



**Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting of Argoed Community Council held on Tuesday 17 February 2026 at 6:30pm at Caffi Isa and via Teams**

**Present:** Councillors Ian Jolly, Miriam Shepherd, Roy Marsh, Jon McCarron, Paul Jewell, Faron Hadfield-Jones, John Holiday, Rebecca Legge and Keith Mutch.

**Absent:** Councillor Jack Morris

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

The meeting commenced at 6:50pm.

**1. Apologies for absence**

The Clerk had not received any apologies for absence.

**2. Members Code of Conduct – Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

**3. Welsh language signs**

The Clerk shared information about the suggested wording and the locations for the directional signs for New Brighton Community Centre and New Brighton Bowling Club. These were first discussed in 2020 but the delay in having them ordered and erected has been because the previous Clerk requested 'New Brighton' and 'Pentre Cythrel', the Welsh Language Commissioner recommended name, be included on the signs.

Correspondence on this matter has been shared with the Clerk by New Brighton Community Centre. Members acknowledged that other signs in the ward did not have a name specified in relation to any facilities or recreation areas. In addition, it is not known as a recreation area. It is two facilities - a community centre and a bowling club. Members also agreed that a sign at location 7 on the Flintshire County Council map was not required.

The Clerk agreed to make enquiries about:

- The cost of signs stating Community Centre and Bowling Club.
- Whether locations 4 and 6 will no longer be intrusive.
- Whether Flintshire County Council was still going to pay half the total cost.

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At this stage these were just enquiries and any sign amendments need to be discussed with New Brighton Community Centre and the Bowling Club who have already contributed towards the cost.

#### **4. Community involvement and contributions from developers**

The Clerk raised the matter of developments taking place in the ward and that developers often have community funds to contribute towards the area where the development is taking place. This is over and above any prescribed Section 106 monies. The contribution can be financial or helping with work needed. The Clerk stated that she believed that the school developers had assisted some groups in the ward.

Members agreed that any opportunities to improve community areas or facilities should be maximised.

#### **5. Request for funding**

The Clerk informed Members that New Brighton Community Centre had asked for a financial contribution to the Easter Event they wanted to put on. A discussion took place between Members about Community Council donations and the process to be followed. Members agreed that from 2026-27 all organisations must use the formal application process for funding requests and any requests must cover their requirements for the full financial year.

Councillor Hadfield-Jones proposed that a donation of £150 be made to New Brighton Community Centre for the Easter Event which would come out of the 2025-26 budget. However, in 2026-27 that all requests for financial support must be via a formal application process and should cover the (organisations) requirements for the full financial year. This was seconded by Councillor Marsh. All members were in favour, except for one Member who abstained.

***Resolved - that a financial contribution of £150 be made to New Brighton Community Centre Easter Event but in 2026-27 all requests for financial support must be made using the formal application form and include requirements for the full financial year.***

#### **6. Hynet Project and community funding availability**

The Clerk explained that ward was impacted by the Padeswood Spur pipeline construction. There would be a Hynet Community Fund available for groups and bodies in areas impacted by the spur and main pipeline to apply for funding, in accordance with any specified eligibility conditions.

The meeting ended at 19:36pm.

| <b>ACTION POINTS FROM 17 FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING</b> |                                                                                                                                                                 |                |                  |
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|                                                    | <b>Action to be completed</b>                                                                                                                                   | <b>By whom</b> | <b>By when</b>   |
| <b>A</b>                                           | Make enquiries about signs stating Community Centre and Bowling Club and whether Flintshire County Council will still be meeting half of the cost of the signs. | Clerk          | 20 February 2026 |
| <b>B</b>                                           | Write to developers regarding any community funds available.                                                                                                    | Clerk          | 28 February 2026 |
| <b>C</b>                                           | Make financial contribution to Easter Event at New Brighton Community Centre.                                                                                   | Clerk          | 28 February 2026 |

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