



Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting of Argoed Community Council held on Tuesday 21 October 2025 at 7pm at Caffi Isa and via Teams

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

Absent: Councillor Roy Marsh, Councillor Rebecca Legge and Councillor Paul Jewell. Internet issues prevented Assistant Clerk Janet Jones from attending.

In attendance: Sharon Swift, Clerk and Councillor Graham Palmer

1. Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor Marsh, Councillor McCarron and Councillor Jewell.

2. Members Code of Conduct – Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

3. Allotments and community gardens

The Chair welcomed Councillor Graham Palmer to the meeting. Councillor Palmer talked to Members about the benefits of having allotments in the village. This included the benefits to health and wellbeing because of being active and outside in the fresh air; growing, cooking and then eating your own produce and opportunities for friendship and companionship. It creates sustainability and improves biodiversity. Members acknowledged that Councillor Palmer had undertaken a lot of work on how an allotment site could operate and had calculated the optimum size of area needed based on the number of residents in the community which was 45 plots.

Councillor Jon McCarron joined the meeting at 7:15pm.

Members agreed that they needed to establish the interest in allotments from residents in the ward and discussed how this could be done. Potential sites were highlighted, including the grounds of the empty school sites. Councillor Jolly proposed that the Clerk seek out expressions of interest in having allotments via social media and the internet site. This was seconded by Councillor Hadfield-Jones. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that the Clerk seeks expressions of interest for allotments within the ward.

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A discussion then took place about whether the Community Council should tell Flintshire County Council about the decision to consult. Councillor Hadfield-Jones proposed that the Clerk write to Flintshire County Council to advise them that they were consulting with ward residents about allotments. This was seconded by Councillor McCarron. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that the Clerk write to Flintshire County Council about seeking expressions of interest for allotments.

4. Grants to voluntary organisations

The Clerk explained that prior to this meeting the Grants Working Group had met to discuss the five applications for grant funding received. The Group were pleased to see community groups requesting financial support. As a result, the Group proposed five grants following a discussion on the individual merits of each application. The Group also requested two budget virements totaling £916. The details are summarised below:

£200 to Nightingale House
£1,340 to Caffi Isa
£1,000 to Argoed Playgroup
£500 Mold & Buckley Round Table
£500 New Brighton Bowling Club

The grants budget had £2,624 available and the grants proposed totaled £3,540. After a review by the Clerk, a request to vire £500 from the general maintenance budget and £416 from the defibrillator budget was made with the £916 going to the grants budget. The Clerk also highlighted that some supporting evidence was missing from one application, and the grant would not be paid until this was provided.

Councillor Shepherd proposed that the Community Council made the grants proposed by the Grants Working Group and vire the additional £916 to the grants budget. This was seconded by Councillor Hadfield Jones. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that the five grants be made and the budget virements are made to facilitate this.

The Clerk stated that the 2026-27 precept requirements and budget would take account of the grants demand.

5. Bryn-y-Baal Quarry

The Clerk informed Members that she believed that they were now in receipt of the information requested by the solicitor, subject to her review next week. Members were pleased to hear this and that the outstanding land registration would be able to take place.

The Clerk also explained that some significant maintenance work needed to take place to ensure the Quarry was kept in a suitable state for the community to enjoy. Councillor Jolly provided more information on what work was needed.

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	ACTION POINTS FROM 21 OCTOBER 2025 MEETING		
	Action to be completed	By whom	By when
A	Seek expressions of interest from the community, via social media and the internet, for having allotments.	Clerk	30 November 2025
B	Write to Flintshire County Council about seeking expressions of interest for having allotments.	Clerk	31 October 2025
C	Make grant payments agreed.	Clerk	31 October 2025
D	Make budget virements agreed.	Clerk	31 October 2025

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