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To: All Members

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Community Council, to be held on **Tuesday, 2 July 2024 at 7pm** at the Council Chambers within Mynydd Isa Community Centre.

Yours faithfully,

Mared 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. Financial Matters

a) Payments for authority to pay:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
E0600SIAIV	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Basic x 13	76.44	Pd
E0600SI8NT	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	Pd
M1627Q	BT	Telephone and internet	125.11	
TA095461	Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance	237.00	
#2143	The Care-Taker	Installation of new bench and dog-waste bin.	120.00	

b) Salary and other employment costs for June 2024: £1,757.14

c) Bank Balances as at 31.05.2024:

NatWest Current:	£5,537.78
NatWest Reserves:	<u>£83,105.43</u>
Total	£88,643.21

8. To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 4 June 2024

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2024 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Representatives:

Argoed Ward: Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Paul Jewell, Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Hilary McGuill, Cllr Gwilym Owen

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

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Roy Marsh

2. Chair's Report

The Chair gave the following report:

It is a pleasure to present this council's annual report which records that which has been undertaken during this period.

This council aims to work with the community and partners to improve the economic, social, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of our community to ensure that our locality continues to be a pleasant and welcome place for people of all ages to live because they will feel safe, have opportunities to be physical and mentally healthy and to socialise and work in a quality environment.

This report aims to give a taste of the work of the community council during the year.

About our Council:

The Council is a corporate body with a legal existence of its own which is quite separate from that of members. Any decisions taken by the Community Council are the responsibility of the whole body, and it is irrelevant if any Member agreed or disagreed with any proposal. A Community Council can legally raise money through the Precept – a levy which residents pay through council Tax. It has a range of powers which allows it to spend this public money on the services which it provides. This may include provision of Playing Fields, Playgrounds, Public Parks, and Community Centres.

Council's Precept for 2023/2024 being £80,714 based on band D properties. The number of electors in the wards being a total of 4,672 persons. The geographical of Argoed Community Council is in Flintshire, North Wales the nearest town being Mold which is a busy market town and shopping centre.

The Community Council has a duty to ensure that the rules for the administration of the Council are adhered to: It must appoint a Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Clerk and RFO (often this position is combined). It must also appoint an independent and competent internal Auditor, hold an Annual Meeting of Council, and keep records of council business conducted.

This Council has several broad ranging responsibilities and powers which, dependent on finance and other resources, enable to carry out improved facilities for its community.

Service that Council Provides

- Provision of the Councils website
- Provision of hanging baskets and planters in the community
- Provision of Christmas trees and festive lights and involvement in Christmas activities
- Consultation on planning matters effecting the Wards, including Local Development in the area.
- Provision of financial support to Flintshire County Councils Summer Play- Scheme
- Provision of grants to various groups and organisations.
- Provision and maintenance CCTV cameras.

Rules that are followed:

The Community Council has adopted the Code of Conduct, and a declaration of interests are kept for each member.

Council have recently agreed to sign up to the new Civility and Respect Pledge.

Meetings: Held by hybrid at the Community Centre, the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Also details of council events and news can be found on the website.

Council Sub - Committees: Amenities', Grants, H.R.

These Sub-Committee discussions take place prior to full council meetings, then information, suggestion is put before the full Council.

Many of our ambitions have been achieved and new issues are in hand.

- The Quarry continues to be regularly maintained, vegetation on the cliff face has now been cleared.
- Six new planters have been ordered, and the plants.
- Two new replacement benches have ordered one for Bryn Y Baal Road, together with a dog waste bin, the other bench, with plaque in memory of Councillor Bea Clarke is sited in Mercia Square.
- The fence around the football pitch in Wats Dyke Park is now completed.
- The recycling of pill packets and crisp packets has proved very successful with the residents, numerous bags now awaiting collection.
- There is still one vacancy on this council that can be filled by co-option to obtain a full quota.

I have enjoyed my year of Chairmanship and my thanks to everyone in helping to make this council enthusiastic, successful and law abiding.

3. Clerk's Report

Clerk advised that:

- the new bench and dog bin were due to be installed the following day.
- A solicitor has been appointed to deal with the registration of the Quarry.
- The insurance policy had been arranged.
- Planters are in the process of being placed and planted.
- Signs for Wats Dyke Park are being progressed but the fenced area is not within the PSPO
- After the garage being cleared a number of miscellaneous items have been found. Volunteer councillors are needed to review these items to see if they are obsolete or worth keeping.
- Chair of Argoed PTA invited to give details of the upcoming celebration of Argoed High School and the new school. Event being held on 13 July 2024 and all past and present pupils, teachers, etc being invited to attend. The headteacher is giving a speech at 12 noon.

4. Co-option of Members

None to consider.

5. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

6. Standing Orders

None to consider.

7. Financial Matters

a) Clerk gave details on the expenditure incurred as listed below:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
E0600S521E	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Basic x 13	76.44	Pd
E0600S55DQ	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	Pd
M1613N	BT	Telephone and internet	126.27	
#4928	JDH Business Services Ltd	2023/24 Internal Audit	580.80	
01.06.2024	Michelle Jones Gardening	Summer bedding expenses	700.06	
#3848	Follyfield Nurseries	Summer bedding	1671.30	
LCO03177	Clear Councils	Local Councils Insurance Policy	1,495.33	

b) Salary and other employment costs for May 2024 given as £1,757.44

c) Bank balances were listed as at 30 April 2024 as follows:

NatWest Current:	£5,359.47
NatWest Reserves:	<u>£93,000.04</u>
Total	£98,359.51

d) Clerk advised that the internal audit has been received and the internal auditor has made the following comments:

- i. The annual return for Argoed Recreational Charity for 2022/23 has been submitted but not within the Charity Commission deadlines.
- ii. The gardening contract should be reviewed as per the financial regulations.
- iii. The cash book should record the organisation a payment is made to.

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

The salaries and bank balances were noted.

The auditor's comments and that the gardening contract is already in the process of being reviewed was noted. The report of the Internal Auditor was considered, noted and approved.

8. To approve the Minutes of meetings held on 7 May 2024

Consideration of the minutes of the meetings held on 7 May 2024.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting dated 7 May 2024 were approved.

9. Notices of Motion

None received.

10. Planning Applications

None received.

11. 20mph Consultation

Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones advised that the Council has been very supportive of the 20mph but, with the fresh consultation being open, a review is needed of what, if any, roads should be returned to 30mph. Comments were made regarding the number of children crossing Mold Road, Mynydd Isa to get to school and also that more pelican crossings may be preferable so that the road could be returned to 30mph.

Resolved: The arterial roads are considered to be Mold Road, Mynydd Isa; Mold Road, New Brighton and the main road through Llong.

Clerk to advise the consultation that Mold Road, Mynydd Isa and Mold Road, New Brighton should be returned to 30mph.

12. Representatives Report

Cllr John Holiday advised that Speedwatch is active again. All the hotspots are being done two or three times a week. There was one incident of a motorist going 61mph down Alltami Road.

Resolved: Report was noted.

13. Committee and group reports

It was noted that the Grants Committee and Amenities Committee due to meet next on 19 June 2024.

Meeting concluded 7.55pm

Next meeting to be held 2 July 2024

9. Notices of Motion

None received.

10. Planning applications/decisions

PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION - Ref No: COU/000437/24

PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE OF LAND FROM PUBLIC OPEN SPACE LAND TO RESIDENTIAL GARDEN

LOCATION: 3, Parc Issa, Bryn Y Baal, Mold, CH7 6NH

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

You can view the application, the plans and any other documents submitted with the application on the Council's website:

<https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/flintshire> and make your comments online.

Alternatively, comments can be e-mailed to planning.consultation@flintshire.gov.uk

11. Proposed Names of 66a Mold Road Development

To consider the names that have been put forward.

12. Representatives Report

To receive any reports from representatives from outside bodies.

13. Committee and group reports

To approve the minutes of the Amenities Committee, Grant Committee and Extraordinary Council Meeting, all held on 19 June 2024:

Minutes of the Amenities Committee hybrid meeting held at Mynydd Isa Community Centre on Wednesday 19 June 2024 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT

Committee Members: Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Rebecca Legge, Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd.

In attendance: Clerk - Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies

Cllr Roy Marsh.

2. Election of Chair

Both Cllr Ian Jolly and Cllr Miriam Shepherd were nominated and a vote was taken.

Resolved: That Cllr Miriam Shepherd be Chair of the Amenities committee for 2024-25

3. Declaration of interests

Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 6.

4. Update on this year's installations

Clerk advised that the new bench and dog-waste bin had now been installed on Bryn-y-Baal Road and that the planters are also all in place. Volunteers have been assisting with planting up the hanging baskets. There is a new path leading towards the ASA carpark and new lighting on the path leading of Pen-y-Garreg Close, which will also be re-surfaced.

Resolved: Update was noted.

5. Office

Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones gave an update on the recent visit to the Beaufort Park Hotel to assess the rooms that would be available to rent as an office space and meeting rooms. It was thought that the proposed office space was too small to accommodate two office staff. With regard to the meeting room, a price of £200 per meeting has been quoted.

Resolved: The office be moved to New Brighton Community Centre, the Clerk to progress this.

6. Internet connection and provider

Clerk advised that two quotes had been received from contractors A and B. Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones left the room due to his personal and prejudicial interest.

The two quotes were considered and it was noted that a third quote has been requested but not yet received.

Resolved: Contractor B was the preferred option and the Clerk is to proceed with this unless the third quote comes in cheaper, at which point this will be reviewed.

7. Gardening Contractors

Clerk advised that the work undertaken by the current contractors has been reviewed and is ready to go out to tender.

Resolved: Update noted, Clerk to proceed with advertising the contract.

8. Forward work

Resolved: Forward work was noted.

Meeting concluded at 7.05pm

Next Meeting 6pm Wednesday 17 July 2024

Minutes of Grants Committee hybrid meeting held on Wednesday, 19 June 2024 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Committee Members: Cllr H McGuill, Cllr I Jolly, Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones and Cllr J Morris

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

1. Apologies:

Received from Cllr Roy Marsh

2. Election of Chair

Both Cllr Hilary McGuill and Cllr Ian Jolly were nominated.

Resolved: That Cllr Hilary McGuill be Chair of the Grants Committee for 2024-25

3. Declaration of Interests.

None.

4. Councillor Nominations for Grants

It was noted that the nominated recipients of the grants are all either local organisations or are used to the benefit of our residents.

Recommended: The grants be awarded as per the nominations:

North Clwyd Animal Rescue - £208

Flintshire Foodbank - £208

Argoed High School - £104

Ysgol Mynydd Isa - £104

5. Consideration of grant application from Argoed PTA

After general discussion, it was noted that the Argoed PTA is newly formed and hoping to host an event to commemorate Argoed High School and celebrate the new school build.

Resolved: Argoed PTA be awarded £300.

6. Consideration of grant application from New Brighton Bowling Club

After general discussion, it was noted that the Club is requesting a sum towards its maintenance.

Resolved: New Brighton Bowling Club be awarded £200

7. Consideration of grant application from Echo Explorer Group

After general discussion, it was noted that this is the Explorer Group for the young people of the Argoed Ward.

Resolved: Echo Explorer Group be awarded £300

Meeting ended 6.18pm

Next meeting due to be held 16 October 2024

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING, HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2024 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Representatives:

Argoed Ward: Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Hilary McGuill, Cllr Jack Morris

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

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Gwilym Owen, Cllr Rebecca Blanchard, Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Paul Jewell.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Internal Audit

Clerk advised that the internal audit had been returned for the Council's consideration and approval. The Clerk explained the different elements of the Annual Return – the accounting statements and the comments made by the internal auditor in her report.

Resolved: That the Accounts for the financial year 2023/24 were considered, noted and approved.

That the report of the Internal Auditor was considered, noted and approved.

Meeting concluded 7.18pm

Next meeting to be held 2 July 2024