



## **Cyngor Cymuned Argoed**

**Markham, Argoed,  
Man-moel and Hollybush**

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at Manmoel Village Hall.

1466 To sign the register and receive apologies

1466.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman W. Williams, G. Bineham, D. Briggs, A. Jones, G. Lewis, K. Masson, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins and M. Williams.

1466.2 Apologies were received from Councillor L. Gardiner and A. Craddock

1467 To receive a report from the Police.

1467.1 Jeff Dugmore reported that a joint venture between Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent Police had taken place to combat the problems of off-road bikers and 4X4s.

1467.2 Speed checks on Abernant Road and Hollybush main road have been carried out and Penylan Road is yet to be done. Community Speed watch is being introduced in the Argoed area.

1467.3 Yellow lines are planned for outside Markham Primary School to try and reduced the problems of parking. Obstruction of the bus stop is still a problem.

1467.4 The meeting discussed the possibilities of the introduction of 20 m.p.h. speed limits in the vicinity of the school

1468 To receive a report from Cllr Leon Gardiner. Leon had previously given his apologies.

1469 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were agreed.

1470 Matters arising:-

1470.1 Minute 1457 – it was noted that the Football and Netball tournament had been a great success.

1470.2 Minute 1460.4 – letter to Caerphilly County Borough Council requesting a sign be placed at the entrance to the former Markham Colliery Site.

1470.3 Minute 1461 – Cllr David Briggs reported that a site visit had been carried out at Markham Miners' Institute and the provision of an external power source can now be completed. The Institute has agreed to pay for the cost of the electrical work.

1470.4 Minute 1464.1 – letter to be sent to Natural Resources Wales expressing concern about the suspected pollution of the river Sirhowy. Letter to be sent to Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding the activities at Dyers Dip. Also

write to the Cabinet Member for Environmental Issues expressing the Community Council's concerns about the dumping of burnt-out cars in the river.

1471 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

1472 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

1472.1 The Clerk presented a copy of the Accounting Statement for 2014/15 together with the Annual Governance Statement for approval. It showed a closing balance of £10,469 with a total asset value of £9,160 – the report was **accepted** and the Chairman signed the Accounting Statement.

1472.2 The financial position of the Community Council as at 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015, showing a total balance of £14,005.18 was **accepted**.

Treasurer's Account	7,799.73	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-728.10</u>	7,071.63
Business Money Manager A/C		6,933.55
Bank Balances		<u>14,005.18</u>

1472.3 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**

1473 Delegates Reports

1473.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the School Inspectors' report was due out soon. A Sports Day and Garden Party were planned for June/July.

1473.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Mike Williams reported that everything was going well.

1473.3 Hollybush Community Centre – nothing to report

1473.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no meeting

1473.5 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre – it was reported the new manager had been appointed.

1473.6 Access Forum – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that Simon Jones had attended the last meeting. A Rights of Way Management Working Group is to be set up and also a Rights of Way Improvement Plan is to be produced.

1474 Local Reports

1474.1 Argoed – concerns were expressed about disparaging remarks made on a Face Book page about the Council and the Clerk. The Clerk agreed to investigate this and take the appropriate action.

1474.2 Hollybush – nothing to report

1474.3 Manmoel – village meeting to be arranged

1474.4 Markham – - nothing to report

1475 Planning Applications

1475.1 15/0331/RET – Gelligoediog Farm, Manmoel - retain change of use to horse riding school. It was felt that the entrance to the riding school was inadequate for the size of vehicles that will be accessing the site.

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015