



## **Minutes of the Council Meeting of Argoed Community Council held on Wednesday 4 March 2026 at 7pm via Teams.**

**Present:** Councillors Miriam Shepherd, Jon McCarron, Faron Hadfield-Jones, Roy Marsh, Ian Jolly, John Holiday, and Keith Mutch. Councillor Graham Palmer arrived late.

**Absent:** Councillor Hilary McGuill, Councillor Roy Marsh, Councillor Jack Morris, Councillor Paul Jewell and Councillor Rebecca Blanchard

**In attendance:** Sharon Swift, Clerk

The meeting had been unable to take place on Tuesday 3 March 2026 because there was a power cut in Mynydd Isa.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor McGuill who was unwell, Councillor Marsh who had other commitments and Councillor Blanchard who had work commitments.

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

No declarations were made at this stage of the meeting.

### **3. Ten-minute public participation session**

No members of the public were present.

### **4. Minutes of previous meetings**

A copy of the minutes had been sent to all members prior to the meeting. Councillor Jolly proposed that the minutes of the Council Meeting of 3 February 2026 and the amended minutes of the Amenities Committee of 17 February 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meetings and this was seconded by Councillor Hadfield-Jones. All members were in favour.

***Resolved – that the minutes of the Council Meeting of 3 February 2026 and the amended minutes of the Amenities Committee of 17 February 2026 be approved and adopted and signed as a correct record.***

Councillor Graham Palmer arrived at 7:15pm.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Matters arising

The Clerk talked to Members about progress with the actions from the February meetings. The Clerk explained that the Pentre Cythrel signs would be an agenda item at the next meeting. The pump track consultation event had not yet been arranged as the Clerk was checking that there were no grants available from the Welsh Government Shared Prosperity Fund first. In response to Councillor Holiday's question about a bench at the junction of Mold Road and Park Avenue, the Clerk reminded Members that the installation costs were more than the bench itself and therefore it had been halted for the present time and had not been included in the 2026-27 budget. However, the Clerk highlighted that there may be grants that the Community Council could apply for in the future.

Councillor Shepherd raised the matter of the Community Council still not having a bin in the Memorial Garden despite Flintshire County Council agreeing to provide one many months ago. The Clerk agreed to follow this up with Streetscene.

## 6. Police matters

The Clerk presented the police data for January 2026 for the Argoed and New Brighton wards. Councillor Hadfield-Jones updated Members about the recent burglary attempt in Mynydd Isa. The Clerk asked for two Members to be able to attend the next police meeting and represent the Community Council. Councillor Hadfield-Jones and Councillor Jolly agreed to attend the next meeting.

## 7. Correspondence and Clerk report

The Clerk had shared any relevant correspondence with Members already and clarified that there was one outstanding resident communication that needed to be dealt with.

Due to confidential staff matters needing to be discussed, the Clerk stated that this was not suitable for an open meeting. Councillor Hadfield-Jones proposed that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the remainder of this agenda item be closed to the press and public because the matters being discussed were both confidential and sensitive. This was seconded by Councillor Jolly. All members were in favour.

***Resolved – that the remainder of agenda item 7 be closed to the press and public due to the confidential and sensitive matters being discussed.***

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting returned to an open meeting.

## 8. Budget monitoring report and bank reconciliation report

The Clerk had circulated the budget outturn report and bank reconciliation prepared on 28 February 2026, explaining that several payments were still outstanding. The bank reconciliation is summarised below:

	£
Balance on 1 April 2025	86,737
Add receipts	82,614
	<b>169,351</b>
Less Payments	71,632
<b>Balance on 28 February 2026</b>	<b>97,719</b>
Current account balance on 28 February 2026	2,191
Deposit account balance on 28 February 2026	95,528
<b>Total bank balances on 28 February 2026</b>	<b>97,719</b>

The Clerk had also redrafted the 31 January 2026 bank reconciliation due to an error being identified. The reports were noted.

## 9. Review of reserves

The budget monitoring report at 28 February 2026 provided details of the reserve balances. This was split between general reserves as per the reserves policy, and specific reserves or outstanding amounts due. The reserves were reviewed in detail in January 2026 as part of setting the 2026-27 precept to ensure that reserve balances were considered when determining the precept requirement. Members decided to use a proportion of general reserves to fund part of the 2026-27 budget. Members agreed that reserve balances should be considered in early 2026-27 when decisions would be made on transfers in and out of reserves once the year end position was known.

## 10. Allotments

Members had a short discussion about the merits of a community garden rather than allotments. The Clerk stated that she was still awaiting details of who the officer was dealing with allotments in Flintshire County Council. The Clerk agreed to pass contact information onto Councillor Palmer so that he could make enquiries.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Planning matters

Members discussed the planning application:

**Ref No: FUL/000006/26**

**PROPOSAL: FULL PLANNING PERMISSION FOR CHANGE OF USE FROM A C2 HOSPITAL TO A C2A SECURE RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTION AND ASSOCIATED WORKS INCLUDING THE REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS, NEW BOUNDARY TREATMENT AND RECONFIGURATION OF THE PARKING AREA TO CREATE A GARDEN AREA.**

**LOCATION: Cygnet Delfryn House, Argoed Hall Lane, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6FQ**

Members discussed the response received from Flintshire County Council Planning Officer James Beattie to the questions they had asked regarding the planning application. They still had concerns and unanswered questions regarding the change of use. The Clerk had submitted a complaint regarding the lack of a response to questions raised. Councillor Shepherd proposed that the planning application be rejection because Members had insufficient information to make a proper decision. This was seconded by Councillor McCarron. All members were in favour.

***Resolved – that the Clerk inform Flintshire County Council that Argoed Community Council reject or object to the application because they have insufficient information to make a decision.***

Councillor Mutch left the meeting at 8:15pm.

**Ref No: FUL/000157/26**

**PROPOSAL: PROPOSED TWO STOREY EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS**

**LOCATION: 38, Highfield Avenue, Mynydd Isa, Mold, CH7 6YB**

Members had no objections to the application and there was insufficient off-road parking.

**Ref No: FUL/000159/26**

**PROPOSAL: PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION**

**LOCATION: 1, Grays Road, Mynydd Isa, Mold, CH7 6UP**

Members had no objections to the application.

Councillor Holiday left the meeting at 8:20pm.

## 12. Highways matters

The Clerk had raised issues with the resurfacing work on Chambers Lane directly with Flintshire County Council. Members acknowledged that Hoel Famau and Bryn Clwyd roads were in a poor state.

## 15. Accounts for payment

The Clerk presented the payments that she was seeking Council approval for. All items presented for payment authorisation are detailed overleaf.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Payee	Details	£
<b>Payments already made under delegated authority</b>		
Clerk, HMRC & Clwyd Pension Fund	Salary, tax and National Insurance and pension costs	1,646.13
New Brighton Community Centre	Donation to Easter Event	150.00
	<b>Total payments to be made</b>	<b>1,796.13</b>
<b>Payments needing to be made</b>		
Caffi Isa CIC	Meeting room hire 3 & 17 February 2026	78.63
	<b>Total payments to be made</b>	<b>78.63</b>
<b>Payments made by direct debit</b>		
Microsoft	Licences x 1 March 2026	11.52
Microsoft	Licences x 15 March 2026	82.80
	<b>Total payments made</b>	<b>94.32</b>

Councillor Shepherd proposed that the payments be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Jolly. All members were in favour.

**Resolved – that the payments detailed be authorised including those made by direct debit.**

The meeting closed at 8:39pm.

<b>ACTION POINTS FROM 3 FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING</b>			
	<b>Action to be completed</b>	<b>By whom</b>	<b>By when</b>
<b>A</b>	Follow up lack of a rubbish bin in Memorial Garden with Streetscene.	Clerk	16 March 2026
<b>B</b>	Send allotment contact details to Councillor Palmer.	Clerk	16 March 2026
<b>C</b>	Advise Flintshire County Council of not being able to decide on planning application FUL/000006/26 because of insufficient information, therefore application rejected.	Clerk	9 March 2026
<b>D</b>	Advise Flintshire County Council of no objections to planning applications FUL/000157/26 and FUL/000159/26.	Clerk	16 March 2026
<b>E</b>	Make payments.	Clerk	23 March 2026

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_