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To: Members of the Amenities Committee

You are hereby summoned to a hybrid meeting of the Amenities Committee, to be held on **Wednesday, 18 January at 6 p.m** at the Council Chambers within Mynydd Isa Community Centre.

Yours faithfully,

Mered Eastwood

Clerk and RFO for Argoed Community Council

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Declaration of interests
To receive any declaration of interests in the agenda items
3. Quarry
4. Y Bonc
5. Biodiversity
6. Christmas Decorations

Suggestions to consider for Biodiversity Action Report:

Organise an annual 'Eco Quiz' for primary school children – to encourage knowledge and awareness of environmental and sustainability matters amongst local children.

Organise awareness raising and training sessions for members and staff.

Encourage the community as a whole to volunteer in the context of nature/green spaces.

Include information on our website.

Support more projects where biodiversity is encouraged.

Create more wildlife area in public spaces to provide nesting and hibernating areas, to encourage a range of species.

Change mowing regimes by reducing the frequency of cuts to encourage wildflowers and other pollinator friendly plants, also providing cover for small mammals and reptiles.

Install nesting boxes, to provide safe places for species of birds that are struggling to nest.

Procurement policy to ensure that office supplies such as paper, cleaning products and office furniture are sustainably sourced – i.e locally and/or made from recycled material

Purchase a composting bin for green waste.

Use of more environmentally friendly tools, eg rechargeable battery tools.

Take advice from the Local Environmental Record Centres (LERCs) on local sites and species of interest.

Launch an annual award scheme to recognise the achievements of either a resident or local organisation who is championing environmental issues.

Require any organisations receiving a grant from us to demonstrate how they will contribute to supporting biodiversity as part of their project.

Work in partnership with Local Wildlife Trust to provide extra volunteers to improve local wildlife area.