



Minutes of the Meeting of Argoed Community Council held on Tuesday 21 July 2026 at 7:30pm at Caffi Isa

Present: Councillors Miriam Shepherd, Jon McCarron, Roy Marsh, Ian Jolly, John Holiday, Graham Palmer, Paul Jewell and Keith Mutch.

Absent: Councillor Rebecca Blanchard, Councillor Faron Hadfield-Jones and Councillor Jack Morris

In attendance: Sharon Swift, Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor Blanchard who was on holiday, Councillor Hadfield-Jones who was at a Flintshire County Council meeting and Councillor Morris who had other commitments.

2. Members Code of Conduct – Declarations of Interest

Several declarations of interest were made regarding agenda item 4 and applicants for the Community Councillor positions:

Councillor Roy Marsh made a personal and prejudicial declaration of interest in relation to candidate 1 (who was not available) because he had a close personal friendship with the candidate and family.

Councillors McCarron, Holiday and Mutch made a personal declaration of interest in relation to candidate 1 (who was not available) because they knew the candidate.

Councillors McCarron and Jewell made a personal declaration of interest in relation to candidate 3 because they knew the candidate.

Councillor Jewell made a personal declaration of interest in relation to candidate 4 because he knew the candidate.

3. Minutes of previous meetings

A copy of the updated Amenities Committee minutes of 16 June 2026 had been sent to all members prior to the meeting.

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Councillor Palmer proposed that the minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting of 16 June 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and this was seconded by Councillor Marsh. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that the minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting of 16 June 2026 be approved and adopted and signed as a correct record.

4. Councillor applications

The Clerk told members that there was not a requirement to go into a private session to speak to the candidates who had applied for the positions of Councillor. However, members wished to and Councillor Jolly proposed that the press and public be excluded from agenda item 4. because of the sensitivity around interviewing candidates. This was seconded by Councillor Jewell. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that the press and public be excluded from agenda item 4.

A short interview took place with each candidate. Following the interviews members discussed the candidates and members decided to appoint Rhian Davies and Debbie Edwards as Community Councillors.

5. Matters arising

The Clerk gave a short update on matters from the 7 July 2026 meeting, but most actions were still being addressed.

6. Civility Pledge

The agenda items so far had taken some time. Councillor Jewell proposed that the Civility Pledge matter be postponed until the September meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Shepherd. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that the Civility Pledge be included on the September agenda.

7. Signs for New Brighton Community Centre and Bowling Club

This matter has been discussed at previous meetings and members acknowledged that it needed to be moved forward and signs put up. At previous meetings members confirmed the preferred option of the signs stating Community Centre and Bowling Club with the Welsh translation. This was consistent with other signage in the community. Members said that the decision should be communicated to the Community Centre and Bowling Club and if they wished to pursue different signs, the monies they had paid over to the Community Council should be returned.

Councillor Mutch proposed that signs stating Community Centre and Bowling Club be erected. This was seconded by Councillor Jewell. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that the signs should state Community Centre and Bowling Club and this should be communicated to the two organisations.

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8. Gateway signs for village

The Clerk raised the matter of the gateway signs, highlighting that they were in good condition and the decision to replace them all to include Pentre Cythrel should be carefully considered. Councillor Jewell proposed that the gateway signs should remain as they are and should be replaced only when they were beyond repair. This was seconded by Councillor Mutch. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that the gateway signs should only be replaced when they were beyond repair.

9. Performance review of gardening contract

A short general discussion took place, and there will be a more detailed review following the summer planting season.

10. Accounts for payment

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

Payee	Details	£
Payments needing to be made		
Glitterbugz	Deposit for facepainting at NBCC	30.00
AB Gittins & CR Bedford	Watering in June & Mercia Square shrubs	760.00
	Total payments to be made	790.00

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

Resolved – that the payments detailed be authorised.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

	ACTION POINTS FROM 21 JULY 2026 MEETING		
	Action to be completed	By whom	By when
A	Contact candidates for Community Councillor positions and advise of outcome.	Clerk	12 August 2026
B	Civility Pledge to go on September agenda	Clerk	25 August 2026
C	Advise NBCC and Bowling Club that the signs should state Community Centre and Bowling Club.	Clerk	30 August 2026
D	Advise Flintshire CC that there will be no replacement of gateway signs at present.	Clerk	30 August 2026
E	Make payments.	Clerk	31 July 2026

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**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARGOED
COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

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Councillors McCarron and Jewell made a personal declaration of interest in relation to agenda item 4 and candidate 3 because they knew the candidate.

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