

Argoed Community Council



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Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 24th September 2018 at Hollybush Community Centre.

1855 To sign the register and receive apologies

1855.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman G. Lewis, A. Davies, C. Padfield, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins, M. Williams and W. Williams

1855.2 Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Parkes.

1856 To receive a report from the Police.

1856.1 In his absence, PCSO Jeff Dugmore provided a written report.

- Off Road Bikers – several calls had been received in the Manmoel area – police patrols were continuing.
- Anti-Social Behaviour in Monmouth Walk – this was a priority in the “Your Voice” report. Action has been taken to resolve the problem.
- Markham Villas – Anti-Social Behaviour – problem now resolved
- Markham Terrace – traffic speeding in the vicinity of the Care Home had hopefully been resolved.
- Pop-up Skate Park – Blackwood NPT had been successful in securing money for skateboard ramps and safety wear. This equipment has been available in Markham Sports Centre Car Park.
- Football/Netball Tournament – held in Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre, this was a great success.

1857 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

1857.1 Councillor Williams informed the meeting of the following items:-

- Cllr. Williams reported that he had attended the Mayor’s Charity Night in the Woodbine Club.
- He had also attended the inauguration of the vicar at Bedwellty Church.
- A joint meeting had been held with the Health Board, residents, Councillors and Chris Evans MP regarding the concerns about the new pharmacy being located in a porta cabin. There was doubt as to whether the owner had planning permission to site the porta cabin on the land.

- 1858 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th July 2018 were **agreed**.
- 1859 Matters arising:
- 1859.1 Former Markham Colliery Site – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that he had spoken to a representative of LINC regarding the possible future use of the land.
- 1859.2 Minute 1847.1 – replacement benches – Cllr. John Watkins reported that the benches had been installed.
- 1859.3 Minute 1847.1 – Argoed Village Hall – Cllr. Garry Lewis reported that he had been advised that the Village Hall was not suitable for the installation of solar panels. However, other energy saving initiatives were possible such as upgrading the lighting inside the building to LED lighting.
- 1859.4 Minute 1849.1 – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that speed monitoring was taking place at the top of Penylan Road in Argoed.
- 1860 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**
- 1861 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.
- 1861.1 The Clerk reported that the External Auditors, BDO LLP had completed their audit of the 2017/18 accounts and had stated that the accounts were in accordance with proper practices. They had issued the Notice of Completion of Audit which the Clerk had advertised on the Community Council’s website and also the notice boards. The Auditor’s report was **accepted** by the Council and the required actions **agreed**.
- 1861.2 The financial position of the Community Council as at 24th September 2018 showed a total balance of £28,630.95
- 1861.3 The above balance included £6,400 from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.
- 1861.4 The Clerk’s proposals to revise the projected Income and Expenditure for certain budget heads were **agreed**.
- 1861.5 The financial report produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.
- 1862 Delegates Reports
- 1862.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr. Walter Williams confirmed that the school had appointed a Family Liaison Officer. It was agreed that Cllr. Williams contact the Head Teacher to confirm what the £350 donation would be spend on.
- 1862.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr. Mike Williams reported that the Quiz Nights had re-started.
- 1862.3 Hollybush Community Centre – parts of the car park had been resurfaced at a cost of £900. It was **agreed** that the Community Council contribute £900 from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.
- 1862.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report
- 1862.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr. Walter Williams reported the gym had reduced its opening to 20 hours per week. Quotations were being sought for solar panels to be installed on the roof. The Caerphilly County Borough Council’s Peripatetic Music Service was now located at the Centre.
- 1862.6 Access Forum – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that he had attended a site visit to the Sirhowy Countryside Park at Ynys Hywel Farm.

1863 Local Reports

1863.1 Argoed – Cllr. John Watkins reported that an Ash Tree on Manmoel Crossing was in danger of falling over. Cllr. Colin Padfield reported that green waste recycling bags were going missing on Penylan Road and Council waste collectors were refusing to collect plastic bags which being used to replace the lost green waste bags.

1863.2 Hollybush – nothing to report

1863.3 Manmoel – Cllr. Arthur Davies reported on damage done to the electricity supply to a property in Manmoel by contractors. NRW has been contacted but the property owners have not had any success in resolving the problem. Cllr. Davies asked whether Cllr. Walter Williams could help.

1863.4 Markham – nothing to report.

1864 Planning Applications

1864.1 18/0525/FULL – Land at Gelynos Avenue – erect two pairs of 3 bedroom semi-detached dwelling

1864.2 18/0734/NCC – Fair Ok Farm, Woodland Terrace, Argoed – vary condition 21 of planning consent

1864.3 18/0737/RM - Fair Ok Farm, Woodland Terrace, Argoed – seek approval of the reserved matters in respect of appearance landscaping layout and scale

1864.4 18/0741/NCC – Land at Pen-yr-Heol-Las Solar Park Manmoel – vary conditions 25 and 26 to allow development to remain for 30 years.

1864.5 18/0697/NCC – Tir Capel Farm, Llanerch Lane, Manmoel – vary condition 12 of planning consent to amend approved elevation

1864.6 18/0704/FULL – 40 James Street, Markham – demolish existing outbuilding and erect two storey extension

1864.7 18/0568/OUT – The Countryman Hotel, Tynewydd, Bedwellty – demolish existing building and erect 6 dwellings and associated works

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 15th October 2018