



**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 2 APRIL 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 Jack Morris, Cllr Gwilym Owen.

**New Brighton Ward:** Cllr Rebecca Blanchard, Cllr Paul Jewell, Cllr Rebecca Legge, Cllr Jon McCarron, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd.

**In attendance:** Clerk Mared Eastwood.

**1. Apologies**

Received from Cllr Roy Marsh, Assistant Clerk – Janet Jones

**2. Chair's Report**

No new reports.

**3. Clerk's Report**

- Planters have been ordered to go by the bus-stop on Pren Hill and to replace other, end of life, planters. A site visit has been requested to see if there is a way in which to separate the pedestrians from the cars.
- The second stage of the grant application for the Heritage Trail has been completed and submitted.
- Compiling paperwork in readiness for the internal audit.
- Some Christmas lights have been donated by a local supplier.

**4. Co-option of Members**

There is no requirement for an election to be held therefore a Notice of Co-option will be published.

**5. Declarations of Interest**

None to consider.

**6. Standing Orders**

None to consider.

## 7. Financial Matters

Payments for authority to pay:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
#369	Scaffking Ltd	Scaffolding for Quarry	622.80	pd
#14	MlandscapeUK Ltd	Maintenance works in the Quarry	589.00	
51882739	Glasdon	Dog waste bin	218.25	
M159UC	BT	Telephone and internet	116.22	
E0600REFZD	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	pd
E0600REEIW	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 qualified audit and external auditor's comments, read out by the Clerk were noted and accepted. It was also noted that the fixed assets record had been updated and reviewed prior to sending to the external auditor.**

## 8. Fixed Asset Register

The Fixed Asset Register was reviewed.

**Resolved:** The updates to the Fixed Asset Register were noted and accepted.

## 9. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 5 March 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2024 were considered.

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the meeting of 5 March 2024 were approved.

## 10. Office Update

Clerk advised that there is office space available to hire at New Brighton Community Centre, which is roughly the same size as the current office, at a cost of £2,750 pa. There is no meeting room equivalent, but the hall would be available to hire. Consideration needs to be given to how hybrid meetings will be facilitated, the CCTV, internet and telephone connections and ICO registration. It is imperative that the security of communications is maintained.

**Resolved:** Clerk to

- arrange a meeting for Cllrs Faron Hadfield-Jones and Jon McCarron with a representative from New Brighton Community Centre and ascertain whether a long-term agreement would be required by them.
- arrange a meeting with Caffi Isa to discuss CCTV and costs.

- **ascertain from Flintshire County Council where the Council stands in relation to the lease and the CAT.**

#### **11. Representatives Report**

Police report as follows:

- Anti-Social behaviour (ASB), Mercia Drive; over the past 2 months, we have seen a spike of ASB related issues involving groups of youths taking place at the Square and surrounding roads. These incidents have included noise, causing a nuisance, making a mess, abusing members of the public and smoking Cannabis. An increased focus on the area including high visibility patrols and the use of CCTV have reduced the issue, but a further 2 incidents were reported in March. Our approach was initially to engage with youths and educate their behaviour. But in some instances this escalated to us issuing Yellow Cards and Community Resolutions.
- ASB, Argoed Sports and Social Club; additionally, this month we have had a report of similar ASB at the social club. The same approach as above will be taken. We will look to identify all individuals involved in ASB and nuisance behaviour and will deal with them robustly. We urge parents to ensure they know where their children are, who they are with and what they are doing when they are hanging out with friends in the evenings.
- Opportunistic Crime; we continue to see regular occurrences of opportunistic crime taking place across Flintshire South. This includes theft from Motor Vehicles (left open), outbuildings such as sheds and bikes/ mopeds left unattended in open access. We encourage all residents to ensure their property is secure.
- Theft of Motor Vehicles; there have been several incidents involving the theft of vans across Flintshire South. These have included vehicles taken from secure compounds. We encourage all van owners to consider additional security measures for their vehicles, such as steering wheel locks and trackers.
- Fraud and Scams; there is currently a spike in Holiday booking related scams and frauds taking place online, as people are looking for their holiday bargains at this time of year. We ask that people remain vigilant and report any suspicions they may have to Action Fraud (0300 123 2040).
  - For information about the latest scams, frauds and other crime related advice relevant to Mynydd-Isa, we recommend signing up to the free NWP Community Alerts. This is quick and easy to do via the NWP website.

Community Speedwatch report as follows:

- They can proceed on a very limited number of sites; they expect to start again within the next week or ten days and will be given a list of sites by GoSafe.

**Resolved:           The reports be noted.**

#### **12. Notices of Motion**

None received.

#### **13. Committee or working group minutes**

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 20 March 2024 were considered.

**Resolved:           The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 20 March 2024 were approved.**

14. LAEP Report

Clerk advised that the report had been circulated and there was a deadline of 12 April 2024 for any comments.

**Resolved: Report and deadline were noted.**

15. Planning Applications for Consideration

Planning applications OUT/000199/24, COU/000159/24 and FUL/000168/24 were considered and discussed.

**Resolved: OUT/000199/24 – no objection.  
COU/000159/24 – concerned about the access along the lane towards this site. No demonstrated need for a traveller site within this area.  
FUL/000168/24 – no objection.**

This meeting concluded at 8.07pm  
Next Council meeting (AGM) at 7pm on 7 May 2024

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