

Argoed Community Council



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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 21st May 2018 at Manmoel Village Hall.

1825 To sign the register and receive apologies

1825.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman G. Lewis, A. Davies, C. Padfield, J. Watkins, M. Williams and W. Williams

1825.2 Apologies were received from Cllrs. H. Rowlands and M. Parks

1826 To receive a report from the Police.

1826.1 PCSO Jeff Dugmore gave a brief update of the incidents to date. He informed the meeting that a netball and football competition was being organised on the 28th and 29th June 2018 and was asking for financial support from the Community Council. The Council agreed to donate £50 towards the cost of the competition. Jeff continued by reporting that an open day was arranged for Wednesday 23rd May. Skateboard ramps had been purchased. The "Your Voice" survey results were due to be published within the next week.

1826.2 Councillor asked various questions covering areas such as car break-ins and removal; drug abuse; parking on Penylan Road.

1826.3 It was **agreed** that a site visit be requested with the relevant officers from Caerphilly County Borough Council together with the relevant Cabinet Member for Highways to discuss road signage throughout the Argoed Community Council area.

1827 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

1827.1 Councillor Williams informed the meeting that the Planning Committee had refused the application for a Chemist on Abernant Road. However, construction was going ahead for a commercial unit at the same location. He had received a letter from Lesley Griffiths AM regarding the planning application for a wind turbine at Penyfan. The traffic survey carried out on Abernant Road last November had revealed that traffic was exceeding the speed limit by a considerable margin. Cllr. Williams confirmed that Abernant Road met the criteria for traffic calming measure, however, completion of the work was subject to funding.

1827.2 Cllr. Williams reported that a project team for the former Markham Colliery Site is being created. He also informed the meeting that he had spoken to one of the officers responsible for administering the Oakdale Wind Turbine Fund.

1827.3 It was **agreed** that the Clerk write to Sharon Peters requesting an application form as soon as possible.

1827.4 It was further **agreed** that the Clerk write to the Cabinet member for regeneration regarding the future development of the Markham Colliery Site and requesting an update on the progress to date. The letter to include reference to the fact that money originally allocated to this project had been re-allocated to the Bargoed Project.

1828 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th April 2018 were **agreed**.

1829 Matters arising:

1829.1 Minute 1809.1 – Cllr. Watkins reported that the benches still had not been replaced. Cllr. Walter Williams agreed to chase up Phil Griffiths.

1829.2 Minute 1811.3 – the Clerk confirmed that he was still awaiting a response regarding the Hollybush application for funding.

1830 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

1830.1 Item 1830.5 – request for financial assistance from Markham Congregational Church. It was agreed to donate £1,300 from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund toward the purchase of laptops and other IT equipment. It was suggested that the Church get in touch with Cllr. Padfield who could help them purchase laptops at very competitive prices.

1831 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1831.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 21st May 2018 showed a total balance of £26,702.91

1831.2 The above balance included £9,000 from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.

1831.3 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPfw). The Clerk provided a report explaining the background to the creation of the IRPfw and the recommendations contained in his report.

1831.4 After a brief discussion the Community Council **agreed** to implement the IRPfw determinations with regards to:

- Payment of allowances
- Senior Council Roles
- Civic Allowance
- Travel and Subsistence
- Costs of Care

1831.5 It was noted that any Councillor not wishing to receive any of the above allowances would need to notify the Clerk in writing.

1831.6 Risk assessment. The Clerk's Risk Assessment report was received and **accepted**.

1831.7 The financial report produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1832 Delegates Reports

1832.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that the Governors had appointed a permanent Head.

1832.2 Argoed Village Hall – no report

1832.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1832.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report

1832.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that repairs had been carried out after frost damage during the bad weather. Also, the external surface of the centre is to be re-decorated.

1832.6 Access Forum – no report

1833 Local Reports

1833.1 Argoed – Cllr. Mike Williams reported that the storm drains between numbers 43 and 47 Penylan Road needed cleaning. Cllr. Walter Williams agreed to contact the relevant officer.

1833.2 Hollybush – nothing to report

1833.3 Manmoel – Cllr Arthur Jones reported that fly tipping had occurred on the border between Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent.

1833.4 Markham – nothing to report

1834 Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 18th June 2018