

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 4 APRIL 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, Cllr Hilary McGuill, Cllr

Gwilym Owen

New Brighton Ward: Cllr Rebecca Legge, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr K Mutch, Cllr Jon

McCarron, Cllr Miriam Shepherd

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Uzma Sikander

2. Chair's Report

No new matters have arisen.

3. Clerk's Report

No correspondence has been received other than that which is the subject of a following agenda item.

4. Co-option of Members

None to consider.

5. Declarations of Interest

Personal and prejudicial interests for Cllr Jon McCarron and Cllr Hilary McGuill in respect of agenda item 10 as they are both governors at Ysgol Mynydd Isa.

6. Standing Orders

Clerk advised that the proposed change to the Financial Regulations have previously been discussed and the amendment would only apply where Council has previously agreed the quotation or given a specific budget.

Resolved: That the amendment is approved.

Clerk to indicate on agenda the minute reference for when a payment has been previously approved.

7. Financial Matters

a) Payments for authority to pay:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
	ProVision	Street lighting upgrade	418.99	So
M147H3	BT	Telephone	101.97	Pd
E0600MO4DP	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Basic x 13	70.20	Pd
E0600MO7TR	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Standard x 1	11.28	Pd
242022	Michelle Jones Gardening	Maintenance and winter bedding	1080.00	
FY021319	Flintshire County Council	VAT payable on street lighting	2574.63	pd
INV - 2065	AbbeyGarage Doors (NW) Ltd	Serviced and repaired garage door	79.00	pd
ARINV/008431	Audit Wales	2019/20 Audit Fees	306.00	
12001291556	Poppy Shop	Lorry Poppies x 50	424.58	pd
D28410	Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreaths	68.00	pd
	North and Mid Wales Assoc'n of Local Councils	Annual membership fees	60.00	pd
449274	Canda Copying Ltd	Photocopying	64.92	pd
448904	Canda Copying Ltd	Rental of photocpier	99.60	pd
M142YU	ВТ	Telephone and internet (October)	158.71	pd

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

The salaries and bank balances were noted.

It was noted that an unqualified audit report had been received back from the external auditor.

8. To approve the Minutes of meetings held on 7 March 2023 Consideration of the minutes of the meetings held on 7 March 2023.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting dated 7 March 2023 were approved.

9. Notices of Motion None received.

10. Donation to school for Coronation Celebrations

Cllr Hilary McGuill and Cllr Jon McCarron expanded on the request for a donation that has been received from Ysgol Mynydd Isa, explaining the different events the school was proposing to arrange to celebrate the King's celebration. Both councillors then left the meeting for the matter to be discussed.

Resolved:

That the Council would prefer to give bookmarks or something similar, rather than anything edible. Clerk to contact the school to see if bookmarks have already been bought or whether an alternative could be suggested. Proposed budget agreed, Clerk to email options and costs rather than wait until the next Council meeting for approval.

Clerk to request photographs from the school events, to go into a community Coronation book.

11. Match funding scheme

Clerk advised that the match funding scheme to make improvements to the community play areas is available again this year and that £5,000 has been put aside in the budget for this. Improvements to Y Bonc and Wats Dyke play areas are suggested, but this is subject to a site visit with Aura and any proposals will be brought back to Council for consideration.

Resolved: To participate in the scheme with the allocated £5,000.

12. Planning Applications/Decisions

General discussion of the application details received.

Resolved: Planning ref: OUT/000138/23 - Clerk to send out further details

for comment.

Planning ref: FUL/000270/23 - No objection.

Planning ref: FUL/000281/23 - No objection subject to there being proper provision for two vehicles to be parked within the

curtilage of the property.

13. Bike Stands

Clerk advised that Canolfan Isa is happy for bike stands to be installed in front of the main notice board. Stands can be bought for around £35-£40 with the additional cost of bolts and installation.

Resolved: To progress this proposal.

14. Representatives Report

Cllr John Holiday gave an update about Speedwatch's activities. He reported that they are active but not within the 20mph areas, it is likely to start in

those areas in September 2023. There was a car in Buckley that was travelling at 59mph in the 30mph limit.

15. Committee and Group Reports

Consideration of the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting on 22 March 2023.

Resolved: Subject to them being amended to show that CIIr Miriam

Shepherd gave her apologies, the minutes of the meeting dated

22 March 2023 were approved.

Meeting concluded 7.58pm Next meeting to be held 2 May 2023