



**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING
ON TUESDAY 11 JULY 2023 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA
COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Representatives:

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

New Brighton Ward: Cllr Rebecca Legge, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones, Mark
Edwards (Flintshire County Council), Sam Tulley (Flintshire
County Council), PCSO Lucy Davies

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Jon McCarron, Cllr Gwilym
Owen, Cllr Uzma Sikander.

2. Chair's Report

Chair will be attending the Licencing Service for St James' in New Brighton and also
Flintshire County Council's Civic Service. The Eid cultural event that was held on
1 July and hosted by Argoed Community Council was really well attended with
delicious food cooked by Cllr Uzma Sikander.

3. Clerk's Report

Supported the report of the Chair in that the Eid celebration had been a success,
with a lot of effort made by Cllr Uzma Sikander.

4. Co-option of Members

None to consider.

5. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

6. Standing Orders
None to consider.

7. Financial Matters

a) Payments for authority to pay:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
03062023	Michelle Jones Gardening	Summer bedding planting and watering	1,041.60	
TZ095429	Flintshire County Council	Street lighting inspections April – June 2023	317.50	
11	MLandscape UK	Maintenance in Quarry	490.00	

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

The salaries and bank balances were noted.

It was noted that VAT is being credited by Flintshire County Council in respect of the amounts not accepted by HMRC.

8. To approve the Minutes of meetings held on 6 June and 29 June 2023
Consideration of the minutes of the meetings held on 6 June and 29 June 2023.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting dated 6 June and 29 June 2023 were approved.

9. Notices of Motion
The item was deferred as Cllr Jack Morris has given his apologies.

10. Risk Assessment
Clerk outlined the proposed changes to the risk assessment, including the increase in fidelity cover and the recommendation not to have direct debits.

Resolved: That the proposed changes be accepted and approved.

11. Fixed Asset Register
Clerk outlined the amendment needed, to record the net cost of the Christmas lights purchased in January rather than the gross cost.

Resolved: To note the amendment and approve the Fixed Asset Register.

12. Parking Issues on Mercia Drive

It was remarked that drivers continue to park on Mercia Drive rather than use the carpark. There had been another near miss when a driver's door was opened in the path of a passing cyclist. It was noted that this matter had previously been discussed during the meeting of May 2022.

Resolved: Clerk to push the issue with Streetscene, to action the resolution from May 2022.

13. Match-funding Proposals

Clerk advised that, following the site visit with Aura, some equipment options have been provided for New Brighton park and costings given for the fencing options at Wats Dyke park, where it has been noticed that dog-walkers regularly walk their dogs on the football pitch there. It was noted that there are already swings in New Brighton park and that the proposed fencing for Wats Dyke park is a better specification than the current fencing and had already been used successfully at New Brighton where it has withstood footballs being kicked at it by adults.

Resolved: To go with option 2 at Wats Dyke park – to fully enclose the football pitch as its own area.

To order the cone climber for New Brighton park, to offer a different type of play opportunity within the setting.

14. Fixed Asset Schedule 2023

Please see item 11 above.

15. Planning Applications

Consideration of planning applications 063507 and FUL/000522/23

Resolved: 063507:

- **No footpath from the proposed development to the traffic lights.**
- **No footpath from the proposed development to the nearest school, in Sychdyn, which should be a shared use path.**
- **Potential drainage issues as the site is prone to flooding.**
- **Congestion will be increased at the traffic lights, a proper traffic management system will be required.**
- **A three-storey building is out of character for the village.**

FUL/000522/23 – considered to be over-development of the site and a concern over the parking of vehicles within the property boundary.

16. Bus-stops in Mynydd Isa

It was noted that many of the bus-stops in Mynydd Isa don't have any labelling or time-tables. The bus-stop on Wylfa Hill is half missing. It was considered that a proper survey of all the bus-stops is needed and noted that an improved bus-stop,

requested for Wylfa Hill, has not materialised. The bus-stop there currently can often not be seen at all due to the overgrown hedge.

Resolved: Clerk to establish who (Arriva or Flintshire County Council) is responsible for what in relation to the bus-stops.

17. Representatives Report

The following report has been received from PCSO Rachael Duddle:

I have had a few reports myself from Cllr Hilary and the residents of Llwynon Close. This is about abandoned vehicles. Most of this have been dealt with, the only one is the Llwynon Close one, the vehicle does not appear to be causing an obstruction at all and vehicle documents are all in order, however the residents in the area are becoming quite frustrated that the vehicle is still there. The enforcement officer has also been in contact and stated that there is nothing that they can do either.

I attended the Football tournament a couple of weekends ago, I must say it was a well organised event and the traffic/parking was managed really well.

Resolved: The report was noted

Meeting ended: 8.15pm
Next meeting: 5 September 2023