



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 7 February 2024 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Representatives:

Argoed Ward:

Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Hilary McGuill, Cllr Gwilym Owen.

New Brighton Ward:

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 Jack Morris, Cllr Uzma Sikander, Cllr Paul Jewell, Cllr Rebecca Blanchard, Cllr Rebecca Legge.

2. Chair's Report

No new reports.

3. Clerk's Report

- Recent complaints about recycling being blown about have been referred to Flintshire County Council. They have recently completed a recycling and waste strategy consultation with members and residents. This issue about the recycling bags has been raised by a number of residents, which Flintshire County Council will review further.
- Vale Drive Park has been put forward for consideration by Flintshire County Council to have wild flowers seeded or bulbs planted.
- A site visit has been arranged to discuss what work was needed at the Quarry, the Bonc and the Memorial Garden.
- The Clerk informed council that she would be on holiday from 26 April to 3 May 2024.

4. Co-option of Members

None to consider.

5. Declarations of Interest

None to consider.

6. Standing Orders

None to consider.

7. Padeswood Carbon Dioxide Spur Pipeline Proposed Development

Clerk advised that the company had requested to attend a Council meeting in order to give a presentation on the proposal. The presentation needed an update however, so this item will be deferred to the March meeting.

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	
M157MO	BT	Telephone and internet*	155.87	
TZ097112	Flintshire C. Council	Street lighting inspection Oct -Dec	317.50	
TZ097111	Flintshire C. Council	Street lighting maintenance	237.00	

Resolved: That the payments listed above be approved to be paid subject to the sum of £44 on the BT invoice, which is disputed.

Salaries and other employment costs were noted.

b) Update from Councillors who audited the accounts.

Cllr Hilary McGuill and Cllr Keith Mutch had attended at the office and checked the accounts from April to the end of November. Cllr Keith Mutch reported that they had not found any discrepancies.

Resolved: Update was noted.

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

Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting of 9 January 2024 were approved.

10. To consider the Summer Playscheme proposal 2024-2026

The proposed plan, with costings and an explanation from Flintshire County Council as to why a 3-year commitment is being requested, had been pre-circulated to members. There was general discussion around the success of the playschemes in the past but how last year it had clashed with a program running at Argoed High School.

Resolved: **The Council will commit to 3 weeks for 3 years with potential of increasing the scheme to six weeks, spread over the other school holidays, subject to what other program may be running.**

11. Representatives Report

- The PCSO's report was read, there had been issues with parking outside of the schools, especially Wats Dyke Road, leaflets had been handed out and the parents spoken to.

Investigation ongoing into reports that a group of children had been throwing food by the Sainsburys flats. CCTV footage has been requested.

- Cllr John Holiday reported that 'Speed Watch' was on-hold for the present.

12. Notices of Motion

None received.

13. Committee or working group minutes.

Resolved: **Minutes of the Amenities meeting held 17 January 2024 were approved, as amended - reference to Bryn-y-Baal Road item.**

14. Planning Applications for Consideration:

Applications FUL/000029/24 and OUT/001008/23 were considered and discussed.

Resolved: **FUL/000029/24 - No objection**

OUT/001008/23 -There were concerns that the proposal had no provision for off-road parking for either the new build or the existing premises and the Council objects to the planning application on that basis.

This meeting concluded at 7.50pm
Next Council meeting at 7pm on 5 March 2024

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