

Argoed Community Council



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Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 15th October 2018 at Manmoel Village Hall.

1865 To sign the register and receive apologies

1865.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman G. Lewis, M. Parkes, C. Padfield, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins, M. Williams and W. Williams

1865.2 Apologies were received from Cllr. A. Davies.

1866 To receive a report from the Police.

1866.1 Police Sergeant Broad had provided a written report of the recent Police activities in the Blackwood and surrounding area. The report also gave information relating to the success of the pop-up skate park, the recurring nuisance of off-road vehicles and speed monitoring sessions in the Argoed area.

1867 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

1867.1 Councillor Williams informed the meeting of the following items:-

- Caerphilly County Borough Council Funding cuts for the financial year 2019/10 – Cllr. Williams was very concerned that the cuts to services will really hurt the most vulnerable in the area.
- Attended a meeting in Bargoed to discuss alternative funding for community projects.
- The electoral arrangements for Community and Town Councils were under review.
- Reported that he was meeting with the new Police Inspector on 13th November.

1868 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th September 2018 were **agreed**.

1869 Matters arising:

1869.1 Markham Colliery Site – it was questioned whether there was any point in keeping this on the agenda.

1869.2 Argoed Community Benefit Fund – no new applications had been received.

1869.3 Minute 1857.1 – Markham Pharmacy. It was noted that this had now moved from the portacabin to a different location until construction of the new pharmacy building is completed. Cllr. Walter Williams reported that he had attended a Community Health Council meeting. The Community Health Council was not

concerned about the use of a temporary building. It was very concerned about the problem of recruiting a new doctor as the existing Markham doctor wished to retire.

1869.4 Minute 1859.3 – Argoed Village Hall – replacement internal lighting – Cllr. Padfield offered to help get a quotation for the work.

1869.5 Minute 1862.1 – Markham Primary School – it had been confirmed by the Head Teacher that the grant would be used to pay for awards to be given to the children. It was **agreed** to give a £350 grant.

1869.6 Minute 1863.3 – Cllr. Walter Williams confirmed that the investigation was still continuing into the damaged power supply to a property in Manmoel.

1869.7 Minute 1863.1 – Cllr. Padfield reported that there was still a problem with green waste recycling.

1870 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

- Item 1870.6 – Markham Leisure Centre – application for help toward the cost of providing a defibrillator. It was **agreed**, in principle, to contribute toward the shortfall in funding.
- Item 1870.7 – Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – supply of Wreath for Armistice Day Service - £25.00 - **agreed**

1871 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1871.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 15th October 2018 showed a total balance of £27,233.55

1871.2 The above balance included £6,800 from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.

1871.3 The Clerk's proposals to revise the projected Income and Expenditure for certain budget heads were **agreed**.

1871.4 The financial report produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1872 Delegates Reports

1872.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr. Walter Williams informed the meeting that a new school entrance was to be constructed. He added that the School Council had met the Mayor at Ty Penallta.

1872.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr. Mike Williams reported there was a problem with the internet connection at the hall. He added that the Hall no longer had a music system. The Clerk offered to donate a music system that he no longer needed.

1872.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1872.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report

1872.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – see correspondence.

1872.6 Access Forum – no report.

1873 Local Reports

1873.1 Argoed – It was reported that there are problems with the public notice board fixed to the outside of the building. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain prices for a new notice board. Also the Clerk agreed to establish whether planning approval was needed to replace the existing notice board.

1873.2 Hollybush – nothing to report

1873.3 Manmoel – nothing to report.

1873.4 Markham – Cllr. Hilary Rowlands reported on a dedication service for a new stained glass window fitted in Markham Chapel.

1874 Planning Applications

1874.1 18/0792/RM – Plot 4 Land North of Banalog Terrace, Hollybush – seek approval of reserved matters in respect of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved under consent 17/0387/OUT

1874.2 18/0799/FULL – 1 Glanyrafon Cottages, William Street, Hollybush – erect a rosewood woodgrain PVCU conservatory

1874.3 18/0717/RET – Markham Miners Welfare Club, Bryn Road, Markham – retain fenced beer garden

1874.4 18/0837/FULL – Ty'r Sais Stables, Ty'r Sais Farm Lane, Argoed – erect a games room and bedroom extension.

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 19th November 2018