

Argoed Community Council



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Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 21st January 2019 at Hollybush Community Centre.

1900 To sign the register and receive apologies

1900.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman G. Lewis, A. Davies, D. Moore, J. Moore, M. Parkes, C. Padfield, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins, M. Williams and W. Williams.

1901 To receive a report from the Police.

1901.1 In the absence of Jeff Dugmore, Cllr Walter Williams reported that the Police had carried out off-road bike patrols in December. Several ASBO referrals were also made during December.

1902 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

1902.1 Councillor Williams gave a brief update on Caerphilly County Borough Council.

1903 The minutes of the previous meetings held on 17th December 2018 and 14th January 2019 were **agreed**.

1904 Matters arising:

1904.1 Argoed Community Benefit Fund

- Two new applications had been received from Manmoel Village Hall: Construction of a hard standing at the entrance to the Village Hall at an estimated cost of £1,350.0 + VAT, replacement of 4 lights inside the main hall with energy efficient lighting at an estimated cost of £750.00 + VAT.
- The Council **agreed** to both applications for funding.

1904.2 Minute 1890.8 – the Community Council was not happy with the Borough Council's response to the problem with speeding on Penylan Road. Some of the Councillors had met with officials from Caerphilly County Borough Council and the possibility of yellow lines had been discussed. Councillors expressed concerns that this would cause further problems with parking on the road. It was eventually agreed that the Clerk should write to Caerphilly County Borough Council requesting the following:-

- traffic calming measures be installed; namely the installation of chicanes at the top and bottom of the road to give priority to traffic exiting the road within the chicane.
- 20 mph speed limit signs

1904.3 Minute 1896.2 – Council Telephone. The Clerk advised the meeting that a new dual sim phone had been purchased by Risca East Community Council so Argoed Council only needed to pay for a sim only contract at an estimated cost of £120 per year. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should purchase the 12 months sim contract.

1905 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1905.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 21st January 2019 showed a total balance of £24,448.95

1905.2 The above balance included £6,500 from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.

1905.3 The financial report produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1906 Delegates Reports

1906.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr. Walter Williams informed the meeting that the EAS report on the school had awarded a yellow banding. The school was going ahead with the purchase of radio equipment for the children to use. It was hoped that this would be working by the end of February.

1906.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Mike Williams reported that residents would like to see 4 new notice boards installed through the Argoed village area.

1906.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1906.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – Cllrs John and Diane Moore volunteered to represent the Council at the meetings.

1906.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr. Hilary Rowlands reported that the gym was closing and the centre opening hours were being cut. It was hoped that a luncheon club could started at the centre.

1906.6 Access Forum – no report.

1907 Local Reports

1907.1 Argoed – It was reported that the road from the top of Penylan Road to Bedwellty Church was full of pot holes and also had surface water drainage problems. The street lighting on Cwrt y Bella Road was on in the day time. It was suggested that the location of the police speed camera van should be varied. Comments were also made about how dangerous the mini roundabout was on Abernant Road in Markham.

Cllr. Garry Lewis reported that he was trying to get a bid together from the Oakdale Community Benefit Fund to replace the lighting in Argoed Village Hall.

1907.2 Hollybush – nothing to report

1907.3 Manmoel – Cllr. Arthur Davies reported that the Committee was formulating a plan of events for the forthcoming year. He also requested that the Borough Council re-paint the white lines on the edge of the road from Braces Bakery to Manmoel Village.

1907.4 Markham – It was reported that there was a real problem with the dumping of rubbish on Mountain View. Concerns were also expressed about the problems with drug abuse in the Markham area.

1908 Planning Applications

1908.1 18/1034/RET – Ysgubor Maenderw, Argoed Uchaf Farm,, Sunnyview Argoed – Retain stables and extend curtilage

1908.2 18/1066/FULL – Hafodrysclawdd Farm, Manmoel – erect new agricultural barn as a replacement for an existing barn which is to be demolished

1908.3 18/1074/FULL – Plot 10 and Plot 13, 46 and 52 Gelynos Avenue, Argoed – erect 2 semi-detached dwellings – none

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 18th February 2019