



Cyngor Cymuned Argoed

**Markham, Argoed,
Man-moel and Hollybush**

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 16th November 2015 at Manmoel Village Hall.

1506 To sign the register and receive apologies

1506.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman Walter Williams, D. Briggs, G. Lewis, K. Masson, J. Watkins and M. Williams

1506.2 Apologies were received from Councillors L. Gardiner, G. Bineham, A. Jones, H. Rowlands and D. Williams

1507 To receive a representative from the Solar Panel Company

1507.1 The Chairman welcomed Mr Sharp to the meeting. Mr Sharp outlined the company's proposals for the construction of a solar panel farm on land to the north of the Penyfan Caravan Park. The company was offering to provide a donation to the Community Council to be used for developing local benefits such as allotments, recreation facilities, etc. The total value would be somewhere between £40 and £60,000 with half being made available at the start of construction and the remaining balance available on completion of construction once the solar panel farm has started producing electricity. A formal agreement would have to be drawn up and signed by the Community Council and the Company.

1508 To receive a report from Cllr Leon Gardiner.

1508.1 Cllr Gardiner had apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

1509 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th October 2015 were agreed.

1510 Matters arising:-

1510.1 Minute 1500.1 – letter from Caerphilly County Borough Council confirming that signs would be placed banning the use of off-road bikers and 4X4s on the Markham Colliery Land.

1510.2 Minute 1500.3 – letter from Caerphilly County Borough Council confirming that the issue of not re-placing refuse bins would be raised with the refuse crews.

1510.3 Minute 1500.4 – Christmas Lights at Markham Miners Institute – the Clerk advised the meeting that the old lights would have to be used this year and new lights purchased for use in Christmas 2016

1510.4 Minute 1501.4 – replies received from Partnership for Renewals, Gwyn Price AM and Chris Evans MP regarding Community Benefit Fund. It was agreed that

the Clerk should write to Caerphilly County Borough Council asking what happens to any unspent money in the Community Benefit Fund and who constitutes the independent assessment panel.

1510.5 Minute 1503.7 - letter from Caerphilly County Borough Council acknowledging Clerk's letter regarding speed activated camera on A4048 north of Hollybush.

1511 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions agreed.

1512 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

1512.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 16th November 2015, showing a total balance of £16,285.16 was **accepted**.

1512.2 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**

Treasurer's Account	9,760.80	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-412.10</u>	9,348.70
Business Money Manager A/C		6,936.46
Bank Balances		<u>16,285.16</u>

1513 Delegates Reports

1513.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the school was steadily improving and it was anticipated that it would move into the “good” category.

1513.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Mike Williams reported that it was “ticking over nicely”.

1513.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report.

1513.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report.

1513.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – The Chairman reported that the AGM had been held recently.

1513.6 Access Forum – no meeting.

1514 Local Reports

1514.1 Argoed – Cllr Mike Williams reported that several tenants in Penylan Road had lost their gas supply whilst the housing improvements were being carried out. It was agreed that a letter of complaint be sent to Caerphilly County Borough Council. Cllr John Watkins reported that the speed activated sign at the north of the Rock was not working.

1514.2 Hollybush – no report

1514.3 Manmoel – The Chairman reported that the chevrons at the south of Manmoel village still hadn't been replaced.

1514.4 Markham – Cllr David Briggs reported that the walkways around Monmouth Walk needed weeding.

1515 Planning Applications

1515.1 15/0630/FULL – Long Barn, Pen-Deri Farm, Argoed – erect garage and tool store

1515.2 15/1077/NCC – Ysguborneydd Farm, Pen-Yr-Heol-Las Lane, Manmoel – Vary condition of Planning consent to extend period of time for further 5 years

1515.3 15/0703/COU – Tir Capel Farm, Llanerch Lane, Manmoel – convert existing storage barn to domestic dwelling

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 21st December 2015