



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 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 Jon McCarron, Cllr Graham Palmer, Cllr Miriam Shepherd.

In attendance: Clerk - Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk - Janet Jones

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Rebecca Blanchard, Cllr Paul Jewell, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Jack Morris

2. Chairs Report

The main event is in relation to the recruitment of a new Clerk and an update will be given during the meeting.

3. Clerk's Report

Confirmation has been received from the WI that they have received a £25k grant to make the WI Hall more accessible. They have thanked the Council for its support in gaining the grant.

Co-option of Potential new members

None

4. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

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

None to consider.

6. Financial Matters

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
E0600VLQ3Y	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Basic x 15	88.20	Pd
E0600VLSZQ	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	Pd
NBCC527	New Brighton Community Centre	Room hire – February 2025	49.50	
NBCC537	New Brighton Community Centre	Room hire – March 2025	33.00	
5469019	Viking	Stationary supplies	110.29	
100237167	Canda Copying Ltd	Photocopying and printing	31.92	

Resolved: The following invoices were approved to be paid:

The salary and bank balances were noted.

7. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 5 March 2025
Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2025 were considered.

Resolved: Minutes were approved.

8. Notices of Motion.
None received.

9. Gold Planters
The two options were considered and the Circular Planter was preferred, together with a plaque. Assistant Clerk advised that it was not recommended by the supplier as they are made from recycled plastic.

Resolved: Assistant Clerk to ascertain precisely why they cannot be painted and for other options to be explored and brought back to next meeting.

10. Proposed place names for the development adjacent to Cae Isa, New Brighton
A discussion was held around the proposed names of Maes y Clawdd, Llys Offa and Cwrt Glofa. It was thought that Wat may be more appropriate than Offa and Clawdd is the South Welsh word for hedge.

Resolved: Clerk to respond with the above comments.

11. Consideration of the match-funding offer from Gwella
The Clerk advised that there has been another offer of match-funding towards the improvement of the play parks in our area. The sum of £5,000 has been budgeted for when considering the Precept.

Resolved: To match-fund the sum of £5,000.

12. Planning Applications/Decisions

Consideration of the planning applications as follows:

FUL000242/25 **No objection, subject to there being adequate parking provision.**

13. Representatives Report

No report from the local PSCO for this month.

Cllr John Holiday advised that Community Speedwatch is active with two sessions each week, locally. In Pontblyddyn, there were 32 speeding vehicles within an hour. Bryn-y-Baal has also been a recent location.

Clerk advised that the new school is due to open to secondary aged pupils after Easter. It is anticipated that the primary aged pupils will transfer on September.

Resolved: Updates were noted.

14. Committee and Group Reports

The minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 26 March 2025 were considered. The Clerk gave an update as to what the Smart Water project involved.

Resolved: The minutes were approved and update noted.

- The Assistant Clerk then left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

The Chair gave a verbal update as to the progress being made and the process followed with regard to the recruitment of a new Clerk.

Resolved: Update was noted.

Meeting ended at 8.05pm
Next meeting: 7 May 2025