



**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2022 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

**Representatives:**

**Argoed Ward:** Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Hilary McGuill,

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

**In attendance:** Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones  
Representative from the Standards Committee and three residents.

**1. Apologies**

Received from Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones (Vice-Chair), Cllr Ian Jolly (Chair), Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Gwilym Owen

**2. Chair's Report**

Chair was absent from the meeting.

**3. Clerk's Report**

- CCTV has been useful as assistance has been given to the police in relation to a couple of incidents.
- The bonfire night has been organised for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and it is hoped the community councillors will be able to support the event by attending.
- There has been quite a saga in ordering poppies. The second order of 25 poppies have arrived safely but we are still waiting for the 25 poppies from the initial order to arrive. We have been assured they are on an urgent delivery to us.
- The Remembrance Service has been arranged for 13 November 2022, thanks to Cllr Miriam Shepherd for her assistance in this.

**4. Co-option of Members**

None to consider.

**5. Declarations of Interest**

None.

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
	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
2382	DM Payroll Services LTd	Payroll Services	67.50	
TY096056	Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Energy April – June 2022	289.65	
TY096057	Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Energy July – September 2022	289.65	

- b) The salary and other employment costs for October 2022 were noted as £1,644.65
- c) Bank Balances as at 30.09.2022 were noted as:

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

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

8. Payroll provider

Clerk advised that our payroll provider had notified the Council that the charges are due to increase from £135 per annum to £147, an increase of £1 per month. Clerk commented that the service that has been provided has been excellent and responsive.

**Resolved: That the increased cost of £147 be approved and the contract continued with the current payroll provider.**

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

Consideration of the minutes of the meetings held on 4 October 2022.

**Resolved: The minutes of the meetings dated 4 October 2022 were approved**

## **10. Notices of Motion**

Cllr Hilary McGuill expanded on her Notice of Motion by explaining that, with the nights drawing in, there is an issue with a popular cut-through, which leads towards the Argoed High School and ASA in that is very dark along there. It is used a lot by children, especially those who are staying after school for sport. Mared Eastwood and Mark Edwards, our Streetscene Area Coordinator, have volunteered to walk along it to see if it needs a new bulb/new light or for the hedge to be cut back. A meeting has been arranged with the school children to talk to them about walking and cycling routes to school.

It is requested that the Council considers improving the lighting along the path.

**Resolved: This decision be deferred until after the inspection walk has taken place, with a view to supporting the improvement of lighting along the path.**

## **11. Notice Boards**

Cllr Jon McCarron explained that not all the notice boards are kept up-to-date and thought that it may be a better idea to put generic information in them only, with a link to our website via a QR code. Cllr John Holiday highlighted that not all residents are tech savvy and this needs to be borne in mind. Cllr Hilary McGuill suggested that we put 'which three words' to describe the locations of the defibs.

**Resolved: To review the content of the notice boards and create generic information for them.**

## **12. New Brighton Directional Signs**

Clerk advised that a flyer has been drafted, to consult with residents about formally adopting the Welsh name 'Pentre Cythraul' for the village of New Brighton. There will then be a report to Flintshire County Council and hopefully a further report to the Welsh Commissioner for Place Names. It has been considered whether a sign just saying 'community centre' could be used, to speed up the process but the two organisations who are match-funding this have requested 'Pentre Cythraul' be included if possible.

**Resolved: Ask Streetscene if they have any spare community centre signs that can be used as a temporary measure.**

## **13. Father Christmas and Lights Event – Shangri La**

Clerk advised that there isn't going to be a drive-by Father Christmas this year, but Father Christmas will be visiting and will be set up at the back of the house, to bring visitors past all the displays in the garden. A donation towards the gifts has been requested.

**Resolved: To donate £200 towards the gifts.**

**14. Planning Applications/Decisions**

None received.

**15. Representative's Report**

It was noted that no report has been submitted by the PCSO team again, despite requests. It is recognised that the PCSOs have increased their presence in the villages but it is disappointing that they don't then report back.

**Resolved: Clerk to chase for the report from the PCSOs and write letter, recognising the good work but expressing disappointment at the lack of report.**

**16. Committee and Group Reports**

a) The minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 19 October 2022 were considered.

**Resolved: The minutes be approved.**

Meeting concluded 7.50pm

Next meeting to be held 6 December 2022