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MARKHAM, ARGOED, MAN-MOEL AND HOLLYBUSH

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 15th April 2013 at Manmoel Village Hall.

1185 To sign the register and receive apologies

1185.1 The Chairman spoke of the sad loss of Dave Craddock. The meeting gave a minutes silence as a mark of respect.

1185.2 Community Councillors present Chairman A. Jones, D. Briggs, A. Edwards, K. Masson, H. Rowlands, H. Speck, M. Williams and W. Williams.

1185.3 Apologies were received from L. Gardiner, G. Lewis and J. Watkins

1186 To receive a report from the Police.

1186.1 There was no one present from the Police.

1187 To receive a report from our Borough Councillor Leon Gardiner.

1187.1 Leon had apologised for not attending. He had to attend a County Borough Council meeting.

1188 The minutes of the previous meetings held 18th March 2013 were **agreed**.

1189 Matters arising:-

1189.1 Minute 1180.2 – The Clerk had spoken to the Secretary of the MVE Argoed Art Society who had explained that the estimate of £420 was calculated on the basis of 30 hours at £7 per hour for two venues. It was **agreed** that the Community Council would contribute £210 toward the cost of the venue hire.

1189.2 Minute 1170.9 – Argoed Baptist Chapel – financial statement needed.

1189.3 1182.6 – Markham Community House and Centre – residents were still concerned about the use of the car park late at night and were calling for the gate to be locked. The “crocodile” at the entrance had been repaired. The Police and Fire Service were concerned about emergency access if the gate was locked. It was noted that there was nothing the Community Council could do about the situation, but it did support the call for the gates to be locked. Warning notices would have to be placed on the gates advising users that the gates would be locked once the Centre had been closed.

1190 Correspondence

1190.1 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and required actions **agreed**.

1191 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

1191.1 A copy of the 2012/13 financial position of the Community Council as at 31st March 2013, showing a total balance of £12,278.26 was **accepted** by the meeting.

Treasurer's Account	3,416.01	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-60.00</u>	3,356.01
Business Money Manager A/C		8,922.25
Bank Balances		<u>12,278.26</u>

1191.2 The Estimates for 2013/14 proposed by the Clerk were **agreed**.

1191.3 The schedule of payments for 2013/14 provided by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1191.4 It was further **agreed** that the Clerk investigate the possibility of extending the Christmas Light decorations for 2013. This should include improving the lights at Markham Miners' Institute.

1191.5 It was further **agreed** that a meal be organized for the AGM in May.

1192 Delegates Reports

1192.1 Markham Primary School – It was **agreed** that Mike Williams be nominated as the Community Council's representative on the Governing Body. Mike reported that the Governing Body was hoping to achieve the Bronze and Silver Awards.

1192.2 Argoed Village Hall – nothing to report

1192.3 Hollybush Community Centre – nothing to report

1192.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – Clerk could not attend the last meeting.

1192.6 Markham Community House and Centre – Keith Masson gave an update on the activities at the Centre.

1192.7 Upper Sirhowy Valley Community Partnership - no report

1192.8 Access Forum – no report

1193 Local Reports

1193.1 Argoed – nothing to report.

1193.2 Hollybush – nothing to report.

1193.3 Manmoel – nothing to report.

1193.4 Markham – Walter Williams said that the Resident's Committee meeting had discussed the junction of Abernant Road with the A4048. It was felt that the signage on the A4048 warning of the junction was inadequate.

David Briggs reported that the plans for the Markham Village 100 year celebrations were taking place. Leon had indicated that a flower show would take place. Also, David reported that Markham Primary School was planning to have a dressing up day whereby the children would re-create the fashions over the last 100 years. It was also hoped that a party, similar to the Jubilee Celebrations last year, would take place close to the end of summer term.

1194 Planning Applications

1194.1 13/0145/FULL – Congregational Chapel Abernant Road, Markham – construct single storey extension to south elevation - noted

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 20th May 2013