



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2023 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 Jack Morris,

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

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, two residents.

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Gwilym Owen, Cllr Hilary McGuill, Cllr Roy Marsh, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones

2. Chair's Report

No new matters to report.

3. Clerk's Report

- Caffi Isa have been warned of a potential 500% increase in its utility bills. Whilst a reviewed room hire has been received, this may be further reviewed in light of this cost increase. Clerk is requesting information from Flintshire County Council to see if a more competitive supplier may be found.
- The Assistant Clerk is working on a couple of grant applications, more information will be given under agenda item 10.
- A letter has been received from Shangri-La, advising that £1,630 was made at the Christmas Light Display which was supported by Argoed Community Council.
- A letter has been received from a resident in relation to the 20mph scheme and queries regarding the accessibility of councillors, agenda setting and the recording of correspondence received. A response will be drafted for the consideration of councillors before it is sent.

4. Co-option of Members

None to consider.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Standing Orders

No changes to note.

7. Financial Matters

a) Payments for authority to pay:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
	ProVision	Street lighting upgrade	418.99	So
I145IH	BT	Telephone	102.10	Pd
E0600LVC6L	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Basic x 13	70.20	Pd
E0600LVGFQ	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Standard x 1	11.28	Pd
INV-4872	JR Roberts Slurry Sealing Ltd	Maintenance on the Bonc footway	2,994	
ARGO01	DM Payroll Services Ltd	Payroll services	67.50	
TY096648	Flintshire County Council	Street lighting monthly inspections	317.50	
1009893315	Festive Lights	Christmas decorations	2,449.90	Pd
455180	Canda Copying Ltd	Photocopying	35.64	
454828	Canda Copying Ltd	Rental of photocopier	99.60	

a) The salary and other employment costs for January 2023 were noted as £1,632.75

b) 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 10 January 2023

Consideration of the minutes of the meetings held on 10 January 2023.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting dated 10 January 2023 were approved.

9. Notices of Motion

None to consider.

10. Grant Applications

Clerk advised that there are two grant applications currently being worked upon; one for notice boards to display winning entries for a photographic competition and the other for picnic tables to be placed in the local parks.

Resolved: Update was noted.

11. Heol Fammau and Surrounding Roads Petition

The Clerk read the following update received from Flintshire County Council:

Our tendered contractor inspects a number of sites/proposals to recommend options for the best and most appropriate surface treatment and provide estimates, and we are aware that they have in the Heol Fammau locality recently, amongst others. All sites that are considered for the surface treatment programmes are compared with other locations across the County and prioritised accordingly, in line with the Council's policy.

We are currently working on the proposals for 2023/24 planned maintenance works programmes, whilst considering the available funding, and therefore we are unable to confirm whether these roads will be included with the forthcoming programme, or provide any more detailed information by the next community council meeting on 7th February.

Resolved: Clerk to obtain regular updates on this matter and report.

12. Planning Applications/Decisions

None to consider.

13. Representative's Report

PCSO Rachael Duddle gave a report prior to the meeting:

- Apologies for not being able to attend previous meetings.
- There are some concerns about anti-social behaviour at the community centre in Mynydd Isa. Some children have been causing damage to the disabled toilet in the foyer. The PCSOs are trying to visit more often and will also review the CCTV footage.
- There has been a report of fence damage in Llwyn Derw.
- Reminder that residents and shopkeepers need to report all incidents to 101 as this is how the police resourcing is determined. If no reports are being made, PCSOs will not be assigned to work in the area as no problems are being highlighted. The Clerk will be emailed other ways in which the police may be contacted.
- There have been a number of thefts from vehicles on Heol Fammau. Posters reminding residents of vehicle safety have been issued and the thefts are under investigation.
- They are aware of parking issues on Bryn Road, Bryn-y-Baal near Argoed High School.

14. Committee and Group Reports

Consideration of the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting on 18 January 2023.

Resolved: Minutes dated 18 January 2023 approved.

Grants committee report:

There was one application received, from Mynydd Isa Scouts Group. They have requested a grant to help them buy portable radios and expedition safety equipment. After proper consideration of the application, it is recommended that a grant of £500 be awarded.

Resolved: To award Mynydd Isa Scouts £500.

Meeting concluded 7.24pm

Next meeting to be held 7 March 2023