



**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING  
ON TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2023 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA  
COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

**Representatives:**

**Argoed Ward:** Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Ian Jolly (Chair), Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Hilary McGuill

**New Brighton Ward:** Cllr Rebecca Legge, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Jon McCarron, Cllr Miriam Shepherd, Cllr Uzma Sikander

**In attendance:** Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones, five residents.

1. Apologies  
Received from Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr Gwilym Owen, Cllr K Mutch
2. Chair's Report  
No new matters to report.
3. Clerk's Report
  - Correspondence received from a resident about the 20mph limit.
  - The key has been picked up for the garage door to be fixed.
4. Co-option of Members  
None to consider. It was noted that there are currently two vacancies.
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
	BT	Telephone	102.69	Pd
E0600M9LM1	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Basic x 13	70.20	Pd
E0600M9LM0	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Standard x 1	11.28	Pd
FY021294	Flintshire County Council	Match-funding for play areas	6,000.00	
10	MLandscape UK Ltd	Quarry maintenance	490.00	

b) It was noted that an invoice for £2,574.63 is expected from Flintshire County Council in respect of uncharged VAT on street-lighting.

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

d) Bank Balances as at 28.02.2022 were noted as:

NatWest Current: £5,254.91

NatWest Reserves: £56,537.28

e) Cllr Hilary McGuill advised that she and Cllr Keith Mutch have inspected the book-keeping records and, other than a couple of payments not listed for formal authority to pay, all is in order.

f) Assistant Clerk advised that the audit report from the external auditors is still outstanding. Audit Wales is being contacted regularly and a large number of councils have had a similar issue of audit reports not being returned.

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

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

**The reports by Cllr Hilary McGuill and the Assistant Clerk were noted.**

**That the VAT invoice from Flintshire County Council may be paid upon receipt**

## 8. To approve the Minutes of meetings held on 7 February 2023

Consideration of the minutes of the meetings held on 7 February 2023.

**Resolved: The minutes of the meeting dated 7 February 2023 were approved, subject to being amended to show Cllr Uzma Sikander was in attendance.**

**9. Notices of Motion**

To consider the cycle parking provision within Mynydd Isa Square:

Cllr John Holiday expanded on his notice of motion by advising that, as a keen cyclist, he has noticed that there is no provision for parking bicycles near to the community centre. He proposed that two Sheffield stands be bought and installed near the notice board at the community centre.

It was considered that the proposal held merit and would hopefully encourage more to use their bikes. Permission would need to be sought from Canolfan Isa as this land is within their responsibility.

**Resolved: To make enquiries and consult. A package to be put together and brought back to Council.**

To consider the recycling facilities provided by Flintshire County Council:

Cllr Jon McCarron expanded on his notice of motion by describing the issues he sees after the recycling lorry has been to collect from his road. He considers the current provision of recycling bags to be inadequate in that it is too easy for the recycling to escape from the bags and hopes that Flintshire County Council will consider something more robust such as black bins with different coloured lids, as they have in neighbouring counties.

**Resolved: Clerk to write to Flintshire County Council with a request that it reviews its current arrangements and considers whether there is a better alternative.**

**10. Planning Applications/Decisions**

Planning ref: FUL/000182/23 – no objections

Planning ref: FUL/000178/23 – no objections

**11. Community Gardens**

A resident explained that she was looking for some community land on which to plant a community garden, ideally about 600m<sup>2</sup> which is roughly the size of the grassed area behind Elite Studios in Mynydd Isa, and maybe Caffi Isa could use the food that is grown. There is a Flintshire scheme, and the idea would be to get the local children and schools involved and the Development Trust Association will fund this. The resident would be hands on if this project is pursued.

**12. Playscheme**

Clerk advised that Flintshire County Council have asked if communities are interested in principle in the FCC playscheme over the summer, to assist with their recruitment. The cost of 4 weeks playscheme, split over Mynydd Isa and New Brighton as usual would be £2,126.80, an increase of £73.80 from this year.

**Resolved: To agree to 4 weeks in principle and also to research alternatives.**

**13. Celebration of Eid Ul-Fitr**

Clerk reminded the Council that at Christmas time, it had resolved to celebrate other religious festivities and Eid Ul-Fitr will be on 20 or 21 April this year. Cllr Uzma Sikander has agreed to help host a party to celebrate Eid Ul-Fitr towards the end of the month. This event could also be an opportunity to gauge the communities interest in holding similar events going forward, celebrating the diverse nature of our community.

**Resolved: That an event be organised, that £200 is donated to support the event and that community interest in further events be determined.**

**14. Street Lighting SLA**

Clerk advised that Flintshire County Council has sent a revised SLA, for a further three years. The only change is an increase in the charge of reinstatement of Electrical Services Scottish Power, which will now be £384.21.

**Resolved: Clerk authorised to sign the new SLA.**

**15. Coronation Competitions**

Suggestions included:

- Asking school children to create decorations that we may then display on the lampposts.
- Present photos of Mynydd Isa and New Brighton through the ages, creating a historical record of the villages.
- Previously, children did hearts in bags that they left around the community – perhaps something similar for the Coronation?
- Decorated stones that could be put together to form a crown, to be displayed within the community.

**16. Representative's Report**

None received.

**17. Committee and Group Reports**

Consideration of the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting on 15 February 2023.

**Resolved: Minutes dated 15 February 2023 approved.**

Meeting concluded 7.45pm

Next Amenities meeting to be held 22 March 2023

Next meeting to be held 4 April 2023