



## MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025 AT NEW BRIGHTON COMMUNITY CENTRE.

### Representatives:

**Argoed Ward:** Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr Paul Jewell, Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Hilary McGuill, Cllr Graham Palmer

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

**In attendance:** Clerk Mared Eastwood  
4 members of the public

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Rebecca Blanchard, Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Jack Morris.

2. Chair's Report

Chair advised that it had been quiet over the Christmas period but that he had attended at the Standards Committee of Flintshire County Council due to the planning application affecting Bryn Clwyd, Mynydd Isa.

**Resolved:** Chair's report was noted.

3. Clerk's Report

Requests to attend future meetings to give a presentation have been received from Flintshire County Council's Youth Services and Hynet. A letter has been sent to Welsh Government in support of a grant application made by WI Butterflies, Mynydd Isa.

Correspondence has been received regarding the adoption of Hazel Grove.

Chair and Clerk have met with a representative from New Brighton Community Centre to discuss the proposed shared internet connection. NBCC to be responsible for all the installation costs and then a 50:50 split of the internet charges from installation has been agreed.

**Resolved:** Clerk's report was noted.

4. Co-option of members

None

5. Declaration of interests

Cllr Hilary McGuill declared an interest in agenda item 12 in that she sits on the Planning Committee and there are two contentious applications being made.

Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones declared a personal interest in agenda item 7.

Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 12 – he has been given a dispensation to attend the meeting and make representations but not to remain for any debate or vote.

6. Standing Orders

Nothing to review

7. Financial Matters

**Resolved:**

**The following invoices were approved to be paid:**

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
E0600UN00O	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Basic x 15	88.20	Pd
E0600UMS6V	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	Pd
	Internet and telephone	FHJ Computer Support Ltd	225.60	
NBCC488	New Brighton Community Centre	Room hire – 6 November 2024	33.00	
NBCC490	New Brighton Community Centre	Room hire – 20 November 2024	24.75	
TA097165	Flintshire County Council	Supply and installation of new lantern and photocell Argoed Avenue	262.80	
46582	Defib Store	New batteries and pads	813.60	pd
18	MLandscapeUK Ltd	Pruning and waste removal MI Square and Bryn-y-baal Quarry	1,165.00	
03/12/2024	Michelle Jones Gardening	Winter bedding	909.60	
10514	Mega Electrical NW Ltd	Install NB Christmas displays and decorate tree	555.00	
10517	Mega Electrical NW Ltd	Install MI Christmas displays and decorate tree	615.00	
10513	Mega Electrical NW Ltd	Install new Christmas displays and wrap arounds	540.00	
10533	Mega Electrical NW Ltd	Remove NB Christmas displays and tree decorations + storage	627.00	
10 10534	Mega Electrical NW Ltd	Remove MI Christmas displays and tree decorations + storage	687.00	
10532	Mega Electrical NW Ltd	Remove new Christmas displays and storage	648.00	
4090	DM Payroll	Payroll services Oct – March 25	73.50	
EA001199	Flintshire County Council	Summer playscheme	1,915.80	

**The salary costs, precept and bank balances were noted.**

**Approval was given to renew the domain of argoedcommunitycouncil.gov.uk at the cost of £95**

**8. Precept Request**

Clerk explained each line of the draft precept request, which was accepted with no amendments.

**Resolved: To submit a Precept request of £80,785.90, a 0% increase from the previous year.**

**9. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2024**

Minutes of meeting held on 4 December 2024 were considered.

**Resolved: Minutes were approved.**

**10. Notices of Motion**

None received.

**11. Consideration of the playscheme for summer 2025**

Clerk advised that a commitment has already been made to have the playscheme for three years, one of which has already been attended, for a period of three weeks each year. Council has been invited to consider running the playscheme for 6 weeks over the summer, due to its success. Some parents have requested that the provision be extended over the summer.

**Resolved: To trial running the scheme over 6 weeks for this summer and review again prior to committing for 2026/27.**

**12. Planning applications/decisions**

Consideration of the planning applications as follows:

FUL/001091/24 – **a resident's meeting to discuss this was arranged for 16 January 2025. Agreed to use the PAC response as a basis, but review after the residents' meeting. An extension for submission of comments has been given to 6 February 2025.**

FUL/001056/24 – **no objection.**

COU/001072/24 –

Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones raised concerns regarding the potential change of character of a residential area; parking issues with staff, professionals and family visiting the house; safety and security, whether this will open the floodgates to other businesses operating from the residential area.

Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones then left the meeting, in accordance with the dispensation and the vice-chair, Cllr Miriam Shepherd took over to chair the meeting.

Other concerns raised included establishing what the applicant was offering; is it to the benefit of Flintshire residents; will the children be from Flintshire or outside the area, what impact will this have on local services and schools; could the change of use to C2 then be used by other businesses to support future applications for other C2 businesses?

**Resolved: To arrange a residents meeting and review at next meeting.**

**13. Representatives Report**

None received.

**14. Committee and group reports.**

Chair gave a verbal update from the amenities meeting held on 15 January 2025.

**Resolved: To note the projected costs and proceed with the lighting at Sainsbury's carpark and clearance of the central feature in the Memorial Garden projects.**