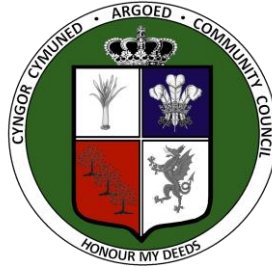


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30 January 2024

To: All Members

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Community Council, to be held on **Tuesday, 6 February 2024 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. Padeswood Carbon Dioxide Spur Pipeline Proposed Development
To receive a presentation.

8. Financial Matters

- a) Payments for authority to pay:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Basic x 13	76.44	Pd
	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	Pd
467046	Canda Copying Ltd	Photocopying	37.85	
466676	Canda Copying	Rental of photocopier	99.60	
	Jones Bros Construction	Repair of Quarry gate	96.27	
M157M0	BT	Telephone and internet *includes £44 which is disputed	155.87*	
TZ097112	Flintshire County Council	Street lighting inspection Oct-Dec	317.50	
TZ097111	Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance	237.00	

- b) Salary and other employment costs for January 2024: £2,019.51

- c) Update from Councillors who audited the accounts.

9. To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 9 January 2024

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2024 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Representatives:

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

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

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones.

1. Apologies
Received from Cllr Gwilym Jones, Cllr Uzma Sikander

2. Chair's Report
Chair advised:

- that there had been a short ceremony, attended by the family and members of the community, to mark the installation of 'Bea's Bench', which was felt to have been well received.
- he wished his nominated charities/organisations to be Caffi Isa and the local Lions, who installed and maintain the defibrillator on Mynydd Isa Community Centre.

3. Clerk's Report

Clerk advised that an invitation for nominations for councillors to sit on the Standards Committee at Flintshire County Council has been received.

Resolved: Cllrs Miriam Shepherd and Ian Jolly be nominated to attend.

4. Co-option of Members

There was consideration of the applications of two residents to join Argoed Community Council.

Resolved: Unanimously in support of Paul Jewell and Rebecca Blanchard being co-opted onto the Council and a warm welcome was extended to them both.

5. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jon McCarron declared a personal interest only in agenda item 13.

6. Standing Orders

None to consider.

7. Financial Matters

a) Payments for authority to pay:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
E0600Q9OTJ	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Basic x 13	76.44	Pd
E0600Q9LNE	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	Pd
3301	DM Payroll Services Ltd	Administration of payroll services	73.50	
	Amazon	Office supplies	18.97	Pd
Payment Voucher	Tesco	Extension lead and cleaning product	7.85	
2064	The Care-Taker	Installed Bea's Bench	35.00	
M156IW	BT	Telephone and internet	111.96	

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

The precept, salaries and bank balances were noted.

8. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 5 December 2023

Minutes of the meeting of 5 December 2023 were approved as amended – reference to main quarry gate.

9. Representatives Report

The PCSO's report was read, with nothing of significance to report. It was queried whether the PCSOs are re-starting Cuppa with a Coppa and it was pointed out that there are still parking issues on Park Avenue with inconsiderate drivers causing visibility issues on the corner with Ellesmere Drive.

Cllr John Holiday gave an update to advise that Go Safe are now monitoring speed limits and advising drivers on misdemeanours.

Resolved: **To arrange a meeting outside of the community council meetings in order to discuss issues with the local PCSOs.**

10. Notices of Motion

None received.

11. Committee or working group minutes.

Consideration of the minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 15 December 2023.

Resolved: **The minutes of the Amenities Committee were approved as amended – the date of the next meeting to be recorded as being 17 January 2024.**

12. Planning Applications for Consideration:

General discussion about the merits of the application.

Resolved: **COU/001037/23 – approved subject to there being sufficient off-road parking.**

13. Precept Budget Proposal

Clerk gave an explanation of each line of the draft proposed budget:

Precept Breakdown 2024-25

Allocated Reserves:

Milestones	2,700.00
Street Light Inspections (every 6 years)	1,000.00
New Brighton signs	1,500.00
Biodiversity projects	250.00
Tesco Bags of Help	<u>500.00</u>
Total allocated reserves:	5,950.00

Budget Lines:

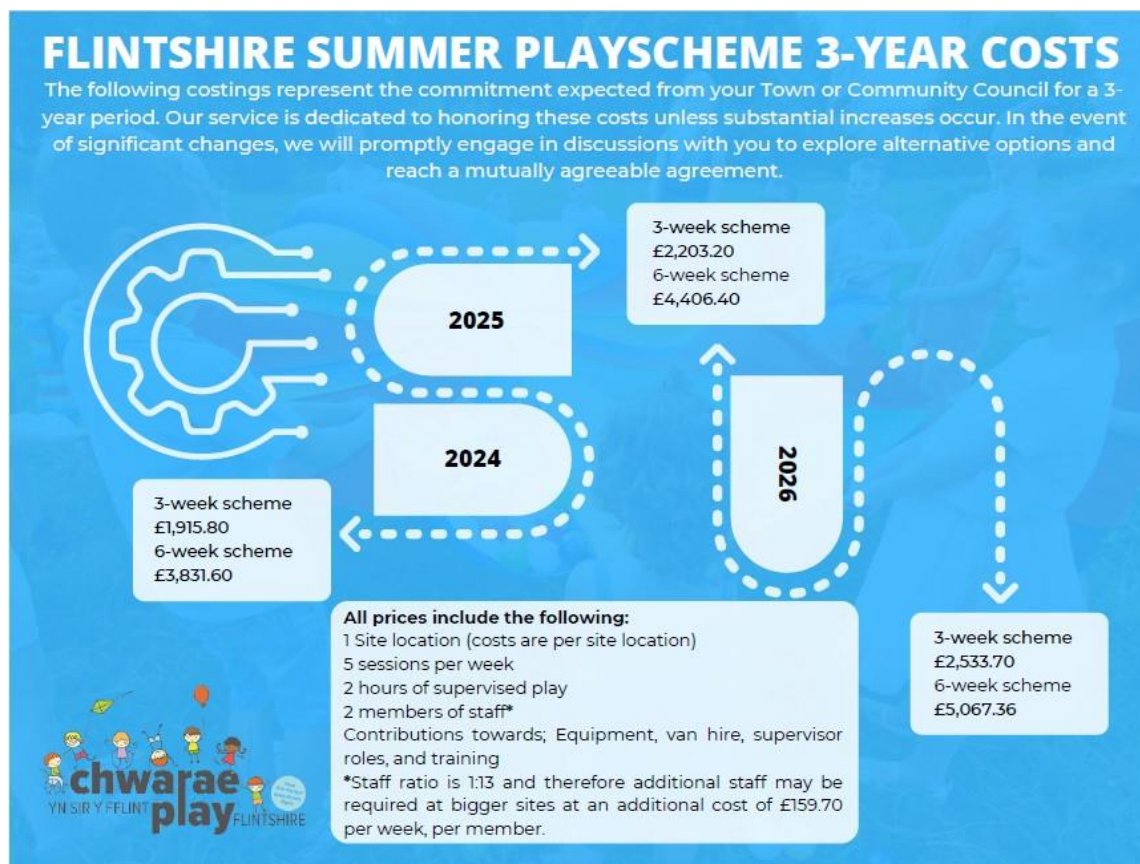
Detail	2022/23 Actual	2023/24 Estimated	2023/24 actual	2023/24 Budget	2024/25 Rec
Wages and Salaries	20,285.00	25,979.00		26,000.00	26,520.00
Staff Training, Travel and Expenses	0.00	0.00		450.00	450.00
Payroll	135.00	135.00		150.00	150.00
Councillor Allowances	900.00	960.00		3,300.00	3,384.00

Councillor Training	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Councillor Travel and Conference	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Audit fee	410.00	1,074.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Insurance and Data Protection	1,478.00	1,544.00	1,500.00	1,600.00
Legal and professional fees	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Gardening Contractors	12,996.00	13,499.00	13,500.00	14,000.00
Planting	1,726.00	1,490.00	2,000.00	2,250.00
Plant containers	2,442.00	2,028.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Hire of meeting room	2,783.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00
Telephone and internet	1,846.00	400.00	1,400.00	1,600.00
Photocopying	485.00	453.00	575.00	575.00
Printing, stationery and office equipment	1,015.00	1,150.00	1,100.00	1,250.00
Subscriptions	231.00	177.00	240.00	240.00
CCTV	0.00	700.00	700.00	750.00
Playscheme	2,053.00	2,127.00	2,500.00	3,500.00
Christmas Tree and Lights	4,213.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	4,750.00
Fireworks	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
ARC	2,495.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Play areas	6,000.00	8,509.00	5,000.00	2,500.00
Other maintenance costs	120.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
Poppies for lampposts/poppy wreaths	353.00	435.00	400.00	400.00
S137 Grants	3,050.00	2,724.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Street lighting energy	859.00	3,460.00	2,700.00	3,500.00
Street lighting inspection and maintenance	3,466.00	1,556.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Street lighting upgrade	4,199.00	2,449.00	4,200.00	0.00
Jubilee/Coronation/Community events	293.00	2,149.00	1,500.00	2,500.00
Election costs	410.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Biodiversity	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Totals	75,243.00	83,748.00	0.00	86,215.00
			91,669.00	

Resolved: to ask for a precept of £80,577.45 to avoid any increase and maintain agreed reserves of 30%.

Meeting ended 8.40pm
Next meeting: 6 February 2024

10. To consider the Summer Playscheme proposal for 2024-26



11. Representatives Report

To receive any reports from representatives from outside bodies.

12. Notices of Motion

None received.

13. Committee or working group minutes.

To approve the minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 17 January 2024:

Minutes of the Amenities Committee hybrid meeting held at Mynydd Isa Community Centre on Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Uzma Sikander.

2. Declaration of interests

None

3. Quarry Gate

Clerk advised that two suppliers have been contacted regarding repairs to the gate, one has not replied but the other has given a quotation of £105 maximum, including vat, to repair the gate. Work may be commenced on 21/22 January 2024, subject to Committee approval. This cost is significantly lower than the cost of replacing the gate, which would be in excess of £1,000.

Resolved: The cost of a replacement gate was noted and the instruction of the contractor to repair the gate at a cost of £105 was approved.

That the contractor be requested to apply a coat of preservative also, recognising that this will increase the cost.

4. Signage at y Bonc and Quarry

As the wooden gate at the Quarry can now be repaired, the fixings needed for sign to be affixed to the gate are now known. There was a general discussion about the number of signs needed and whether they should be Welsh/English/bilingual.

It was agreed that the information boards at the Quarry and the Bonc also need to be updated/replaced as they are looking tired and it is believed that some of the information displayed is incorrect. The use of digital services currently being developed at the local Archive services could also be explored.

Resolved: That two signs, one in Welsh and one in English, be ordered for the gate and bilingual signs (Welsh first) be ordered for the posts.

That a working group be established to facilitate the updating and replacement of the information boards and that residents not currently members of Argoed Community Council be invited to join the working group.

5. Moles at the Bonc

Clerk advised that the mole-catcher has the substance he needs on order and work should commence 21/22 January 2024.

6. Planters

There is an issue with residents parking on the wide pavement in the vicinity of the bus stop on Pren Hill, Mold Rd, Mynydd Isa. There are currently two planters there which have reached end-of-life and arrangements are being made for their removal. There was a discussion around the risk pedestrians with cars being parked on the pavement. Concern was also raised about these parked cars being displaced and being parked on Mold Road and other adjoining roads and causing an obstruction in that way. It was noted that one of the planters near a bus-stop also needs replacing.

Resolved: To buy 6 black one metre square planters at a cost of £339 plus VAT each, Argoed Community Council stickers to be bought at a later date.

Liaise with Streetscene to ascertain if anything could be done to segregate pedestrians from where cars are parked on the wide pavement on Pren Hill.

Gardener Contractor be requested to clean village entry signs when doing the window boxes this Spring.

7. Bench and Dog-waste bin for Bryn Road, Bryn-y-Baal.

It was noted that the bench formerly on Bryn Road, Bryn-y-Baal has been removed for safety reasons after it was knocked into by a vehicle. It was also noted that the farmer in the neighbouring field has advised that dog-walkers are throwing their dog waste into the field and this is causing his livestock harm in that calves have been lost due the virus which is sometimes carried in dogs' faeces. A dog-waste bin has been requested and Streetscene have indicated that they will put it on the rota to be emptied should the Council install a new bin there.

The cost of a new bench would be £585, a commemorative plaque is £116.41 and a 25L dog-waste bin plus post is £169.38. Delivery and installation would be extra.

Resolved: That a bench be ordered together with a red dog-waste bin. Clerk to arrange for installation.

Meeting concluded at 8.15pm

Next Meeting 6pm Wednesday 21 February 2024

14. Planning Applications for Consideration:

PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION - Ref No: FUL/000029/24

PROPOSAL: INSTALLATION OF AN AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP

LOCATION: 11 , Llys Pengarth, Bryn Y Baal, CH7 6GX

Is a Departure from the Development Plan	N
Affects a Right of Way	N
Accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment	N

PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION - Ref No: OUT/001008/23

**PROPOSAL: OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF ONE, TWO-STOREY
THREE BED DETACHED HOUSE.**

LOCATION: 28 , Mercia Drive, Mynydd Isa, CH7 6UH

Is a Departure from the Development Plan	N
Affects a Right of Way	N
Accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment	N