



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2024.

Representatives:

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

New Brighton Ward: Cllr Jon McCarron, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd, Cllr Graham Palmer

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Rebecca Blanchard, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Gwilym Owen

2. Chair's Report

It has been a very busy month, not just for councillors but for the Clerk and Assistant Clerk:

- Fireworks, supported with funding from the Council.
- Remembrance Services in Argoed and other communities. It was noticeable how numbers have grown for the service held in the Memorial Gardens. Thanks go to Cllr Miriam Shepherd for leading the service there, to Cllr Gwilym Owen for representing the Council at Buckley and to Cllr Ian Jolly for representing the Council at Mold.
- The poppies are up and displayed, thanks to the volunteers who helped.
- The Christmas Lights switch on was a well-attended event, with a memory tree with baubles and a transfer of the decorations from Shangri-La. Thanks go to Cllr Rebecca Blanchard for organising.
- There was a PAC meeting of residents, attended by some councillors, to listen to the views of residents.

Resolved: The report was noted.

3. Clerk's Report

- There is a police survey to be completed on behalf of the Council.

Resolved: Clerk's report noted.

4. Co-option of Members

None to consider, the Council is at full complement.

5. Declarations of Interest

None to consider.

6. Standing Orders

None to consider.

7. Financial Matters

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

b)

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
E0600UAQH9	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Basic x 14	88.20	Pd
E0600UADS3	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	Pd
#17	MLandscapeUK Ltd	Memorial Garden pruning and path	400.00	
NBCC471	NBCC	Office hire Sept-Nov 24	687.51	Pd
AE13052	ACE Electrics Ltd	External Lighting to Canolfan Isa	1398.00	
#471943 (PV)	Amazon	Mesh fencing x 4	107.96	
#466151	Amazon	Mesh fencing x 3	80.97	Pd
#72334	Amazon	Temporary fencing pins	53.16	Pd
SI-584	Caffi Isa CIC	Room hire 19/11/2024	19.00	
NBCC482	NBCC	Office hire – Dec – Feb 2025	687.51	
PV – Rebecca Blanchard	Aldi/Bevan	Santa gifts, Christmas lights and cable ties	232.27	

c) Salary and other employment costs for November 2024 given as £1,814.06

d) Bank balances were listed as at 31 October 2024 as follows:

NatWest Current:	£154.79
NatWest Reserves:	<u>£90,464.63</u>
Total	£90,619.42

Resolved: The payments were approved to be paid.

The salary and other employment costs, together with bank balances were noted.

8. Defibrillators

The cost of replacement batteries and pads for two Cardiac Powerheart G5 defibrillators were considered.

Resolved: Cost approved – being £678 plus VAT

9. To consider the request from NBCC to connect to our internet with an independent connection

A new internet connection has been installed in the office due to the unreliability of the current internet connection at NBCC. The equipment in the Clerk's office is capable of segregating networks. Therefore, any connection for NBCC would have no links to the Council's network. It is also possible to range limit the network during the day.

Resolved: To give access to NBCC and allow them to have an internet connection on the basis that it is cost neutral to the Council.

The Clerk, together with the Chair, to discuss this matter with NBCC and agree appropriate costs.

10. To approve the Minutes of meetings held on 6 November 2024

Consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2024. Noted that it should record Cllr Paul Jewell as giving his apologies.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting dated 6 November 2024 were approved as amended.

11. Notices of Motion

None received.

12. Planning Applications

Consideration of planning applications and request from NBCC.

Resolved: FUL/001030/24 – no objection.

If Council is to submit planning applications on behalf of third parties, there must be a clear definition of who will be supported in the future – charitable organisations only.

NBCC will be considered as the office is located within the building and the proposed extension will provide disability access to the office.

Clerk to clarify what limitations this would have on the Council's ability to comment on the planning application and to detail the limits of support available.

13. Representatives Report

No police report has been submitted.

Resolved: Clerk to write to the Police Commissioner in strongest terms to highlight the issue and request he attend a future meeting.

Request update as to when a report may be expected.

14. Committee and group reports

Consideration of the minutes for the Amenities meeting held on 20 November 2024.

Resolved: The minutes for the Amenities meeting of 20 November 2024 were approved.

Clerk to proceed with phase one of installing new street lamps at Sainsbury's carpark, Mynydd Isa.

Budget agreed of £600 for new gateway signs, revised wording.

Meeting concluded 8.25pm