



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Representatives:

Argoed Ward: Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones (Chair), Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Hilary McGuill, Cllr Gwilym Owen.

New Brighton Ward: Cllr Rebecca Blanchard, 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, Cllr Uzma Sikander, Cllr Paul Jewell.

2. Chair's Report

No new reports.

3. Clerk's Report

Clerk advised that an email has been received from a resident who is unhappy with a number of issues in and around Mynydd Isa centre, to include the state of the carparks, the green areas and the lighting. A response will be prepared and the proposal for street lighting reviewed.

The dog bin and bench have been ordered.

4. Co-option of Members

As Cllr Uzma Sikander has not attended any meeting within the last six months, she is automatically disqualified for non-attendance. A Casual Vacancy will be advertised.

5. Declarations of Interest

None to consider.

6. Standing Orders

None to consider.

7. Padeswood Carbon Dioxide Spur Pipeline Proposed Development

Representatives gave a presentation on the proposed development; presentation slides had been pre-circulated to members by the Clerk. The representative advised that landowners and agents are being engaged in discussions. A consultation hub has been set up and an email address for any questions. Links on the website will provide updated information.

Resolved: Representatives thanked for attending.

Details of the consultation hub and email address will be published.

8. Financial Matters

Payments for authority to pay:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
INV-9864	Mega Electrical NW Ltd	Installation and storage of Christmas lights – Mynydd Isa	1302.00	
INV- 9865	Mega Electrical NW Ltd	Installation and storage of Christmas lights – New Brighton	1182.00	
M158Q0	BT	Telephone and internet	156.83	
E0600R0WSS	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	pd
E0600R0TGE	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Basic x 13	76.44	pd

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.

The Clerk be authorised to sign the terms of engagement with JDH internal auditors.

9. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 6 February 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2024 were considered.

Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting of 6 February 2024 were approved.

10. Office Update

Clerk advised that the Council has been given notice to vacate the office and chamber room. The current period of hire expires 31 March 2024 and we need to vacate the office by the end of July 2024.

There are several issues to be considered, to include a review of office arrangements, where future hybrid meetings may be held, CCTV.

Resolved: Clerk to ascertain whether there is any office space available at New Brighton Community Centre in the first instance.

Bring matter forward to be considered during the next Amenities meeting.

11. Representatives Report

None to consider.

12. Notices of Motion

None received.

13. Committee or working group minutes

None to consider.

14. Planning Applications for Consideration

Planning application FUL/000055/24 was considered. Cllr Hilary McGuill advised that she had received a response from Flintshire County Council advising that they were unable to indicate on the standard correspondence that is sent out what changes in planning conditions are being applied for as the correspondence is generated by the system. However, the officers would be able to give guidance if contacted. On this occasion, the application is due to the drainage system not being where expected as per the plans.

Resolved: FUL/000055/24 – officer determination.

15. Quarry and Y Bonc Maintenance

Clerk advised that, in order to deal properly with the trees that are growing out of the cliff face at the Quarry, scaffolding is needed for the contractor to safely plug the stumps with eco-plugs. It had been hoped that a scissor lift could be hired, but it won't fit through the gate and the ground is too wet at this time of year. Alternative places to hire equipment was suggested to see if a scissor lift from an alternative provider would fit.

During the site visit to Y Bonc, maintenance work was being undertaken there by Flintshire County Council in that they were cutting back the shrubs. This represents a cost saving to the Council.

Resolved: Clerk to see if a different scissor lift, which would fit through the gate, could be hired, failing which the quote for scaffolding that has been received is approved.

Update regarding Y Bonc was noted.

16. Heritage Trail

Clerk advised that we had successfully completed round 1 of the grant application and work is now underway to get the application progressed through to round 2.

Resolved: Update was noted.

This meeting concluded at 8.45pm
Next Council meeting at 7pm on 2 April 2024

