



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2023 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Representatives:

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

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 Jack Morris and Cllr Uzma Sikander.

2. Chair's Report

Chair advised that he attended the Remembrance Services at both New Brighton and Mynydd Isa, which had both been very well attended, despite the weather. Thanks to Cllr Miriam Shepherd for leading the service at Mynydd Isa.

3. Clerk's Report

Clerk advised that:

- The memorial services for Remembrance Day went well and both were well attended. Thanks to all those who assisted with the services.
- The Christmas trees and the lights are now all installed. The switch on at Shangri-La was very well attended.
- The new bench has now been delivered and needs to be installed.
- Moles have been seen at y Bonc and the mole man has been asked to attend.
- A quotation has been received for replacing the gate, either in wood or in metal as the cost given for fixing the main quarry gate is said to be costly. However, in light of the cost of a replacement, two local joiners have been asked to provide quotes to repair. The gate issue needs to be resolved prior to signs being ordered due to the fixings that are ordered for the signs.
- A resident of Moorcroft, New Brighton described the flooding issues experienced at his property for the second time in recent years due to the recent heavy rain.

Resolved: A letter to be sent to Welsh Water expressing dissatisfaction that the previous work to remedy that the non-return valve has been unsuccessful as the rainwater has mixed with raw sewage.

To write to Flintshire County Council and request that no further properties be connected to this network without the necessary works being undertaken to improve the drainage system in New Brighton first.

4. Co-option of Members

Clerk advised that a resident is still interested in being co-opted onto the Council but, due to a previous commitment that cannot be changed, is unable to attend this meeting.

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 (£)	
M155E1	BT	Telephone and internet	116.96	pd
E0600PVN6U	Microsoft	M/soft Office 365 basic licences	76.44	pd
E0600PVN6T	Microsoft	M/soft Office 365 business licence	12.36	pd
463978	Canda Copying	Photocopying	32.94	
463619	Canda Copying	Rental of photocopier	99.60	
27.11.23	John Griffiths	Removal of tree stump and installing pipe for Christmas Tree	£450.00	
04122023	Michelle Griffiths	Bedding and baskets	737.40	
04122023	Michelle Griffiths	Shrubs in Square and Memorial Garden, waste removal.	956.40	
51875874	Glasdon	Commemorative Bench	841.69	

b) Grants paid as agreed:

Name	Amount (£)
Argoed High School	78.00
Ysgol Mynydd Isa	78.00
Almost Home Dogs	78.00
North Clwyd Animal Rescue	78.00
Flintshire Foodbank	156.00
NB Bowling Club	300.00
MI Fuchsia Society	300.00

c) Contributions to community events paid as agreed:

Name	Amount (£)
Argoed Sports Association (Fireworks)	1,000.00
Shangri-la (Christmas event)*	300.00

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

The salaries and bank balances were noted.

That arrangements be made for two councillors to attend the office to review the accounts.

The Assistant Clerk be given internet banking access, subject to the usual credit check.

The date of the Precept meeting be 9 January 2024 as the Precept request is to be lodged with Flintshire County Council by 25 January 2024.

That the possibility of assisting Shangri-La more with the Christmas light event should be positively considered.

8. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 7 November 2023
Minutes of the meeting of 7 November 2023 were approved.

9. Representatives Report

It was reported that there has been positive feedback with regard to Bea's bench, which is currently in the foyer, awaiting installation.

Cllr John Holiday reported that Speedwatch is currently on hold due to the risk of animosity being shown due to the 20mph limit. They are keen to be active and will return to duties as soon as they are given the go ahead that it is deemed safe to do so.

10. Notices of Motion

None received.

11. Planning Applications for consideration:

General discussion around the merits of each planning application.

Resolved: 974/23 – Object due to it having insufficient bathroom facilities.

987/23 – Object due to it extending beyond the building line.

971/23) – Okay provided CADW is involved due to its listed status.
972/23)

12. Christmas Dinner

General discussion over date and venue.

Resolved: Table be booked at The Griffin, Mynydd Isa. Each member to pay for themselves.

Meeting ended 8.30pm

Next meeting: 9 January 2024