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

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 19th October 2015 at Hollybush Community Centre.

1496 To sign the register and receive apologies

1496.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman Walter Williams, D. Briggs, G. Bineham, A. Jones, G. Lewis, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins, D. Williams and M. Williams

1496.2 Apologies were received from Councillors K. Masson and L. Gardiner

1497 To receive a report from the Police

1497.1 There were no representatives from the Police present at the meeting.

1498 To receive a report from Cllr Leon Gardiner.

1498.1 Cllr Gardiner had apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

1499 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st September 2015 were agreed.

1500 Matters arising:-

1500.1 Minute 1487.1 – Cllr Garry Lewis had spoken to Phil Griffiths regarding funding for the Markham Colliery Site. Mr. Griffiths had said that he did not think Heritage Lottery Funding was appropriate for the Colliery Site project. It was agreed that the Clerk should repeat the request for signs at the Colliery site banning the use of off-road bikes and quad bikes.

1500.2 Minute 1488.1 – It was confirmed that the handrail had been installed.

1500.3 Minute 1488.2 – It was reported that the problem of the correct placing of refuse bins was still not resolved.

1500.4 Minute 1494.5 – Cllr David Briggs confirmed that the power source for the Christmas tree lights at Markham Institute should be completed by the end of the week.

1501 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions agreed.

1501.4 and 1501.5 Partnership for Renewables (PFR) and a letter from Cllr John Watkins - It was noted that a meeting was to be held at Argoed Village Hall on 30th October to discuss the construction of Wind Turbines and Solar Panels. It was agreed that letters be sent to Caerphilly County Borough Council, Chris Evans MP and Gwyn Price AM pointing out that PFR had originally committed to

giving £12,500 (index linked) for the life of the project and there had been no mention of a 20% contribution requirement from organisations applying for funding from the Community Benefit Fund.

1502 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

1502.4 The financial position of the Community Council as at 19th October 2015, showing a total balance of £16,946.28 was **accepted**.

Treasurer's Account	10,398.10	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-387.30</u>	10,010.80
Business Money Manager A/C		6,935.48
Bank Balances		<u>16,946.28</u>

1502.5 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**

1503 Delegates Reports

1503.1 Markham Primary School – it was noted that there had not been a Governors meeting since the Community Council had last met.

1503.2 Argoed Village Hall – it was reported that a new musical group had started to use the hall on a regular basis.

1503.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1503.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – Meeting due on 28th October 2015

1503.5 Access Forum – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the Rights of Way improvement plan consultation was taking place at present.

1504 Local Reports

1503.6 Argoed – Cllr John Watkins enquired whether the Clerk could establish the energy output of the wind turbines at Manmoel and also whether local businesses have benefited from cheaper energy.

1503.7 Hollybush – Cllr Gay Bineham asked the Clerk to write to Caerphilly County Borough Council to find out why the speed signs have not been installed at the top of Hollybush Village.

1503.8 Manmoel – no report.

1503.9 Markham – Cllr Walter Williams reported that building rubbish had been dumped at Hillside Avenue. Also, the lights at James Street, Markham were overgrown with foliage. Cllr David Briggs reported that he had experienced problems with the Police 101 service.

1504 Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 16th November 2015