



## **Cyngor Cymuned Argoed**

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

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at Argoed Village Hall.

1438 To sign the register and receive apologies

1438.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman K. Masson, A. Craddock, G. Lewis, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins, M. Williams and W. Williams

1438.2 Apologies were received from PCSO Jeff Dugmore, Councillors G. Bineham, D. Briggs, A. Jones and L. Gardiner

1439 The Chairman welcomed Rev Charlotte Moss together with three members of the Night Shelter Project.

Rev Moss explained that 9 churches in the Caerphilly area provided shelter for homeless people who were sleeping rough. The shelter provides a bed for the night together with an evening meal, breakfast and a packed lunch. Caerphilly County Borough Council provided money for food and energy costs. Rev Moss was concerned that people would confuse the help the shelter provides with the accommodation provided at the Sirhowy Arms. She stressed that there was a strict "No drink and No drugs" policy at the shelter.

The Chairman asked what the Community Council could do to help the shelter. Rev Moss said that she would be grateful for any support that the Community Council could give.

The Chairman said that he would donate £100 from his Chairman's Allowance to the Shelter.

Rev Moss thanked the Chairman and the Community Council for their support.

1440 The Chairman welcomed Darren Williams who is the Holiday Scheme Coordinator with GAVO to the meeting.

Mr Williams explained that he provided support and training for organisations such as the night shelter and the Markham Youth Group based at Markham Congregational Chapel. He continued by outlining various other activities that he has been involved with.

The Chairman mentioned that Mr Williams should get in touch with the temporary Administrator for Markham Community House and Leisure Centre to discuss support that could be provided to the Centre.

Mr Williams said that he was trying to get money for local community based projects from the Caerphilly County Borough Council administered fund set up by the developers of the wind turbines in Oakdale. He felt that the whole of

Argoed Community should coordinate bids rather than 5 or more individual bids to the fund.

The Chairman thanked Mr Williams for attending the meeting.

1441 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were agreed.

1442 Matters arising:-

1442.1 Minute 1429 – Cllr Williams reported that the Markham Residents Association had met with representatives of Aneurin Bevan Health Board to discuss the closure of the pharmacy at Markham Doctor's Surgery.

1442.2 Minute 1432.2 – Right of Way Gelynos Avenue. The Clerk advised the meeting that the R.O.W. would be closed temporarily whilst a turning bay was constructed by the developer.

1442.3 Minute 1435.1 0- Garry Lewis reported that the School Inspection would now take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

1442.4 Minute 1436.3 – The Clerk to chase up Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding the missing chevrons on the road to Manmoel.

1443 Correspondence

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

1444 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

1444.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 31st March 2015, showing a total balance of £10,468.99 was **accepted**.

Treasurer's Account	3,699.79	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-164.35</u>	3,535.44
Business Money Manager A/C		6,933.55
Bank Balances		<u>10,468.99</u>

1444.2 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**

1445 Delegates Reports

1445.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the Governors were interviewing for a new reception class teacher

1445.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Mike Williams said that there was nothing to report.

1445.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1445.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no meeting

1445.5 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre – it was reported that the coordinator had resigned her post and Cllr Ann Jones had agreed to take on the role pending the appointment of a new coordinator.

1445.6 Access Forum – no meeting.

1446 Local Reports

1446.1 Argoed – A councillor reported that the land near the river was being ruined by quad bikers. It was uncertain who owned the land. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Caerphilly County Borough Council about this problem. It was also agreed to write to the Police Inspector inviting him to a future meeting.

1446.2 Hollybush – it was reported that there were parking problems in William Street Hollybush.

1446.3 Manmoel –the missing chevrons on the double bend had been previously noted. The bollard on the triangular piece of land at the entrance to the village was missing and needed to be replaced.

1446.4 Markham – it was reported that land near 1 Hillside Avenue needs to be litter picked and also trees and shrubs need to be cut back.

A sign stating Private Land needs to be erected at the entrance to the former Markham Colliery Site.

The field opposite the shops on Abernant Road, Markham needs to be cleared up. It was felt that the litter and other materials dumped on the land would attract vermin.

1447 Planning Applications

1447.1 13/0732/MIN - Nant Llesg surface mine – notice of planning meeting

1447.2 15/0177/OUT – 66 Bryn Road, Markham – erect a detached dwelling

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015