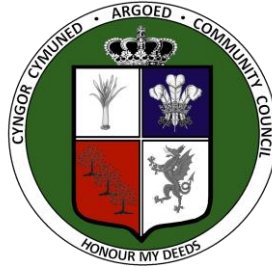


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26 October 2023

To: All Members

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Community Council, to be held on **Tuesday, 7 November 2023 at 7pm** at the Council Chambers within Mynydd Isa Community Centre.

Yours faithfully,

Mered Eastwood

Clerk and RFO for Argoed Community Council

The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting and members of the public and press are welcome to attend, either by attending the meeting in person or remotely by way of Teams. If you wish to attend remotely, please contact the Clerk so that a link may be sent to you.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
To receive any apologies.
2. Chair's Report
To receive the Chair's report.
3. Clerk's Report
To receive the Clerk's report:
4. Co-option of members
To consider the co-option of any potential new members.
5. Declaration of interests
To receive any declaration of interests in the agenda items.
6. Standing Orders
To consider any revision to the Standing Orders and/or Financial Regulations.

7. Financial Matters

a) Payments for authority to pay:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
M154 A7	BT	Telephone and internet (October)	117.02	Pd
E0600OPHPKH	Microsoft	M/soft Business Basic 365 x 13	76.44	Pd
E0600PHNOO	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	Pd
	Provision	Street Lighting Upgrade	418.99	S.O
Invoice 12	MLandscape U.K Ltd	Bryn y Baal Ground Maintenance	490.00	
-#7217	Cableties	'Pack of 100 Black Cable Ties	21.97	
TZ096330	Flintshire C. C.	Street Lighting Energy April, May, June 2023	1,038.96	
TZ096331	Flintshire C.C.	Street Lighting Energy July, August, September 2023	1,038.06	
#12001611449	Poppy Shop UK	Poppy wreath x 4	79.96	pd
	Loggerheads Christmas Trees	2 x 12' Nordman standard	224.00	
QT5594	Abbey Garage Doors	Garador Carlton garage door	795.00	
3838	Follyfield Nurseries	Winter bedding	318.75	
13	MLandscapeUK	Clearance of weeds and moss on Memorial Garden path	290.00	
	ICO	Data Protection Fee	40.00	
TZ096280	Flintshire CC	Street Lighting monthly inspections July – September 2023	317.50	

b) Salary and other employment costs for October 2023: £1,632.75

c) Pay review 2023/24

d) Balance sheet as at 30 September 2023:

Balance Sheet as at 30.09.23

Opening Bank balances as at 31.03.2023:

NatWest Current 2,502.01

NatWest Reserves 46,580.37

£49,082.38

Income from 5 April to 31

August

VAT 6,705.89

Interest received: 385.28

Precept: 53,809.33

£60,900.50

Opening Balances plus income

£109,982.88

Less Payments made		<u>-£31,201.59</u>
		£78,781.29
Bank Balances at 30.09.2023		
Natwest Current	£1,006.31	
Natwest Reserves	<u>£77,774.98</u>	
		£78,781.29

8. To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 3rd October 2023

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 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 Gwilym Owen

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

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones

Prior to the meeting starting, a resident representative of a proposed community garden spoke to the meeting. She advised that since her presentation in March 2023 she had received some comprehensive answers to her questions and had also been consulting with residents and found lots of support within the community for the proposed community garden. She will be in further contact with the Clerk, to progress the proposal.

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Hilary McGuill, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Uzma Sikander.

2. Chair's Report

Chair attended a meeting with Cllr Hilary McGuill, discussing the planning application for 66a Mold Road. The meeting was well attended with constructive discussion around the application.

3. Clerk's Report

We have received a letter from a resident listing a number of tasks that need undertaking in the Memorial Garden.

Assistant Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes to clear the paths in the Memorial Garden.

Quotes for the garage door and the planters for Pren Hill are being obtained.

Resolved: Authority to make decisions about the garage door delegated to the Amenities Committee

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 (£)	
M15361	BT	Telephone and internet (July)	115.75	Pd
E0600P3HZ1	Microsoft	M/soft Business Basic 365 x 13	76.44	Pd
E0600P3HZ0	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	pd
	Snapfast	Street-lighting upgrade	418.99	So
P'ment Voucher	Uzma Sikander	Eid Celebration expenses	98.00	
P'ment voucher	Mared Eastwood	Postage on Audit file, kettle	28.45	

Resolved: That the payments listed be approved to be paid and the receipts were noted.

The salaries and balance sheet as at 31.08.2023 were noted.

8. Planning Applications

No new applications received.

Resolved: No objections

9. To consider correspondence not pre-circulated

None to consider.

10. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting, held 5 September 2023

The minutes of the Council meeting dated 5 September were considered.

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting dated 5 September 2023 were approved.

Meeting ended: 7.25pm
Next meeting: 7 November 2023

9. Christmas Lights

To consider when to ask for them to be switched on.

10. Representatives Report

To receive any reports from representatives from outside bodies.

Received from the Police:

As far as im aware we haven't had many things of note in the last month.

The main thing I am aware of is we had a report of youths potentially storing drugs at the community centre. This however was proved to not be the case and it was just a hole. Advice was given to block the hole to prevent it from being used in the future.

11. Committee and Group Meeting Minutes

To approve the Amenities Committee minutes dated 18 October 2023:

Minutes of Amenities Committee hybrid meeting held at Mynydd Isa Community Centre on Wednesday 18 October 2023 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Committee Members: Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd

In attendance: Clerk - Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk – Janet Jones

1. Apologies:

Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Uzma Sikander

2. Declaration of Interests.

None.

3. Planters at Pren Hill and Winter Bedding

Winter bedding has been ordered and there are sufficient plants for the two old planters at Pren Hill, but this will be their last season. This will allow time, however to make arrangements for the removal of the old planters and consider alternatives,

Resolved: Update noted.

4. Christmas Tree Site at New Brighton

Clerk explained that a contractor has been contacted and requested to provide a quote for the installation of a new site for the Christmas tree. The contractor is quite local and it is hoped that a quote will be provided and done in time for the tree to be installed. Two trees have been ordered, for Mynydd Isa and New Brighton.

Resolved: Update noted.

5. Garage Door

Clerk advised that there has been further vandalism to the garage door and, following the decision reached at the previous meeting, three quotes had been obtained for a replacement door, which will be metal. The quotes received are as follows:

Type	Supplier	Fitted	Supply only	Cost
Garador	1	Yes		£795 incls vat
Horman	2	Yes		£1250 plus vat
Garador	3	N/A	Yes	£597 incls vat

The merits of each quotation were discussed.

Resolved: Clerk to ask supplier 1 to undertake the work and replace the garage door at a cost of £795.

6. Bench on the Square

Clerk advised that the bench has been ordered. It will be delivered ready assembled, but separate arrangements will need to be made for its installation.

Resolved: The update was noted.

7. Poppy Wreaths

Clerk advised that the four poppy wreaths ordered had arrived but more cable ties are needed to fix the other poppies to the lampposts. The cable-ties need to be quite long as some of the lampposts are quite wide. A competitive price has been found by which 300 cable ties 430mm long could be obtained for £21.97.

Resolved: Update was noted and purchase of cable-ties approved.

8. Maintenance of Memorial Garden

Clerk advised that a quotation had been received to clear the weeds in the Memorial Garden using weed-killer but separate arrangements would need to be made for the mossy path. Michelle Jones will be tidying up the middle shrub section. Councillors expressed concern at using weed-killer and noted Flintshire County Council's policy of using weed-killer in public areas. General discussion around other ways of dealing with weeds.

Resolved: Clerk instructed to explore the option of purchasing a flame thrower.

Meeting ended 7.00pm

Next meeting 15 November 2023

12. Grants Meeting:
To note the date and time of the next grants meeting.
13. Notices of Motion
None received.
14. Planning Applications for Consideration:

Ref: FuL/000849/23
Proposal:
Affordable Temporary Allotment Plots for Gypsies and Travelling Community for Short Stay of no more than 90 Days.
Location:
Bryn Y Pys Farm, Well Street, Buckley. CH7 2PQ
15. Time and Date of Next Meeting.