



## **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

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