



**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING  
ON TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2022 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA  
COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

**Representatives:**

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

**New Brighton Ward:** Cllr Rebecca Legge, Cllr G Keith Mutch, Cllr Uzma Sikander

**In attendance:** Clerk Mared Eastwood, one resident.

**1. Apologies**

Received from Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Jon McCarron, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr  
Miriam Shepherd, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones

**2. Chair's Report**

The previous Amenities Committee meeting was cancelled as it was not quorate.  
Those who attended, enjoyed their Christmas dinner at The Griffin.  
Attended the Railway Transport Committee at which the two main lines were  
discussed, together with which stations they would like re-opened. It is understood  
that Transport for Wales have ordered the wrong type of carriage as those on order  
are believed to have insufficient toilet facilities.

**3. Clerk's Report**

The work at Argoed Park has now been completed and it has opened up the area  
significantly.

**4. Co-option of Members**

None to consider.

**5. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**6. Standing Orders**

No changes to note.

## 7. Financial Matters

- a) The following payments and invoices were noted and authorised:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
	ProVision	Street lighting upgrade	418.99	So
M1445&	BT	Telephone	151.03	Dd
E0600LHHZO	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Basic x 13	70.20	Pd
E0600LHEKJ	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Standard x 1	11.28	Pd
328644884	Amazon	Disposable cloths	9.99	Pd
GB25OSW1LAEUI	Amazon	Graffiti remover x 3	44.40	Pd
WEB15145	HCI Data Limited	Website	102.00	
8800	Mega Electrical	Christmas lights New Brighton	1,302.00	
8801	Mega Electrical	Christmas lights Mynydd Isa	1,182.00	
INV 8	MLandscapeUK	Quarry	490.00	
INV 9	MLandscapeUK	Argoed Park	580.00	

- b) The salary and other employment costs for November 2022 were noted as £2,642.78

- c) Precept received of £26,604.67 was noted.

- d) Bank Balances as at 31.12.2022 were noted as:

NatWest Current: £3,494.03

NatWest Reserves: £71,940.52

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

**The salaries, precept and bank balances were noted.**

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

Consideration of the minutes of the meetings held on 6 December 2022.

**Resolved: The minutes of the meeting dated 6 December 2022 were approved.**

## 9. Draft Precept

The draft budget as proposed by the Clerk was fully considered and discussed.

**Resolved: A 0% increase in the Precept request was agreed on the basis of the budget as detailed below:**

## ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRECEPT 2023/24

<b>Wages and Salaries</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£18,783.77	£24,087.76	£23,500	£26,000	£26,000
<b>Staff Training and Travel</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£0	£0	£450	£450	£450
<b>Payroll</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£205*	£130	£150	£150	£150
<b>Staff Expenses</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
<b>Councillor Allowances</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£2,580	£2,700	£3,350	£3,300	£3,300
<b>Councillor Training</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£30	£0	£300	£300	£300
<b>Councillor Travel and Conference</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£0	£0	£200	£200	£200
<b>Audit fee</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£336	£410	£800	£1,500	£1,500
<b>Insurance and Data Protection</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£1411.91	£1,448.01	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500
<b>Legal and professional fees</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£14	£0	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000

<b>Gardening Contractors</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£8,300.84	£10,300	£13,500	£13,500	£13,500
<b>Planting</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£2,994.48	£1,726.40	£1,750	£2,000	£2,000
<b>Plant Containers</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£1,996.56	£2,442.70	£2,500	£2,500	£2,500
<b>Hire of meeting room</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£1,500	£2,783.18*	£1,750	£4,000	£4,000
<b>Telephone and internet</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£1,044.88	£1,080	£1,400	£1,400	£1,400
<b>Photocopying</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£431.87	£496	£550	£575	£575
<b>Printing, stationery and office equipment</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£781.01	£1,047	£1,000	£1,100	£1,100
<b>Subscriptions</b>	2021/22 Actual	2021/22 Estimated	2021/22 Budget	2022/23 Officer rec	2022/23 Council rec.
	£231	£231	£240	£240	£240
<b>CCTV</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£4,100	£600	£600	£700	£700
<b>Playscheme</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£1,905.20	£2,053.60	£2,000	£2,500	£2,500

<b>Christmas Tree and Lights</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£5,064.66	£2,484	£4,500	£2,750	£2,750
<b>Fireworks</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£750	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
<b>Argoed Recreation Charity (Y Bonc)</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£3,268	£2,495	0	£2,500	£2,500
<b>Play areas</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£5,000	£6,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
<b>Milestones</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£0	£0	£2,700	£2,700	£2,700
<b>Other maintenance costs Misc</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£1,688.59	£100	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500
<b>Poppies for lampposts Poppy wreaths</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£210	£402	£560	£400	£400
<b>S137 Grants</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£1,200	£2,900*	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
<b>Street lighting energy</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£1,119.96	£1,158.60	£1,700	£2,700	£2,700
<b>Street lighting inspection and maintenance</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£3,410.45	£3,201.42*	£2,200	£2,000	£2,000

<b>Street lighting upgrade</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£4,189.92	£4,199	£5,050	£4,200	£4,200
<b>Jubilee/Coronation Costs</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£0	£277.60	£1,000	£1,500	£1,500
<b>Election</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£0	£410.74	£5,500	£0	£0
<b>roundworker Grant Project (Tesco's Bags of Help)</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£0	£0	£500	£500	£500
<b>Biodiversity</b>	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Estimated	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Officer rec	2023/24 Council rec.
	£0	£0	£0	£250	£250

**The provision of Christmas decorations was further considered in light and the Amenities Committee were given authority to incur costs up to £5000, to cover both this and the next financial year, for new Christmas decorations.**

**10. Notices of Motion**

None to consider.

**11. Planning Applications/Decisions**

**Resolved: 787/22 – no objection.  
759/22 – no objection.**

**12. Representative's Report**

None to consider

**13. Committee and Group Reports**

None to consider

Meeting concluded 7.50pm  
Next meeting to be held 7 February 2023