



**Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting of Argoed Community Council held on
Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 6:30pm at Caffi Isa and via Teams**

Present: Councillors Ian Jolly, Miriam Shepherd, Faron Hadfield-Jones, John Holiday, Paul Jewell and Keith Mutch.

Absent: Councillor Roy Marsh, Councillor Rebecca Legge and Councillor Jack Morris

In attendance: Sharon Swift, Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor Legge and Councillor Morris.

2. Members Code of Conduct – Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

3. Removal of Parking Restrictions outside Wats Dyke School

Councillor Mutch explained that there were double and single yellow lines with parking restrictions on Ellesmere Road, Englefield Close and Wats Dyke Avenue. The school was no longer in use, so they needed to be removed so residents had more flexibility to park.

Councillor Mutch proposed that the Clerk write to Flintshire County Council to ask for the Traffic Regulation Order to be revoked and the yellow lines removed. This was seconded by Councillor Jewell. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that a request be made to Flintshire County Council to remove all parking restrictions in the three roads in the vicinity of Wats Dyke School.

4. Removal of Speed humps on Chambers Lane

Councillor Mutch explained that many of the speed humps and the raised table areas on Chambers Lane are in various states of disrepair. He explained that they should be removed given the continual cost of repairing them. The road is 20 mph so there is no need for them. Councillor Holiday explained that they were a speed deterrent.

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Councillor Mutch proposed that the Clerk write to Flintshire County Council to ask for the removal of all speed humps and raised table areas on Chambers Lane. A discussion followed and Councillors had differing views. There was no seconder for this proposal. The Clerk suggested that a Flintshire County Council Highways representative be invited to a future Council meeting so that Councillors can discuss this directly.

5. Signage at the Quarry and the Bonc

The Clerk explained that the information boards at both the Quarry and the Bonc would be replaced with funding being provided by Flintshire County Council. The information that will be put on there will be checked for accuracy in conjunction with Members.

Following a training webinar from the insurance company, the Clerk raised the matter of signs at the Bonc and the Quarry about the ground and 'at your own risk'. After a discussion, Members agreed that a sign should be placed in the Bonc because of the dog park and hazards caused by bad weather. The Clerk explained that this may have been agreed in a previous Council Meeting resolution, and she would liaise with the Assistant Clerk about it as it had never been actioned. Councillor Jewell suggested contact be made with the Society of Local Council Clerks as many other Councils in Wales may have sourced a suitable supplier and a form of bilingual wording.

6. Electric Vehicle Chargers

The Clerk told Members that some towns and villages were having electric vehicle chargers installed in a Flintshire County Council car park and funded by the same. Whilst budgets would be limited, if Argoed wish to be considered, an expression of interest needed to be made.

Councillor Jewell proposed that the Clerk should write to Flintshire County Council to express an interest in an electric vehicle charger being provided in the Argoed ward in 2026-27. This was seconded by Councillor Shepherd. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that a request for an electric vehicle charger to be installed in the Argoed ward in 2026-27 be made to Flintshire County Council.

7. Pump Track Proposal

The Clerk explained that with the Section 106 monies being available, the cost of installing a pump bike track within the ward should be explored. Members fully supported this proposal and asked the clerk to start the process of costing out providing such a facility.

8. Quarry Update

Councillor Jolly updated Members about the visit to the Records Office to try and obtain the supporting evidence need by the solicitor to prove Council ownership. The Records Office had suggested that contacted be made with Flintshire County Council who keep the Register of Commons and Village Greens. The Clerk explained that she had spoken to the solicitor at Flintshire County Council dealing with our request and was hopeful of the information being provided.

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The Clerk recommended to Members that the Community Council join the Open Spaces Society, a charity who specialise in protecting open spaces, footpaths, village greens and commons. Annual membership is £45, and they provide legal advice and support for any matters and disputes.

Councillor Jolly proposed that the Community Council should have membership of the Open Spaces Society. This was seconded by Councillor Shepherd. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that the Clerk arrange for the Community Council to have membership of the Open Spaces Society.

The Clerk updated Members about a meeting she had attended with Biodiversity Officers from Flintshire County Council. She will be addressing some of the Village Green status breaches in the Quarry over the coming months.

9. Council Meeting Room

Members discussed the success of the meeting being held at Caffi Isa that evening. The Clerk suggested that this matter be out on the agenda for the next Council meeting. The hire agreement for New Brighton Community Centre will also go on that agenda.

The meeting closed at 19:54pm.

	ACTION POINTS FROM 16 SEPTEMBER 2025 MEETING		
	Action to be completed	By whom	By when
A	Write to Flintshire County Council above removing the traffic restrictions around the vacant Wats Dyke School.	Clerk	30 September 2025
B	Request a Flintshire County Council Highways representative attends a future Council meeting so Members can discuss traffic calming on Chambers Lane.	Clerk	30 September 2025
C	Enquire via SLCC as to whether there is a preferred bilingual signs supplier.	Clerk	30 September 2025
D	Write to Flintshire County Council to ask that the Argoed ward be considered for an electric vehicle charger in 2026-27.	Clerk	14 October 2025
E	Community Council to have membership of the Open Spaces Society.	Clerk	21 September 2025

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