



## **Cyngor Cymuned Argoed**

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Man-moel and Hollybush**

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 at Argoed Village Hall.

1348 To sign the register and receive apologies

1348.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman K. Masson, G. Bineham, D. Briggs, A. Craddock, G. Lewis, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins and M. Williams.

1348.2 Apologies were received from A. Jones, L. Gardiner and W. Williams

1349 To receive a report from the Police

1349.1 Jeff Dugmore informed the meeting that forthcoming NATO conference in September in Newport would have an impact on Policing in the area.

He referred to the parking problems at the rear of Bryn Road Markham and also late-night use of the car park at the Leisure Centre.

A councillor raised the issue of inconsiderate parking at the riding school near The Travellers Rest in Manmoel.

Another councillor mentioned the bike trails at the caravan park. Jeff said that this was an organised event held throughout the Borough.

A councillor asked whether the Police would be increasing its presence in the village during the school holidays. Jeff said that the policing would be maintained at its normal level.

1350 To receive a report from County Borough Councillor Leon Gardiner.  
Leon's apologies had been previously accepted.

1351 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were agreed.

1352 Matters arising:-

1352.1 Minute 1345.5 – Markham Post Office – It was reported that a meeting had been held between the Post Office and the Leisure Centre management. A business plan was to be completed and submitted for consideration.

1352.2 Minute 1346.1 – A councillor suggested that the money be used to create allotments in the Argoed area.

### 1353 Correspondence

1353.1 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

1353.2 It was **agreed** that the Mid Valley East Art Society be requested to submit a copy of their accounts in support of their request for financial assistance.

1353.3 Areas requiring action from the 5 Man Cleansing Team:-

- Front of R/H side of Penylan Road
- From the bus stop opposite Markham Institute south toward Argoed
- Monmouth Walk – walkways between the bungalows
- Road (known as the Rhiw) from Manmoel to Cwm Ebbw Vale

### 1354 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

1354.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014, showing a total balance of £12,591.60 was **accepted**.

Treasurer's Account	6,964.32	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-1,303.34</u>	5,660.98
Business Money Manager A/C		6,930.62
Bank Balances		<u>12,591.60</u>

1354.2 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**.

### 1355 Delegates Reports

1355.1 Markham Primary School – it was reported that the school prize day had taken place on the previous week.

1355.2 Argoed Village Hall – it was reported that the Hall was “looking good” financially.

1355.3 Hollybush Community Centre – the Community Council was thanked for its donation toward the cost of grounds maintenance equipment.

1355.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – next meeting due on 30<sup>th</sup> July

1355.5 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre – on-going staffing issues were discussed.

1355.6 Community Partnership – no meeting

1355.7 Access Forum – next meeting due on 15<sup>th</sup> August

1356 Local Reports

1356.1 Argoed – it was reported that the next ARTA meeting was due to be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

1356.2 Hollybush – the problems of internet access in Hollybush village was discussed. It was agreed that the Community Council write to the Assembly Member Gwyn Price to see if he could bring pressure to bear to improve the quality of the broadband service.

1356.3 Manmoel – nothing to report

1356.4 Markham – it was reported that the DVDs would soon be ready for distribution and re-sale.

1357 Planning Applications

1357.1 14/0410/NOTF – Hollybush Woodland – construct new tracks to facilitate felling of larch trees and for restocking the woodland

1357.2 14/0370/FULL – 33 James Street, Markham – erect detached garage to the rear

1357.3 14/0478/RET – The Countryman Hotel, Bedwellty – retain change of use from Bed & Breakfast to mixed use facility comprising Bed & Breakfast and support and training for young people needing temporary accommodation

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014