



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 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

New Brighton Ward: Cllr Rebecca Blanchard, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd, Cllr Graham Palmer

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Rebecca Legge, Cllr Jon McCarron, Cllr Gwilym Owen

2. Chair's Report

Nothing significant to report.

Resolved: Noted.

3. Clerk's Report

- The fibre connection was due to be made at New Brighton Community Centre.
- The request to ask for a Welsh name for New Brighton due to go to Cabinet for formal approval. Taking into account the comments made during the consultation and advice from the Welsh Language Commissioner, the name 'Pentre Cythrel' is being proposed.
- The poppies and wreaths have been ordered ready for Remembrance Day.

Resolved: The Clerk's report was noted.

4. Co-option of Members

None to consider, the Council is at full complement.

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 (£)	
E0600T83QS	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Basic x 14	82.32	Pd
E0600T7WQ8	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	Pd
E0600TL6V3	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Basic x 15	89.15	pd
E0600TL874	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	pd
#16	MLandscapeUK Ltd	Quarry maintenance	490.00	
C01031	Audit Wales	Audit fees 2023/24	200.00	pd
I165SE	BT	Telephone and internet (disputed charges)	8.80	
12/09/2024	Michelle Jones Gardening	Summer bedding maintenance and watering	413.18	
tbc	BT	Telephone and internet	tbc	
1595516	Broadbandbuyer.com	Yealink office phones	140.94	
#108319	RBLI	Tommy displays	28.94	
#12001950152	Poppy Shop UK	Lorry poppies and wreaths	379.66	
TA096408	Flintshire County Council	Street lighting monthly inspections	317.50	
SI-567	Caffi Isa	Hire of office (August) and Chambers	328.50	

b) Salary and other employment costs for September 2024 given as £1,757.14

c) Bank balances were listed as at 31 August 2024 as follows:

NatWest Current:	£2,582.09
NatWest Reserves:	<u>£95,240.38</u>
Total	£97,822.47

d) Clerk outlined the changes in the revised terms for the payroll services.

Resolved: The payments were approved to be paid.
The salary and other employment costs, together with bank balances were noted.
The revised terms for payroll services were noted and approved, Clerk authorised to confirm acceptance of the revised terms.

8. To approve the Minutes of meetings held on 3 September 2024
Consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2024.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting dated 3 September 2024 were approved.

9. Notices of Motion
None received.

10. Fireworks Display

The letter requesting a donation towards the annual fireworks event from the Argoed Sports Association was considered. It was noted that this is usually a well-attended event, which provides residents to walk to a public event.

Resolved: To donate £1,500 towards the event.

11. Summer Playscheme

Clerk advised that 342 attendances were made at the playschemes over the three weeks, with children playing football, doing some arts/crafts and using loose parts. Waterslides and bushcrafts were additional activities and the buddy system was also in place. Noted that the attendances remained high despite the cool weather, when previously there would have been a drop.

Resolved: The update report was noted.

12. Planning Applications

Consideration of planning applications.

**Resolved: FUL/000375/22 – no objection
LBC/000733/24 – no objection, subject to there being provision for 2 vehicles parking.**

13. Representatives Report

No police report has been submitted.

Cllr John Holiday advised that Community Speedwatch is operational again and undertaking 2-3 sessions each week, subject to the weather.

Cllr Hilary McGuill advised that contractors will be working on the new build school over weekends, in an effort to meet the completion deadline.

**Resolved: Clerk to write to the Police Commissioner to highlight the issue.
Update reports were noted.**

14. Committee and group reports

Consideration of the minutes for the Amenities meeting held on 18 September 2024.

Resolved: The minutes for the Amenities meeting of 18 September 2024 were approved.

Meeting concluded 7.40pm