



## **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> October 2014 at Manmoel Village Hall.

1368 To sign the register and receive apologies

1368.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman K. Masson, G. Bineham, D. Briggs, A. Craddock, L. Gardiner, A. Jones, G. Lewis, J. Watkins, M. Williams and W. Williams

1368.2 Apologies were received from H. Rowlands.

1369 To receive a report from the Police

1369.1 Jeff Dugmore had sent his apologies but had provided a written report for the meeting. The report detailed Police actions relating to speeding vehicles, off road bikers, school patrols, boy racers, Halloween and a sponsored walk.

1369.2 A councillor commented on the future of the PACT meetings and the revised format.

1369.3 A councillor commented on a recent attack of a young woman on Penylan Road. The police had failed to attend the incident. It was agreed to write to the Police Inspector asking him to attend a future Community Council meeting.

1370 To receive a report from County Borough Councillor Leon Gardiner.

1370.1 Leon spoke about the latest wind turbine to be erected on land near Manmoel Village. It was reported that the residents of Manmoel are referring the whole planning procedure to the Ombudsman.

1370.2 Leon confirmed that all Borough Councillors are to take a 5% cut in their allowances.

1370.3 The works at Magazine Lane are to be done in November hopefully.

1370.4 The bus routes from Blackwood to Markham and Bargoed have been altered and this has resulted in a reduction in service to the residents within the Community Council area.

1370.5 A councillor asked about the reduction in the litter picker service within the area.

1371 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were agreed.

1372 Matters arising:-

1372.1 Invitation to Chris Evans MP to speak to a future meeting – The Clerk has spoken to Chris Evans and is trying to agree a suitable date.

1372.2 Invitation to the Leader of Caerphilly County Borough Council to speak to a future meeting – The Clerk has spoken to Keith Reynolds and is trying to agree a suitable date.

1373 Correspondence

1373.1 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

1373.2 Mid Valleys East Art Society – Cllr Leon Gardiner declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or vote. A letter had been received from the organisation asking why the Council had rejected the request for financial assistance and the number of votes cast. It was reiterated that the Community Council felt that the organisation had made sufficient profit at the end of last year to cover the costs of the exhibition. It was **unanimously agreed** that the Community Council does not make a financial contribution this year however, this does not preclude the MVEAS from applying next year for a financial contribution from the Community Council.

1374 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

1374.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014, showing a total balance of £16172.92 was **accepted**.

Treasurer's Account	10,125.93	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-884.60</u>	9,241.33
Business Money Manager A/C		6,931.59
Bank Balances		<u>16,172.92</u>

1374.2 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1375 Delegates Reports

1375.1 Markham Primary School – no meeting held

1375.2 Argoed Village Hall – the memorial stone is being installed in readiness for the Armistice Service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November

1375.3 Hollybush Community Centre - nothing to report

1375.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – nothing to report

1375.5 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre a- a new cook had started at the Centre and business had started to pick up.

1375.6 Community Partnership – no meeting held

1375.7 Access Forum – no meeting held

1376 Local Reports

1376.1 Argoed – A councillor asked if the memorial garden at the bottom of Penylan Road could be cleared out in readiness for planting. The recent quiz night had been very successful. The curling team was looking for other teams to play against. A commemoration evening was to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> November.

1376.2 Hollybush – nothing to report

1376.3 Manmoel – The white lines needed to be re-painted on the recently re-surfaced road. The bollard at the junction at the start of the village needed to be repaired. It was requested that a “Slow – Children” sign could be positioned at the start of the village opposite the Village Hall.

1376.4 Markham – The next PACT meeting is due to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Concerns were expressed about the building work being carried out in the village and the problems with children playing with the equipment. Abandoned vehicles outside numbers 3&4 Mountain View are causing problems. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Caerphilly County Borough Council about this and also write to Jeff Dugmore.

#### 1377 Community Council Website

1377.1 It was agreed that the following improvements were needed to the website.

- An area map highlighting places of interest was needed
- The page headed “Gallery” needed to be re-named “Facilities and Events”
- The Community Council needed to include social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter
- The schedule of future meetings needs to be added
- Alterations were needed to the list of Councillors
- Information relating to the Community centres should be added
- A brief history of each of the 4 areas should be included

#### 1378 Planning Applications

1378.1 14/0363/COU – 53 Abernant Road, Markham – permission for change of use from Post Office to dwelling with replacement of existing shop front

1378.2 14/0647/NCC – Former Markham Rugby Club, Markham – renew outline planning permission

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 17th November 2014