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

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 18th May 2015 at Hollybush Community Centre.

1456 To sign the register and receive apologies

1456.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman W. Williams, G. Bineham, D. Briggs, A. Craddock, A. Jones, G. Lewis, K. Masson, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins and M. Williams.

1456.2 Apologies were received from Councillor L. Gardiner

1457 To receive a report from the Police. Jeff Dugmore had sent his apologies but had provided a written report. At the recent "Your Voice" meeting residents had stated that the Police priorities should be: ASB Youth Nuisance in Monmouth Walk, Mountain View and Abernant Road: ASB Speeding Vehicles on Penylan Road, A4048 and Abernant Road. He outlined further activities which the Police had undertaken in the last month. He thanked the Community Council for its financial contribution toward the Football and Netball tournament held in Blackwood.

1458 The Chairman welcomed Paul Shackson and Jonathon Jones from the Circuit of Wales. Paul outlined the plans for the racing circuit at the north of Ebbw Vale. The first MotoGB bike race will be held in 2017. He said that an estimated 4 to 6,000 jobs will be created once the whole project is up and running. An estimated income generation into the South East Wales area of £50m per year was anticipated. Training partnerships with colleges in Ebbw Vale, Merthyr Tydfil and Ystrad Mynach were planned. They will be targeting the 18 to 24 age group for employment opportunities. They aim to start on site in September of this year and final completion will be 2020.

1458.1 Mike Williams asked about parking facilities – Paul said that there would be over 19,000 parking spaces created along the southern part of the site. It was anticipated that the facilities would be used all year round.

1458.2 The Clerk asked about off-road bikers which are causing problems in the Community Council area. Paul said that they would be allowed access to parts of the site.

1458.3 Garry Lewis asked whether all the funding was in place to complete the project. Jonathon confirmed that all funding was in place.

1458.4 Walter Williams asked about security on the site. Jonathon said that the site would be surrounded by a high security fence and access would be via controlled gates.

1458.5 Dave Briggs asked about the Commoners use of the land. Paul said that once the land has been de-registered which would hopefully take place in the next month or so, the contractors would access the site to commence work.

1458.6 Keith Masson asked about farming land. Paul said that there would be land available to the north of the site.

The Chairman thanked Paul and Jonathon for attending the meeting to explain the project.

1459 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th April 2015 were agreed.

1460 Matters arising:-

1460.1 Minute 1446.1 – Carl Williams the new Inspector for Blackwood has been invited to the July meeting

1460.2 Minute 1446.3 – The missing chevrons had still not been replaced

1460.3 Minute 1446.4 – The Chairman said that Leon Gardiner had spoken to James Bowyer about the clearance of the land.

1460.4 Minute 1446.4 – Clerk to write to Caerphilly County Borough Council about the sign at the entrance to the former Markham colliery site.

1461 Correspondence

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

Item 1461.4 Christmas Lights – Dave Briggs agreed to speak to Richard James from Elsbury Plant to sort out the external power supply at Markham Miners' Institute. Concern was expressed about the cost of replacing the existing lights with new LED lights. The Chairman said that he would raise this at the next Markham Residents meeting to see whether a financial contribution could be made.

1462 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

1462.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 18th May 2015, showing a total balance of £14,855.71 was **accepted**.

Treasurer's Account	8,309.26	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-387.10</u>	7,922.16
Business Money Manager A/C		6,933.55
Bank Balances		<u>14,855.71</u>

1462.2 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**

1463 Delegates Reports

1463.1 Markham Primary School – Mike Williams reported that the new reception class teacher had been appointed and would be starting in September of this year. Gary Lewis said that the school inspection had showed a significant improvement in the school and it was out of scrutiny.

- 1463.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Mike Williams said that the hall was used every night had everything was going well.
- 1463.3 Hollybush Community Centre – Cllr Gay Bineham said that a grant from the Welsh Government had been received.
- 1463.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no meeting
- 1463.5 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre – applications for the post of Facilities Manager had been received and they were now in the process of shortlisting.
- 1463.6 Access Forum – meeting due in June.

1464 Local Reports

- 1464.1 Argoed – A councillor reported that tipping was continuing at the Caravan Park. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Caerphilly County Borough Council about this. It was also agreed that a letter should be sent to Natural Resources Wales expressing concern about the tipping encroaching into the river. Large stones have been removed from the entrance to the path opposite Dyers dip down into the woodland allowing access for vehicles. It was added that trees have been felled. It was agreed that the Clerk should to write to Caerphilly County Borough Council Planning Department.
- 1464.2 Hollybush – it was reported that Police speed cameras have been used on the main road through the village
- 1464.3 Manmoel –it was reported that the AGM of the Village Hall had been poorly attended.
- 1464.4 Markham – it was reported that the “Your Voice” meeting which has replaced the PACT meetings was poorly attended.

1465 Planning Applications

- 1465.1 15/0282/FULL – Garage Penylan Road West Urban Lane rear of Penylan Road, Argoed – replace domestic garage

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 15th June 2015