



Minutes of the Meeting of Argoed Community Council held on Tuesday 13 October 2026 at 7pm at Caffi Isa and via Teams.

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

Absent: Councillor Rhian Davies, Councillor Debbie Edwards and Councillor Jack Morris

In attendance: Sharon Swift, Clerk and County Councillor Mared Eastwood

The meeting commenced at 7pm.

1. Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor Edwards who had another commitment.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made at this stage of the meeting.

3. Public participation session

There were no members of the public present.

4. Minutes of previous meetings

A copy of the minutes of the meeting of 1 September 2026 had been sent to all members prior to the meeting. Councillor Jolly proposed that the minutes of the Council Meeting of 1 September 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and this was seconded by Councillor Hadfield-Jones. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that the minutes of the Council Meeting of 1 September 2026 be approved and adopted and signed as a correct record.

5. Reports from representatives on outside bodies

Councillor Holiday updated the meeting about recent Speedwatch sessions, including a session on Bryn Road between 3pm and 4pm and there had been 42 speeding vehicles recorded, including one travelling at 48mph. Members expressed their disappointment at the number of vehicles speeding, particularly when there were school children walking home at this time.

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Councillor Holiday agreed to explore opportunities for Go Safe sessions on Bryn Road towards Alltami as a local resident had spoken to the Clerk and raised concerns about speeding vehicles along this designated Safe Route to Schools.

Members highlighted other routes where speeding was taking place, including overtaking taking place on Mold Road.

Councillor Eastwood and Councillor Hadfield-Jones were invited by the Chair to update the meeting about any County matters. Councillor Hadfield-Jones stated that the potholes in the car park in Mynydd Isa would be filled in shortly. He explained that there was currently a budget shortfall in 2027-28 and savings were having to be identified.

Councillor Eastwood also raised the budget situation and explained to members that the school re-organisation proposal formed part of the budget proposal.

Councillor Shepherd asked Councillor Eastwood whether she was still supportive of the Community Council's wish to have allotments in the ward and asked if the Bryn School site was available. Councillor Eastwood explained that Argoed Sports Association was currently using the school playing fields for football until Education releases the land. Councillor Eastwood stated that both the Bryn School and Wats Dyke Infant School sites were still part of the school estate.

6. Matters arising

The Clerk confirmed that the feedback about the bus service in the ward had been submitted to the transport consultation exercise. Councillor Marsh stated that he had attended one of the consultation events in Mold but was disappointed to find that they were not interested in his views on bus services within the ward and there were specific rural routes they wanted feedback on. So as to explain the importance of a regular bus service in the ward, Councillor Marsch proposed that a representative from Arriva be invited to attend a future meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Jewell. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that a representative from Arriva be invited to attend a future meeting.

The Clerk explained that the Christmas event planning was underway. A discussion took place on the concreting for the metal posts on the grass area at Mercia Square. Members wished to pursue a cheaper quotation and the Clerk agreed to seek further estimates by looking for local contractors via social media.

The Clerk advised members that no response had been received to the email sent about the proposed signs for New Brighton Community Centre and New Brighton Bowling Club and she would follow this up.

Another tree would be sourced to plant in the Memorial Garden, and a plaque purchased by the Clerk.

The land registration for Bryn-y-Baal Quarry had now been sent to Land Registry.

The Clerk agreed to find out the anticipated remaining life of the adventure trail play structure in New Brighton play area.

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7. Police matters

The Clerk had circulated the number of police incidents reported for August 2026 with the agenda papers. This included identifying where incidents had taken place. This was noted by members, who requested the internet link so that they could drill down for this information. Councillor Hadfield-Jones updated members about the operation that had taken place by North Wales Police PCSOs to review the parking at the schools' site during the first week of the new school term. Members agreed that the traffic issues around the school site had reduced.

8. Correspondence and Clerk report

The Clerk had circulated correspondence to members. The report on the summer playscheme was pleasing to read. In due course the location of the playscheme for 2027 would be considered because of the need for toilets as well as shelter in hot or wet weather conditions. Members suggested that an events toilet could be provided at Wats Dyke and the Clerk agreed to obtain a cost for precept purposes. Councillor Jolly had been invited to Bryn Gwalia school to talk to the pupils about telecommunications.

Correspondence had been received from a few residents and the Clerk and Councillor Hadfield-Jones had met with the contractors at the school site regarding one matter. This was a positive meeting and issues regarding dry soil blowing into residents' gardens and the lack of wildflowers on the soil mound was no longer an issue and was largely due to the very dry weather during the summer. Other correspondence was noted and would be responded to by the Clerk.

9. Applications for grants and community funding

The Clerk provided a verbal update on applications received to date. This included an application for funding for a community fireworks event. The Clerk stated that she had not received a set of accounts from Argoed Sports Association. Members stressed that they would be unable to consider applications if accounts had not been provided. The Clerk agreed to communicate this to any organisations requesting funding but not submitting accounts as required.

10. Remembrance Event

The Clerk had circulated details of the Councillors laying wreaths at the nominated locations. Councillor Shepherd stated that the Service would start at 10:55am and the Last Post would be a recording this year. The Clerk asked members to consider donating £50 to Butterflies WI for agreeing to provide refreshments after the Remembrance Service. Councillor Hadfield-Jones proposed that a donation of £50 be made to Butterflies WI for the Remembrance refreshments. This was seconded by Councillor McCarron. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that a donation of £50 be made to Butterflies WI for serving refreshments after the Remembrance Service.

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11. Adoption and approval of a 'Shared Community – A Charter Between Flintshire County Council and the Community and Town Councils of the County'

The Clerk told members that the County Forum had re-started with meetings being held twice a year. The arrangement was that the Clerk would attend and only if she was unavailable would a member be able to attend instead. The Clerk had circulated the Draft 'Shared Community – A Charter Between Flintshire County Council and the Community and Town Councils of the County' with the agenda papers and this required formal approval.

Councillor Jewell proposed that the Council approve and abide by the Charter between Flintshire County Council and the Community and Town Community Councils (Shared Community). This was seconded by Councillor Shepherd. All members were in favour.

Resolved – that the Charter between Flintshire County Council and the Community and Town Councils of the County be adopted.

13. Budget monitoring report and bank reconciliation report

The Clerk presented the 2026-27 budget outturn report up to 30 September 2026 and the bank reconciliation on 30 September 2026. The bank reconciliation is summarised below:

	£
Balance on 1 April 2026	91,853
Add receipts	63,109
	154,962
Less Payments	29,943
Balance on 30 September 2026	125,019
Current account balance on 30 September 2026	1,309
Deposit account balance on 30 September 2026	123,710
Total bank balances on 30 September 2026	125,019

Members noted the details of the budget report and bank reconciliation. The Clerk had provided copies of the bank statements so that members could evidence the balances stated.

14. Planning matters

There were no planning matters.

15. Highways matters

Members discussed having a public EV charger in the village, in the rear car park at Mercia Square. The Clerk agreed to discuss this further with Flintshire County Council to ascertain if a private EV provider could be approached to install one.

16. Accounts for payment

The Clerk presented the payments for Council approval and highlighted that the reimbursement for the poppy wreaths approved at the 1 September 2026 meeting was £78.20 not £78.00.

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Councillor McCarron, given that it was 9pm, asked for members' agreement to extend the meeting to facilitate the agreement of the payments. Members agreed to this request. All items presented for authorisation are detailed below:

Payee	Details	£
Payments needing to be made		
DM Payroll Services Ltd	Payroll contract April to September 2026	112.80
Councillor Faron Hadfield-Jones	Councillors allowance & consumables	208.00
Councillor Debbie Edwards	Councillors allowance & consumables	120.81
Councillor Rhian Davies	Councillors allowance & consumables	120.81
AB Gittins & CR Bedford	Invoice ACC021	1,160.00
Clerk	Reimbursement for postal order for Land Registry	50.63
Clerk	Reimbursement for passport photos for ID1 form	11.99
Clerk	Reimbursement for solicitor cost for ID1 form	50.00
Clerk	Reimbursement for Land Registry postal cost	11.35
Salary, on costs & pension	Clerk October 2026	1,976.52
	Total payments to be made	3,822.91
Payments made / to be made by direct debit		
Microsoft	Licenses x 1 September 2026	11.52
Microsoft	Licenses x 15 September 2026	82.80
Microsoft	Licenses x 1 October 2026	11.52
Microsoft	Licenses x 15 September 2026	82.80
	Total payments made	188.64
	Grand payments total	4,011.55

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

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

The meeting closed at 9:04pm.

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	ACTION POINTS FROM 13 OCTOBER 2026 MEETING		
	Action to be completed	By whom	By when
A	Invite a representative from Arriva to attend a Community Council meeting to discuss the bus service.	Clerk	31 October 2026
B	Seek further quotes to concrete the posts at Mercia Square.	Clerk	19 October 2026
C	Follow up sign options for New Brighton Community Centre and New Brighton Bowling Club.	Clerk	31 October 2026
D	Source a tree and a plaque for the Memorial Garden.	Clerk & Councillor Shepherd	31 October 2026
E	Confirm the anticipated remaining life of the adventure trail play equipment at New Brighton play area.	Clerk	31 October 2026
F	Send members the internet links for the police reports.	Clerk	20 October 2026
G	Advise grant applications that accounts must be submitted for applications to be considered.	Clerk	16 October 2026
H	Donate £50 to Butterflies WI for the Remembrance Service refreshments.	Clerk	31 October 2026
I	Discuss EV charges and private installers with Flintshire County Council.	Clerk	31 October 2026
J	Make payments.	Clerk	31 October 2026

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