



# 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> December 2018 at Argoed Village Hall.

1885 To sign the register and receive apologies

1885.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman G. Lewis, A. Davies, D. Moore, J. Moore, M. Parkes, C. Padfield, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins, M. Williams and W. Williams.

1885.2 Apologies were received from Hilary Rowlands

1886 To receive a report from the Police.

1886.1 In the absence of Jeff Dugmore, Cllr Walter Williams reported that a Police surgery had been held on 14<sup>th</sup> December. Off-road vehicles had been seized on Manmoel Common.

1887 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

1887.1 Councillor Williams informed the meeting of the following items:-

- Caerphilly County Borough Council was discussing the possibility that all 30 mph roads should become 20 mph and was calling on the Welsh Government to take the initiative. The Council was also encouraging more use of bicycles.
- The Oakdale Community Benefit fund had given grants of £7,172 in the current financial year with approximately £3,000 available to be allocated.
- £7,000,000 was coming to the valleys from the Welsh Government: Cwmcarn Forest Drive, Caerphilly Castle and Ynys Hywel all identified as areas in Caerphilly that could benefit from the additional funding.
- The Medium Term Financial Plan was being discussed that week
- Two Civic Amenity sites were identified for closure as part of the cut-backs.
- The programme for the cutting back of overgrowth on footpaths would also be affected by the financial difficulties that the Council was facing.

1888 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were **agreed**.

1889 Matters arising:

1889.1 Argoed Community Benefit Fund – no new applications had been received.

- Cllr Arthur Davies suggested that applications be submitted as soon as possible.
- Cllrs Garry Lewis and Walter Williams proposed that £300 be given to Markham Primary School to pay towards the cost of cutting the willow hedging. This was

**agreed** by the Council, however, it was noted that a written quotation would have to be submitted before the payment could be made.

1889.2 Minute 1879.2 – Argoed Village Hall – replacement internal lighting – Cllr Padfield reported he was still trying to get an quotation for the work.

1889.3 Minute 1882.2 – Argoed Village Hall – internet connection – still not resolved.

1889.4 Minute 1879.3 – Cllr Arthur Davies thanked Cllr Walter Williams for sorting out the damaged power supply to the property in Manmoel.

1889.5 Minute 1883.1 – 20 mph speed limit outside Markham Primary School – it was noted that CCBC still hadn't installed the speed limit. The Clerk suggested that he submit a Freedom of Information request to establish the number of Primary Schools that had 20 mph speed limits and the number that did not.

1890 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

Item 1890.8 – Many councillors criticised Caerphilly County Borough Council's report regarding the monitoring of vehicle speeds at the top of Penylan Road.

1891 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1891.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 showed a total balance of £25,599.45

1891.2 The above balance included £6,800 from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.

1891.3 The Clerk's recommendations on variations to the projected spend on 6 budget items were **agreed**.

1891.4 The financial report produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1892 Delegates Reports

1892.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr. Walter Williams informed the meeting that the school choir had sung in St. David's Hall in Cardiff as part of a joint schools choir. The willow hedge around the school needed cutting.

1892.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr. Mike Williams reported that the Christmas Quiz had been a great success.

1892.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1892.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – Cllr Walter Williams advised the meeting that he intended standing down as the Community Council's representative due to the pressure of attending so many Brough Council meetings. It was agreed that a replacement delegate be considered at the January meeting.

1892.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – the centre is being forced to make two staff redundant.

1892.6 Access Forum – Cllr Walter Williams reported that the last meeting had been cancelled and the next one was now due in March 2019.

1893 Local Reports

1893.1 Argoed – It was questioned why the Argoed ward only had two lamp-post mounted Christmas decorations when it used to have at least five. It was agreed that the Clerk should make enquiries with the lighting contractor.

1893.2 Hollybush – nothing to report

1893.3 Manmoel – Cllr. Arthur Davies reported that the children’s Christmas party in the village had been a great success. He also mentioned a forthcoming choir singing in the Chapel.

1893.4 Markham – Cllr. Diana Moore reported that dog fouling was a serious problem and asked whether more “dogs should kept on a lead” signs could be placed around the area.

1894 Planning Applications – none

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019