

Argoed Community Council



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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 17th July 2018 at Markham Institute.

1845 To sign the register and receive apologies

1845.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman G. Lewis C. Padfield, M. Parkes, J. Watkins and W. Williams

1845.2 Apologies were received from Cllr. A. Davies, H. Rowlands, M. Williams

1846 To receive a report from the Police.

1846.1 There was no police representative present.

1847 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

1847.1 Councillor Williams informed the meeting of the following items:-

- Former Markham Colliery Site – a meeting had taken place with officers of Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) together with Cllrs Walter Williams, Garry Lewis and John Watkins. The CCBC said that the site was not identified for Housing in the Local Development Plan (LDP). They were asked whether the site could be identified for Housing in the new LDP. The Councillors were disappointed that CCBC had not involved outside organisations. They added that they were frustrated that the CCBC had no real vision for the future of the site.
- Replacement benches – this was discussed with Mr. Phil Griffiths at the same meeting. Mr. Griffiths promised that this would be sorted out.
- Oakdale Community Benefit Fund – Cllr Williams had complained to officers of CCBC that the deadline for applications was too short. It did not recognise that many organisations did not meeting during August. A discussion ensued whether Argoed Village Hall could submit an application for funding solar panels for the roof with the 20% matched funding being provided by the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.
- An new mini-bus service from Blackwood has been introduced but is not suitable for wheelchairs or prams according to some users.
- CCBC had started a public consultation over the future of Leisure Provision throughout the Borough.

1848 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th June 2018 were **agreed**.

1849 Matters arising:

1849.1 Minute 1840.3 Improvements to road signage – it was noted that this was subject to funding being available.

1849.2 Cllr John Watkins confirmed that the vegetation at the Manmoel Crossing junction with the A4048 had been cut back to improve visibility.

1850 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**

1851 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1851.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 17th July 2018 showed a total balance of £24,078.41

1851.2 The above balance included £6,500 from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.

1851.3 The financial report produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1852 Delegates Reports

1852.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that the Computer Suite had been completed. The school is recruiting a new family liaison officer.

1852.2 Argoed Village Hall – no report

1852.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1852.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report

1852.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Williams reported that the paint had been delivered. The exterior had been cleaned and repainted. They were investigating the possibility of installing solar panels.

1852.6 Access Forum – no report

1853 Local Reports

1853.1 Argoed – It was reported that three speed activated signs were not working. It was agreed that the Clerk write to CCBC. It was also reported that diesel had been stolen from the forestry site.

1853.2 Hollybush – nothing to report

1853.3 Manmoel – no report

1853.4 Markham – It was reported that vermin had been seen in gardens in Monmouth Walk. It was also reported that youths are hanging around in Monmouth Walk causing problems for residents.

1854 Planning Applications

1854.1 18/0520/FULL – 45 Gelynos Avenue, Argoed – Erect detached dwelling

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 17th September 2018