



**Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting of Argoed Community Council held on
Thursday 16 July 2025 at 6:30pm via Teams**

Present: Councillors Ian Jolly, John Holiday, Keith Mutch, Jack Morris and Jon McCarron

Absent: Councillor Faron Hadfield-Jones, Rebecca Legge, Paul Jewell, Miriam Shepherd and Roy Marsh

In attendance: Sharon Swift, Clerk and Janet Jones, Assistant Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

The Clerk has received apologies from Councillor Rebecca Legge, Councillor Faron Hadfield-Jones and Councillor Miriam Shepherd.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made at this stage of the meeting.

3. Chair of Amenities Committee

In the past the Vice-Chair of the Council has taken up the role of chairing the Amenities Committee. Councillor Jon McCarron suggested that Councillor Ian Jolly may wish to chair the Amenities Committee for 2025-26 given his interest in the quarry. Councillor Jolly accepted the position of Chair of the Amenities Committee. Councillor McCarron remained for the meeting, being Vice-Chair of the Council.

4. Council meeting room

The Clerk summarised the current arrangements for holding meetings for the Community Council and the approach from New Brighton Community Centre to move the Wednesday meetings to Monday. Members were supportive of the efforts to increase activities at the Community Centre but meetings on Monday would be difficult for some Councillors and also meetings would not be possible until 7:45pm because of other groups using the community hall. The Councillors discussed the advantages of the Community Council having their own building and the two school buildings that would be empty in the ward.

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Councillor McCarron proposed that the Clerk should write to Flintshire County Council about using one of the empty school buildings for meetings and office space. This was seconded by Councillor Mutch. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that the Clerk write to Flintshire County Council about using the empty school buildings.

5. Defibrillators

The Clerk sought clarification from the Committee on how many defibrillators the Council had and the arrangements in place for regularly checking they were operating effectively. Councillor McCarron stated that he believed that the Community Council owned four defibrillators. The Clerk agreed to clarify the ownership arrangements for all the known defibrillators in the ward and check that those that were the responsibility of the Community Council were operating properly.

Councillor Morris highlighted the need for the Clerk to purchase any replacement equipment if needed in order that the defibrillators remain in service.

Councillor Morris proposed that the Clerk had authority to make any purchases needed, in relation to the defibrillators. This was seconded by Councillor Holiday. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that the Clerk had the authority of the Council to make any purchases for the defibrillators.

6. Gardening contract update

The Clerk explained that there was work omitted from the gardening contract specification and some work included was not specific in detail. To ensure that the Council was only paying for the work needed and the contractors had had the information needed to accurately quote, the Clerk suggested that the contractors be invited to resubmit their quote for these aspects or confirm that the price provided encompassed the work per the amended detailed work specification. Members accepted that this should be done.

7. Update on Golden Planter to celebrate Sabrina Fortune's Paralympic achievement

The Assistant Clerk provided an update on the plaque wording and confirmed that efforts were still ongoing to have a site meeting about the planter location.

8. Quarry matters

The Clerk confirmed that contact had been made with the Records Office in Hawarden and a meeting would be taking place later in the month.

9. Seat Proposed for Mold Road / Park Avenue Junction

The Assistant Clerk confirmed that they were still awaiting a quote for the installation of the seat.

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10. Outstanding matters at Caffi Isa

The Clerk had received an email from Caffi Isa, and a meeting would be arranged to discuss outstanding matters which would include the CCTV. Councillor Mutch enquired about the location of the other CCTV cameras owned by the Community Council.

At this point Councillor McCarron made a personal declaration because he was employed by the CCTV company who currently undertake the service of the CCTV cameras at Caffi Isa. Councillor McCarron confirmed that there were a further three deployable units including with one each at Wats Dyke Park and Hoel Fammau.

The Clerk suggested that the location and service arrangements for the three deployable units be on the September Council agenda.

The meeting closed at 19:45pm.

SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 6:30pm.

Councillor Jon McCarron made a personal declaration in relation to the discussion at agenda item 10. because he was employed by the CCTV company who service the CCTV cameras at Caffi Isa.

| ACTION POINTS FROM 16 JULY 2025 MEETING | | | |
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| | Action to be completed | By whom | By when |
| A | Contact Flintshire County Council about the use of the empty school buildings. | Clerk | 7 August 2025 |
| B | Confirm that the defibrillators owned by the Community Council are fully operational. | Clerk & Assistant Clerk | 24 July 2025 |
| C | Contact the gardening contractors about resubmitting their quote for the garden aspects omitted and/or confirm that the price provided encompassed the work per any amended detailed work specification. | Clerk & Assistant Clerk | 31 July 2025 |
| D | Review CCTV maintenance arrangements. | Clerk | 31 August 2025 |

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