

Argoed Community Council



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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 18th March 2019 at Manmoel Village Hall.

1919 To sign the register and receive apologies

1919.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman G. Lewis, A. Davies, D. Moore, J. Moore, C. Padfield, M. Parkes, J. Watkins, M. Williams and W. Williams.

1919.2 Apologies were received from H. Rowlands,

1920 To receive a report from the Police – apologies were received from Jeff Dugmore.

1921 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

1921.1 Cllr. Williams reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council had held a meeting the previous week to discuss the Electoral Commission Review report which proposed to reduce the number of Borough Councillors. CCBC had agreed to take money from the Regeneration Budget and allocate it to the Business Section Budget. Cllr. Williams informed the meeting that he had met with Mr Phil Griffiths of Caerphilly County Borough Council to discuss the bridle ways in the Manmoel area and also the serious problem of “off-roaders” in Manmoel village. Cllr Williams said that he had met with Rhiannon Passmore AM, to discuss the problem of “off-roaders”. A meeting with Blaenau Gwent Borough Council was needed to co-ordinate a joint approach.

1921.2 A councillor commented on the large boulders that were on the former Markham Colliery site and suggested that these could be used to block access to the cycle path which would restrict the “off-roaders” access to the cycle path.

1922 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th February 2019 were **agreed.**

1923 Matters arising:

1923.1 The Clerk advised the meeting that there were no new applications for the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.

1923.2 Minute 1911.3 – Cllr Williams reported that it had been confirmed by the Health authority at a public meeting that the surgery would not close and a replacement doctor would be sought after the present doctor retired.

- 1923.3 Minute 1913.2 – The Clerk advised the meeting that no response had been received to the request for a 20 mph speed limit on Penylan Road, Argoed.
- 1923.4 Minute 1913.4 – a councillor reported that the dumping of rubbish on Mountain View was still a problem.
- 1923.5 Minute 1914.4 – Christmas Lights – the Clerk informed the meeting that he had surveyed the lighting columns in the five areas that currently had Christmas lights fitted. He intended contacting the electrical contractor to discuss which lighting columns were suitable for expanding the Christmas decorations.
- 1923.6 Minute 1917.1 – Manmoel Caravan Park – a councillor commented on the lighting pollution caused by the use of powerful floodlights at the caravan site. Concerns were also expressed about the continued tipping at the site. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Caerphilly County Borough Council. Reference was also made to the landscaping of the site which was yet to take place.

1924 Correspondence

1924.1 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

- Item 1924.9 A letter had been received by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Community Council from a resident questioning the purpose of the Community Council and challenging whether the Council should be discussing problems such as the alternative use of the former Markham Colliery Site; traffic issues; fly-tipping and other anti-social behaviour. The letter also made reference to the Cydcoed Woodland Project and the lack of after-care. After a fairly lengthy discussion, during which several councillors and the resident expressed differing views of opinion, the resident was provided by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council with a written response to the letter. The Chairman repeated the invitation to the resident to put their name forward as a co-opted member of the Community Council.

1925 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1925.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 18th March 2019 showed a total balance of £20,468.66

1925.2 The above balance included £6,500 from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.

1925.3 The financial report produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1926 Delegates Reports

1926.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr. Walter Williams informed the meeting that the Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council would be visiting the school to present awards to children.

1926.2 Argoed Village Hall – no report

1926.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1926.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – Cllr. John Moore reported that he had attended the meeting. Concerns had been expressed at the meeting about the Borough Council's proposals to close all public toilets. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Caerphilly County Borough Council complaining about the decision. Cllr Moore also commented on the lack of Borough Council officers at the Joint Liaison meeting.

1926.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr. Walter Williams informed the meeting that little had changed from his previous report.

1926.6 Access Forum – no report.

1927 Local Reports

1927.1 Argoed – Cllr Colin Padfield expressed concerns about the use of Cwrt Y Bella Road by heaving vehicles. He asked whether the Borough Council could restrict access.

1927.2 Hollybush – no report.

1927.3 Manmoel – Cllr Arthur Davies informed the meeting that an Easter Egg hunt was to be organised. He also reported that the Borough Council had been using a new machine to repair potholes.

1927.4 Markham – no report

1928 Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 15th April 2019