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Markham, Argoed,
Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 17th June 2019 at Hollybush Community Centre.

1957 To sign the register and receive apologies

1957.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman J. Watkins, M. Barton, A. Davies, G. Lewis, D. Moore, J. Moore, C. Padfield, M. Parkes, H. Rowlands, M. Williams and W. Williams.

1958 To receive a report from the Police

1958.1 There was no representative from the Police present.

1959 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

1959.1 Cllr. Williams reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council was planning to change all its vans to electric.

1959.2 Caerphilly County Borough Council was planning to install a 30 m.p.h. speed sign on Abernant Road.

1959.3 Cllr. Williams reported that a Hydro Power Scheme survey had not included the Markham area.

1959.4 The Cydcoed Woodland Project was subject to a 10 year agreement. Natural Resources Wales had failed to define the precise area to the contractors that were cutting down the diseased trees.

1960 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th May 2019 were **agreed**.

1961 Matters arising:

1961.1 The Clerk advised the meeting that there were no new applications for the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.

1961.2 Minute 1948 – Cllr. Walter Williams informed the meeting that letters had been exchanged between Chris Evans MP and Inspector Aled George regarding the problems in Manmoel.

1961.3 Minute 1951.3 – land near Penyfan Caravan Park - vehicles were operating in the early hours of the morning. Cllr. Walter Williams said that he had not received any response from Caerphilly County Borough Council's Planning Department. Councillors asked whether the owner of the site was licensed to operate a tipping site.

1961.4 Minute 1951.4 – Cllr. Davies reported that the rubbish had now been removed.

1962 Correspondence

1962.1 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

1962.2 Item 1962.7 – Cllr. Mike Barton outlined the extent of the devastation of the Cydcoed Project. Cllr. John Watkins informed the meeting that he had written to Coed Cymru and had spoken to an officer. There was uncertainty as to the ownership of the land. It was suggested that Caerphilly County Borough Council be contacted. It was further suggested that a sub-committee be formed to investigate what has happened to the woodland.

1962.3 Item 1962.10 – Invoice for hire of Hollybush Community Centre. It was proposed that unless the Community Centre can guarantee the use of the hall instead of the small meeting room, then the Community Council seek an alternative venue. This was agreed by 10 votes to 1.

1963 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1963.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 17th June 2019 showed a total balance of £24,806.47

1963.2 The above balance included £4,400 from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.

1963.3 The Council received and agreed the Accounting Statement for 2018/19 and the Annual Governance Statement for the same period. The Chairman signed the document in the presence of the meeting.

1963.4 The financial report produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1964 Delegates Reports

1964.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Walter Williams reported that the School was organising a Father's Day Garden Party. With regard to the nomination for a Governor's representative at the Community Council's AGM last month, the Clerk explained to the meeting Cllr. Walter Williams was already the Community Council's representative and the term of office was for 5 years.

1964.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr. John Watkins advised the meeting that he had tried to put together an application for funding from the Oakdale Community Benefit Fund but the application had not complied with the funds requirements. Cllr. Watkins said that he would re-submit an application in the autumn.

1964.3 Hollybush Community Centre – nothing to report.

1964.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – nothing to report

1964.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr. Hilary Rowlands reported that the Jazz Band Competition had been successful but the number of bands taking part was dwindling. Cllr. Walter Williams reported that the Rhymney Valley Athletics Club would be using the Centre for the next 12 months.

1964.6 Access Forum – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that the last meeting had discussed Rights of Way and the illegal use 4X4 on footpaths.

1965 Local Reports

1965.1 Argoed – It was reported that off-road bikers had been using farm road to the rear of Gelynos Avenue. The Clerk agreed to get prices for three notice boards to be sited within the Argoed Ward area. The boards should be about the size of the one in Hollybush. The problems of speeding on Penylan Road was discussed at some length. It was suggested that the residents draw up a petition which could then be submitted to Caerphilly County Borough Council. It was reported that street signs and bollards were obscured by over-grown vegetation.

1965.2 Hollybush – nothing to report

1965.3 Manmoel – Cllr. Arthur Davies reported that a Choir Night had been arranged for 26th June and a BBQ was to be held on 7th September. The recycling bins outside the Village Hall were not being emptied by Caerphilly County Borough Council.

1965.4 Markham – It was suggested that the Community Council could host a Facebook page. The Clerk advised against this because he felt it would leave the Council open to problems. It was reported that residents were complaining about the quality of the work carried out under the Borough Council's WHQS scheme. The meeting was advised that environmental works were included within the project.

1966 Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 15th July 2019