

# Argoed Community Council



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Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Markham Miners' Institute.

1875 To sign the register and receive apologies

1875.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman G. Lewis, A. Davies, M. Parkes, C. Padfield, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins, M. Williams and W. Williams

1875.2 To consider applications for co-option to fill two vacant seats.

Mr John Moore and Mrs Diane Moore were welcomed by the Chairman. They signed the declaration of acceptance of office which was duly witnessed by the Clerk.

1876 To receive a report from the Police.

1876.1 PCSO Dugmore reported on the following:

- Garage break-ins and attempted garage break-ins
- Halloween night – problems with youths causing disturbances – ASBO referrals have been issued
- Abandoned vehicles – 7 day notices issued by Caerphilly County Borough Council
- Off-road bikers – several riders had been stopped and Section 59 notices were issued
- Skate Board ramp continuing in the village
- A councillor reported that vehicles were seen driving down the side of the mountain close to the Manmoel Caravan site.

1877 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

1877.1 Councillor Williams informed the meeting of the following items:-

- Caerphilly County Borough Council Cabinet has agreed a 10 years Sports and Leisure Plan
- Funding cuts for the financial year 2019/10 – Cllr. Williams reported that Central Government and the Welsh Government could be providing extra money but the exact amount was unknown at present. The Borough Council has to create savings of £60,000,000 over the next 5 years. A public consultation is taking place over the next few weeks at various locations throughout the Borough.
- Reported on his meeting with the new Police Inspector on 13<sup>th</sup> November – Volunteers to use speed cameras were being sought throughout the Borough. Operation being carried out to tackle the problem of the illegal use of quad bikes.

The 101 telephone service was inconsistent with many people complaining of having to wait far too long for an operator to answer.

1878 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were **agreed**.

1879 Matters arising:

1879.1 Argoed Community Benefit Fund – no new applications had been received.

1879.2 Minute 1869.4 – Argoed Village Hall – replacement internal lighting – Cllr. Padfield reported that he was still trying to get a quotation for the work.

1879.3 Minute 1869.6 – Cllr. Walter Williams confirmed that the investigation was still continuing into the damaged power supply to a property in Manmoel.

1879.4 Minute 1869.7 – Cllr. Padfield confirmed that there was still a problem with green waste recycling.

1879.5 Minute 1870.7 – The Chairman reported that there had been an excellent turnout for the Armistice Service on the Sunday.

1879.6 Minute 1872.2 – Hi-fi for Argoed Village Hall – it was confirmed that the Clerk had provided a Hi-fi system suitable for the hall to use.

Cllr Mike Williams asked if he could use the un-spent part of his 2017/18 Chairman's Allowance to purchase CDs. It was **agreed** that a cheque for £50 be given to the Village Hall.

1879.7 Minute 1873.1 – Argoed Notice Boards – the Clerk advised the meeting that prices started from about £488 and went up to £790

1880 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

1881 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1881.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 showed a total balance of £26,893.56

1881.2 The above balance included £6,800 from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.

1881.3 The financial report produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1882 Delegates Reports

1882.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr. Walter Williams informed the meeting that a pay review meeting was due to take place. The Mayor had visited the school and had handed out attendance awards to pupils. The School was hoping to start a radio service.

1882.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr. Mike Williams reported there was still a problem with the internet connection at the hall.

1882.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1882.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report

1882.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – the centre is being forced to reduce staffing levels and the Gym is to be closed. The centre needs about £500 more to pay for the installation of a defibrillator on the outside of the building.

1882.6 Access Forum – Cllr Walter Williams reported that the last meeting had been cancelled and the next one was now due in March 2019.

1883 Local Reports

1883.1 Argoed – Cllr. John Watkins reported that two orchards which had been created by the Borough Council at Manmoel Crossing and Argoed were badly overgrown. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should write to Caerphilly County Borough Council requesting that the orchards are “tidied up”.

Cllr. Watkins continued by referring to the damaged seats along the valley walk and also the lack of traffic calming measures throughout the Argoed Community Council area. He reminded the meeting that the Borough Council was supposed to be creating a 20 mph speed limit zone outside Markham Primary School. It seemed to him that every other school in the Borough had a 20 mph speed limit zone.

Cllr. Diane Moore mentioned WHQS funding that was available from the Borough Council. She thought it was possible to have hard-standings built on the Council properties which may reduce the problems of on-street parking,

1883.2 Hollybush – nothing to report

1883.3 Manmoel – Cllr. Arthur Davies reported that the Halloween Night and Bonfire Night events organised in the village had been a great success.

1883.4 Markham – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that the tree in the grounds of Markham Institute which the Community Council uses for Christmas lighting is dying and needs to be replaced. Cllr. Williams quoted prices of between £750 for a tree 2 to 2.5 metres tall and £2,000 for a tree 3.5 to 4 metres tall. It was agreed that the Community Council needs to consider this in the new year.

1884 Planning Applications

1884.1 17/0033/ENF – 76 Abernant Road, Markham – breach of planning consent

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018