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28 September 2022

**To: All Members**

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Community Council, to be held on **Tuesday, 4 October 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
M141UX	BT		102.04	Dd
	Information Commissioner		40.00	
	SLCC	Clerk's membership	166.00	*
E0600KB48T	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Basic x 13	70.20	Pd
E0600KB57N	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Standard x 1	11.28	Pd
EY001078	Flintshire County Council	Council contribution to summer playscheme 2022	2,053.00	
	Payment voucher – Cllr H McGuill	Wreaths for Her Majesty	100.00	
TY095913	Flintshire County Council	Street light monthly inspections – July, August and September	264.58	
7	MLandscapeUK Limited	Quarterly maintenance in Quarry	490.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>3,716.09</b>	

b) Salary and other employment costs for September 2022: £1,575.86

c) Councillor Allowance paid: £150

d) Bank Balances as at 31.08.2022:

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

e) Balance sheet

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
	<b>76,358.28</b>

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8. To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 6 September 2022

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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:  
  
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- e) The balance sheet was noted as follows:

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- 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

9. Notices of Motion

To create a system where individuals who have a positive impact within the community are recognised.

- Cllr Gwilym Owen

10. Planning applications/decisions

**PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION - Ref No: FUL/000375/22**

**PROPOSAL: SITING A CONTAINER NEXT TO THE EXISTING ALL WEATHER FOOTBALL PITCH FOR WINTER TRAINING EQUIPMENT.**

**LOCATION: THE PAVILION, Snowdon Avenue, Bryn Y Baal, Mold, CH7 6SZ**

Is a Departure from the Development Plan	N
Affects a Right of Way	N
Accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment	N

You can view the application, the plans and any other documents submitted with the application on the Council's website:

<https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/flintshire> and make your comments online.

Alternatively, comments can be e-mailed to [planning.consultation@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:planning.consultation@flintshire.gov.uk)

11. Representatives Report

To receive any reports from representatives from outside bodies.

12. Committee and group reports

- a) To consider and approve the Amenities Committee minutes dated 28 September 2022

**Minutes of Amenities Committee hybrid meeting held at Mynydd Isa Community Centre on Wednesday 28 September 2022 at 6pm.**

**PRESENT**

**Committee Members:** Cllr Ian Jolly (Chair), Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd, Cllr Uzma Sikander

**In attendance:** Clerk - Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies:

Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr Roy Marsh, Assistant Clerk – Janet Jones

2. Declaration of Interests.

None.

**3. Poppies for lampposts and wreaths**

Clerk advised that last year Argoed Community Council bought and displayed 70 poppies on lampposts. Unfortunately, there are only 26 intact poppies remaining as there was a significant amount of wind damage. A potential alternative in the lorry poppies has been suggested and one has been bought so that the difference in composition and style can be viewed. The Council's attention was also drawn to the latest style of lamppost decoration that is available for purchase. The Clerk advised that four wreaths have been provisionally ordered, for Mynydd Isa, New Brighton, Mold and Buckley. Permission has been sought and given to display the poppies on lampposts again this year, pleasing given the positive feedback received for last year's display. Volunteers will also be needed to install and then remove the poppies.

The committee had a general discussion about the merits of the different options and the number of poppies that should be ordered for this year's display.

**Resolved: That four wreaths be ordered at £17 each and 49 lorry poppies be ordered at £10 each in the expectation that they will be more wind resistant than the Council's current stock.**

**4. Proposals for winter bedding**

The report from the gardening contractor had been distributed prior to the meeting and there was a general discussion about the options proposed. It was noted that whilst a winter display will enhance the community over the winter months, there are budgetary constraints also. The new planters have been very successful in that they have retained water very well, in comparison to the old wooden planters, which lose water very easily. Cllr Miriam Shepherd asked if Periwinkle and Cyclamen could also be considered for the planters.

**Resolved: That the committee recommends that the window boxes are removed this winter, rather than planted up – to save some costs.**

**That the wooden planters are removed as and when they become too damaged for display purposes and consideration will be given in the spring as to whether replacements can be bought at that time. Other spare**

planters to be moved to spaces within the communities to spread the displays.

Tete-a-tete daffodils be purchased at £55 for a 25kg sack.

The options for winter bedding be brought for the attention of Argoed Community Council for full consideration and approval of budget.

#### 5. ASA Garage

Clerk advised that there are two matters for consideration; the first is that the lease for the garage has expired and is in the process of being renewed. It is anticipated that the ASA will ask the community council to pay the Flintshire County Council legal costs of £150 as it is the community council that needs and uses the garage.

Clerk also advised that there is an issue with the garage door as it is getting increasingly difficult to operate and lock/unlock. There was a recent incident where it had been opened and left open, we suspect by youths in the area. A contractor has been to see the garage door and has said that it can be fixed to some extent, notwithstanding that it is an old, cheap door. Clerk is expecting a quote in for around £175.

**Resolved: That Argoed Community Council will be responsible for paying the Flintshire County Council legal costs of £150.**

**The matter in relation to the maintenance needed to the garage door was noted.**

#### 6. Laurels at Argoed Playpark

Clerk advised that Aura have commenced the refurbishment work in Argoed play park and several of the Laurels have been removed. Their removal has opened the area up a great deal, but the remaining Laurels are huge. It is thought unlikely that Flintshire County Council will prioritise these shrubs and permission to request a quote for Argoed Community Council to consider is requested.

**Resolved: That a quote be sought for the reduction in height, etc of the remaining Laurels at Argoed play park.**

Meeting ended 6.35pm

Next meeting due to be held on 19 October 2022