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**To: All Members**

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Community Council, to be held on **Tuesday, 1 November 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
	BT	Telephone and internet	tba	Dd
Refund	Poppy Shop	For out of stock poppies	212.29	Rec-d
12001327036	Poppy Shop	For replacement poppies	249.75	Pd
E0600KP9SY	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Basic x 13	70.20	Pd
E0600KP34N	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Standard x 1	11.28	Pd

b) Salary and other employment costs for October 2022: £1,644.65

c) Bank Balances as at 30.09.2022:

NatWest Current: £2,503.03  
NatWest Reserves: £64,757.24

8. Payroll provider

To review the ongoing contract with the current payroll provider.

9. To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 4 October 2022

**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2022 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

**Representatives:**

**Argoed Ward:** Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones (Vice-Chair), Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Ian Jolly (Chair), Cllr Hilary McGuill, Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Gwilym Owen

**New Brighton Ward:** Cllr Jon McCarron, Cllr G Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd,  
Cllr Uzma Sikander

**In attendance:** Clerk Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Rebecca Legge and Cllr Roy Marsh, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones.

2. Chair's Report

Due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, wreaths were laid in the Memorial Garden and in New Brighton Church. Cllr Jolly attended the

proclamation at County Hall and one of our public meetings was delayed due to the period of mourning.

### 3. Clerk's Report

The summer playscheme was well attended -with the average attendance at New Brighton being 26 per session and 25.7 at Mynydd Isa. We have received a recommendation to consider two schemes next year, but we need to cross-reference the schemes to see how many children attended both sites.

50 poppies have been ordered for the lampposts, utilising a 15% discount.

Improvement works in the Argoed play park and Heol Fammau play park have been completed and a quote has been requested to see what can be done to maintain the remaining laurels.

The sub-licence for the ASA garage is progressing with ongoing discussions with Flintshire County Council and the ASA.

No formal report has been received back from the Auditor yet but the notice and annual report has been displayed on the website.

### 4. Co-option of Members

None to consider.

### 5. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hilary McGuill declared an interest in agenda item 7a) as she procured the wreaths on behalf of Argoed Community Council.

### 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
M141UX	BT		102.04	Dd
	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fee	40.00	Pd
	SLCC	Clerk's membership	171.00	*
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) The salary and other employment costs for September 2022 were noted as £1, 576.86
- c) Councillor Allowance of £150 was noted.
- d) Clerk advised that the bank account details and balance sheet will now be presented a month in arrears, due to the council meeting being during the first week of each month.

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
	<b>76,358.28</b>

Bank balances as at 31.08.2022

NatWest Current	4,613.20
NatWest Reserves	71,745.08
	<b>76,358.28</b>

**Resolved: That the payments listed be approved to be paid.**

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

**Resolved: The minutes of the meetings dated 6 September 2022 were approved**

## 9. Notices of Motion

Cllr Gwilym Owen expanded on his Notice of Motion by describing how his friend had intervened on a potential suicide attempt. He asked whether the Council would introduce a scheme whereby residents like this could be recognised with an official letter from the Council or a certificate. There was a general discussion in support of the suggestion and the proposal to create a good citizenship award

**Resolved:** To agree the Notice of Motion in principle, options to be created and brought back to a future meeting.

**10. Planning Applications/Decisions**

Planning application FUL/000375/22 was discussed.

**Resolved:** FUL/000375/22 – no objections, subject to the usual aesthetic conditions.

**11. Representative's Report**

It was noted that no report has been submitted by the PCSO team again. A report has been requested and will be cascaded when received.

It was noted that no results had yet been received regarding the Best Kept Communities competition.

**Resolved:** Clerk to chase for the report from the PCSOs.

**12. Committee and Group Reports**

a) The minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 28 September 2022 were considered.

**Resolved:** To thank Michelle for all the work she has done on the planters and hanging baskets this year.

To leave the winter planting scheme to the discretion of Michelle as the gardening contractor.

The minutes be approved.

Meeting concluded 8pm

Next meeting to be held 1 November 2022

**10. Notices of Motion**

To consider the provision of lighting along the alleyway between Ash Grove and Pen-y-Garreg, as requested by a resident.

- Cllr Hilary McGuill



11. Notice boards  
To consider what should be displayed in the notice boards.
12. New Brighton Directional Signs  
To receive an update on the proposed signs
13. Father Christmas and Lights Event – Shangri La  
To consider making a donation towards the gifts
14. Planning applications/decisions  
None received.
15. Representatives Report  
To receive any reports from representatives from outside bodies.
16. Committee and group reports
  - a) To consider and approve the Amenities Committee minutes dated 19 October 2022

**Minutes of Amenities Committee hybrid meeting held at Mynydd Isa Community Centre on Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 6pm.**

**PRESENT**

**Committee Members:** Cllr Ian Jolly (Chair), Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd

**In attendance:** Clerk - Mared Eastwood

**1. Apologies:**

Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Jack Morris,  
Cllr Uzma Sikander, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones

**2. Declaration of Interests.**

None.

**3. Poppies for lampposts and wreaths**

Clerk advised that whilst 50 poppies had been ordered, a refund has been received for 25 of them as The Poppy Shop only had 25 in stock. They have since stocked a new style of lorry poppy but there is a lack of time to order a sample if the bulk of them are to be received in time for Remembrance Sunday. It must also be noted that a resident who is a former councillor for Argoed Community Council has volunteered to help display the poppies.

**Resolved: That 25 of the new style lorry poppy be ordered.**

**4. Proposals for winter bedding**

Clerk gave update as per the update received from the contractor in that the winter bedding order has been prepared and will be ready to be picked up the following week. In the meantime, her priority is removing the summer bedding.

**Resolved: Update was noted.**

**5. Laurels at Argoed Playpark**

Following the previous meeting, Clerk confirmed that our contractor had been approached to give a quote on options for maintaining the laurels at the Argoed Park.

**Resolved: That the option of shaping the existing laurels and reducing their height by two foot be chosen, at a cost of £580.**

**6. Remembrance Service**

Councillor Miriam Shepherd advised that the service has been arranged, together with a trumpeter, for 10.45am on Remembrance Sunday. Our Chair, Councillor Ian Jolly, will be attending the service in Mold and Councillor Hilary McGuill will be attending the service in Buckley. A representative of Argoed Community Council is needed to lay the wreath in Mynydd Isa. Clerk will lay wreath in New Brighton.

**Resolved: Clerk to arrange for a representative for Mynydd Isa and to sort a sound system and service sheets.**

**7. Christmas Tree**

Clerk advised that quotes had been received as follows for a 12 foot tree (the maximum height that can be had due to cherry picker not being able to get past the bollards) in Mynydd Isa:

Nordmann Premier: £129

Standard Nordmann: £102

Norway (spiky needles): £102

**Resolved: To order the Standard Nordmann at £102**

Meeting ended 6.20pm

Next meeting due to be held on 16 November 2022

b) To consider the Police Report