



## MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2025 AT NEW BRIGHTON COMMUNITY CENTRE.

### Representatives:

**Argoed Ward:** Cllr Faron Hadfield Jones, Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Hilary Mcguill, Cllr Gwilym Owen.

**New Brighton Ward:** Cllr Rebecca Legge, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd.

**In attendance:** Clerk - Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk - Janet Jones  
4 Representatives from Eni UK Ltd/WSP

### 1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Rebecca Blanchard, Cllr Paul Jewell, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Jon McCarron, Cllr Graham Palmer

### 2. Chairs Report

A meeting has been held with the HR Working Group regarding recruitment of a replacement Clerk and RFO.

Cllr John Holiday was thanked for the staining refurbishment of the bench in the Memorial Garden.

### 3. Clerk's Report

Potential alternatives to Wednesday evening meetings at New Brighton Community Centre have been given as Monday and Thursday evenings, when the hall is available after 7.30pm. This would mean an 8pm start for meetings, due to the 30 minutes needed to set up the room. It was agreed that this would be too late for it to be a viable option.

An enquiry has been received for a resident to go bouldering in Bryn-y-Baal Quarry. The resident has been advised that this isn't permissible.

### 4. Co-option of Potential new members

None

5. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

6. To Consider any revision to the Standing Orders/and or the Financial Regulations.

None to consider.

7. Financial Matters

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

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
E0600VARF2	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Basic x 15	88.20	Pd
E0600VAJ8W	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	Pd
Payment Voucher	Cllr. John Holiday	Stain for the bench in the Memorial Garden.		
19	MLandscapeUK Ltd	Memorial Rock Garden de-vegetation and green waste disposal.	1,100.00	
NBCC517	New Brighton Community Centre	Office hire March – May 2025	642.51	

**The salary and bank balances were noted.**

8. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 5 February 2025

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2025 were considered.

**Resolved:** Minutes were approved.

9. Notices of Motion.

None received.

10. Presentation about the Padeswood Spur Pipeline Proposed Development

The representatives gave a presentation and timetable of the project. A copy of the presentation may be viewed at the office of Argoed Community Council.

11. Recruitment of new Clerk/RFO update

A meeting of the HR Working Group has been held and a job description and person specification has been drafted. It is proposed that the vacancy be advertised with a closing date of 31 March 2025, so that the short-listing may be completed prior to the next Council meeting. There was a request for all members of the Working Group to be present for the short-listing and interviews.

**Resolved:** The update was noted and approval given for the recruitment process to commence as proposed.

**12. Planning Applications/Decisions**

Consideration of the planning applications as follows:

FUL000113/25      **No objection**

FUL/001080/24      **No objection**

**13. Representatives Report**

No report from the local PSCO for this month.

Cllr John Holiday advised that Community Speedwatch is active again.

**Resolved:    Updates were noted.**

**14. Committee and Group Reports**

The minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 26 February 2025 were considered.

**Resolved:    The minutes were approved.**

Meeting ended at 8.35pm  
Next meeting: 2 April 2025