



**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING
ON TUESDAY 2 MAY 2023 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA
COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Representatives:

Argoed Ward: Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Ian Jolly,
Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Hilary McGuill,

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

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Gwilym Owen

2. Chair's Report

It is a pleasure to present this council's annual report which records that which has been undertaken during this period.

This council aims to work with the community and partners to improve the economic, social, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of our community to ensure that our locality continues to be a pleasant and welcome place for people of all ages to live because they will feel safe, have opportunities to be physical and mentally healthy and to socialise and work in a quality environment.

This report aims to give a taste of the work of the community council during the year.

Many of our ambitions are being achieved and new issues are in hand.

- New equipment has been installed in the Council Chamber, in order that hybrid meetings can take place.
- The Quarry continues to be regularly maintained.
- The Bonc - work was undertaken for a resurfaced footpath, the cutting and the removal of the bamboo hedge and shoots that had been causing nuisance. All completed.
- The fence around the dog-walking area has been renewed.

- A project is in hand for a 'Basic Cookery Course to be run by this council, who were successful in the award of £500 by the 'Tesco Bags of Help' scheme. This project will commence in the near future.
- The Jubilee celebration, these various events were well received and enjoyed by many of the residents in the community.
- Sadly, her Majesty passed away not long after the event, and now celebration plans are progressing for the Coronation of Charles 3rd and Queen Camilla.
- The play equipment in the two parks, Argoed Play Park and the Heol Fammau Park has now been refurbished, for our children's enjoyment and entertainment.
- Milestones - Many of these historic milestones have been removed or broken, it is planned that replacements may be sited.
- The Audit Report for year end 2022 was returned as unqualified which a most pleasing result.

I have enjoyed my year of Chairmanship and my thanks to everyone in helping make this council enthusiastic, successful and law abiding.

3. Election of Chair for 2023/24

Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones was nominated and elected as Chair for 2023/24

4. Appointment of Vice-Chair for 2023/24

Cllr Miriam Shepherd was nominated and elected as Vice-Chair for 2023/24

5. Chair's Allowance and Remuneration Fees

It was noted that the councillor allowance has increased to £156 and agreed that the Chair's Allowance should remain at £1,200. Clerk advised that councillors need to indicate in writing if they do not wish to accept the allowance, which may be added to the grants budget, if desired.

Resolved: That any allowances not accepted be added to the grants budget.

6. Appointment of Members to serve on Council Committees and Working Groups

The members on each committee and group were reviewed.

Resolved:

Amenities: Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Uzma Sikander, Cllr Miriam Shepherd.

Grants: Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr Hilary McGuill, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Jack Morris.

IT Group: Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Jon McCarron, Cllr Keith Mutch.

HR Group: Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Jon McCarron.

Quarry Group: Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd.

7. Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies

The current representatives on outside bodies were reviewed.

Resolved: Cllrs Jon McCarron and Hilary McGuill to sit as Governors with Ysgol Mynydd Isa
Chair and Clerk to sit on North and Mid Wales Association for Local Councils
Representative for ASA to be considered as a future agenda item

8. Future Meeting Dates

Resolved:

Council	Amenities	Grants
	15 May 2023	
6 June 2023	21 June 2023	21 June 2023
4 July 2023	19 July 2023	
5 September 2023	20 September 2023	
3 October 2023	18 October 2023	18 October 2023
7 November 2023	15 November 2023	
5 December 2023	20 December 2023	
9 January 2024	17 January 2024	
6 February 2024	21 February 2024	21 February 2024
5 March 2024	20 March 2024	
2 April 2024	17 April 2024	
7 May 2024 (AGM)		

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9. Clerk's Report

Clerk drew the attention of the Council to a recent Cabinet statement pertaining to the Democratic Health of Community and Town Councils that has been sent to all the Councillors. Clerk advised that the Best Kept Communities Competition will not be held this year.

Resolved: That the Council consider alternatives to the Best Kept Communities in a future meeting.

10. Co-option of Members

None to consider.

11. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

12. Standing Orders
None to consider.

13. Financial Matters

a) Payments for authority to pay:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
	ProVision	Street lighting upgrade	418.99	So
M148LR	BT	Telephone	116.08	Pd
E0600N2LCD	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Basic x 13	70.20	Pd
E0600N2XDF	Microsoft	M/soft365 Business Standard x 1	11.28	Pd
#000000872	Broxap	Sheffield bike stands	104.98	Pd
#1607-7216	Start Traffic Ltd	Fixings for bike stands	30.02	Pd
PBME232005	Caffi Isa	Hall Hire	45.00	
I030039	Printed4You	Coronation bookmarks	612.000	Pd

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

The salaries, precept and bank balances were noted.

It was noted that the Clerk is working on the audit documents for 2022/23.

14. To approve the Minutes of meetings held on 4 April 2023
Consideration of the minutes of the meetings held on 4 April 2023.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting dated 4 April 2023 were approved.

15. Notices of Motion

Consideration of the notice of motion that the Council writes to Flintshire County Council and ask that they remove the speed humps from Chambers Lane. It was remarked that whilst the road is now subject to the 20mph speed limit, it is still outside the primary school and they are a physical deterrent to speeders.

Consideration of the notice of motion that the Council pays for an 'H' mark for the dropped kerb on Mercia Drive by Sainsbury's. It was noted that the vehicles continue to park in this area and the cost of the 'H' mark would be in the region of £60-£80.

Resolved: Not to write at this time to Flintshire County Council to request removal of the speed humps but review again in October 2023.

To arrange for an 'H' mark to be painted by the dropped kerb on Mercia Drive by Sainsbury's.

16. Planning Applications

Consideration of planning application OUT/000138/23.

Resolved: Refusal noted.

17. Representatives Report

Cllr Hilary McGuill advised that children from Ysgol Mynydd Isa had attended the beam signing event for the new school. The children were wonderful, confident with the dignitaries and very well behaved.

Cllr Keith Mutch advised that he's walked down Ellesmere Road at 3pm and the bus was stuck, unable to get past the parked cars.

18. Committee and group reports

None to consider.

Meeting concluded 7.45pm

Next meeting to be held 6 June 2023