



## Cyngor Cymuned Argoed

Markham, Argoed,  
Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Markham Miners' Institute

1379 To sign the register and receive apologies

1379.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman K. Masson, G. Bineham, A. Craddock, A. Jones, G. Lewis, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins, M. Williams and W. Williams

1379.2 Apologies were received from. D. Briggs and L. Gardiner

1380 To receive a report from the Police

1380.1 Jeff Dugmore reported that of the 180 tickets that were distributed for the Halloween cinema only 63 had attended. There were no reported incidents of anti-social behaviour on Halloween night in the Community Council area. Jeff said that the incident in the Sirhowy Arms Hotel could not be discussed as it was the subject of an on-going Police investigation.

The PACT meetings are to be re-branded as "Your Voice". The PACT meetings have not been well attending in the Community Council area. It was felt that holding them the same time as Residents' Association meetings would get a better attendance.

A councillor raised the continuing problem of off-road bikers and 4x4 vehicles on Manmoel Crossing and the former Markham Colliery site.

1381 To receive a report from County Borough Councillor Leon Gardiner.

1381.1 Leon had given his apologies for not attending.

1382 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were agreed.

1383 Matters arising:-

1383.1 Minute 1372.1 Invitation to Chris Evans MP to speak to a future meeting – The Clerk confirmed that he had arranged for Chris Evans to attend a special meeting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November at Argoed Village Hall.

1383.2 Minute 1372.2 Invitation to Keith Reynolds to speak. The Clerk was trying to re-arrange for the new year

1383.3 Minute 1376.1 – memorial garden at the bottom of Penylan Road. A councillor reported that a site meeting had been arranged.

1383.4 Minute 1376.3 – "Slow – Children" road sign. The Clerk read out the response from Caerphilly County Borough Council. It was agreed that the Clerk request that the warning be painted on the road rather than mounted on a sign post.

1383.5 Minute 1376.4 – The vehicles outside nos. 3&4 Mountain View have been removed by the owners.

#### 1384 Correspondence

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

1384.9 Letter from a resident of Argoed regarding incident in Sirhowy Arms Hotel. A meeting had been held at Blackwood Police Station at which senior Police Officers and Social Services had attended. The residents were greatly concerned about the people that were being housed at the Sirhowy Arms Hotel. It was agreed that concerns should be raised with Caerphilly County Borough Council.

1384.11 Caerphilly CBC 5 man cleansing team. Areas highlighted were: the gutters on the left hand side of Penylan Road; the road from the A4048 to Penylan Road. Also identified for the weed control team was Manmoel Park bank which has an infestation of Japanese Knotweed. The gullies in the roads between Penywerlod Road and Bryn Road need cleaning out.

1384.16 Councillors Keith Masson, Ann Jones and Hilary Rowlands declared an interest and left the meeting when the Markham Community House and Centre request for financial assistance toward the purchase of a defibrillator was considered. The Centre had provided a financial statement in support of its application. It was **agreed** to donate £500 towards the cost.

1385 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

1385.16 The financial position of the Community Council as at 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014, showing a total balance of £15,842.16 was **accepted**.

Treasurer's Account	9,535.68	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-626.09</u>	8,909.59
Business Money Manager A/C		6,932.57
Bank Balances		<u>15,842.16</u>

1385.17 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**.

#### 1386 Delegates Reports

1386.16 Markham Primary School – it was reported that a recent assessment had shown a slight improvement in the school

1386.17 Argoed Village Hall – a WW1 exhibition was planned for Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

1386.18 Hollybush Community Centre - nothing to report

1386.19 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – nothing to report

1386.20 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre – nothing to report

1386.21 Community Partnership – no meeting held

1386.22 Access Forum – no meeting held

### 1387 Local Reports

- 1387.16 Argoed – It was announced that a Carols and Quiz night was planned for 5<sup>th</sup> December
- 1387.17 Hollybush – It was reported that the residents were trying to get a collective deal for the supply of gas and electricity.
- 1387.18 Manmoel – It was reported that the wind turbine has now been erected. A letter had be sent to Caerphilly CBC complaining about the failure to notify the village of the road closure.
- 1387.19 Markham – A verbal report was given on the meeting with Ian Johnston the Police Commissioner. The Police are trying to engage more with the public – the Commissioner has re-opened Police Stations. The Police had lost 200 front line officers and more staff will be lost in the next round of cuts. Delegates to the meeting reported that there were problems with the 101 service. Some areas reported that PACT meeting were not well attended. Mobile Police Stations – officers should get out and meet people not sit waiting for the public to come to them!

### 1388 Community Council Website

1388.16 The following improvements to the website had been previously identified:

- An area map highlighting places of interest was needed – Clerk to liaise with CCBC IT department
- The page headed “Gallery” needed to be re-named “Facilities and Events” - resolved
- The Community Council needed to include social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter – Clerk to liaise with other Community Council Clerks to find out more about using social media
- The schedule of future meetings needs to be added - resolved
- Alterations were needed to the list of Councillors - resolved
- Information relating to the Community centres should be added – some added
- A brief history of each of the 4 areas should be included – some provided
- Clerk to find out how many “hits” our website had received.

### 1389 Planning Applications

- 1389.16 14/0455/FULL – Darren Farm Argoed – construction of ground-mounted solar PV generation.
- 1389.17 14/0689/RET 76 Abernant Road Markham – retain conservatory to front of house – it was agreed that this development was out of character with the rest of the neighbouring properties.
- 1389.18 14/0678/OUT – Fair Oak Farm Woodland Terrace Argoed – erect 3 detached dwellings with upgraded site access

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014