hill.

It was noted that the trees are growing over the streetlights on Wylfa Hill, making it very dark there at night.

Resolved: Clerk to report the overgrown trees on Wylfa Hill to Streetscene.

13. Committee and Group Reports

None to consider.

Meeting concluded 7.40pm

Next meeting to be held 4 October 2022