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Markham, Argoed,
Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 16th February 2015 at Manmoel Village Hall.

1418 To sign the register and receive apologies

1418.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman K. Masson, G. Bineham, D. Briggs, G. Lewis, J. Watkins and M. Williams.

1418.2 Apologies were received from A. Craddock L. Gardiner, A. Jones, H. Rowlands and W. Williams.

1419 To receive representatives from Gwent Police - PCSOs Jeff Dugmore and Colin Davies

1419.1 Jeff said that a crime prevention roadshow had recently been held in Argoed but the attendance from the public had been very poor. Jeff said that there were still problems with parking outside Markham Primary School; he felt that double yellow lines were needed. With regard to the speeding problems on the A4048 through Hollybush, he said that Caerphilly County Borough Council were considering placing a speed activated camera on the entrance to the village and also a traffic survey was to be carried out.

1419.2 An inter-schools football competition was being arranged and Jeff asked whether the Community Council could contribute toward the cost of trophies. It was **agreed** to donate £50.

1419.3 It was reported that the fencing on Abernant viaduct on the east side of the valley had been damaged by vandals. There were problems with fly tipping in the river.

The Chairman thanked Jeff and Colin for attending the meeting.

1420 To receive a report from County Borough Councillor Leon Gardiner.

1420.1 Leon had previously given his apologies.

1421 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th January 2015 were agreed.

1422 Matters arising:-

1422.1 Minute 1410.1 – The Clerk reported that the Practice Manager of the surgery had spoken to him about the possibility of a Chemists shop being opened in the village. After a brief discussion it was agreed to invite the Practice Manager to the next meeting.

1422.2 Minute 1412.6 – The Clerk had not received a reply to his letter regarding the road sign at Manmoel Village.

1422.3 Minute 1416.1 – It was reported that the fence blocking the right of way at Gelynos Avenue had been removed.

1422.4 Minute 1416.4 – The Clerk reported that due to a misunderstanding of venues the Police Inspector had attended Argoed Village Hall instead of Hollybush Community Centre.

1423 Correspondence

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

1424 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

1424.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 16th February 2015, showing a total balance of £10,135.90 was **accepted**.

Treasurer's Account	7,910.57	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-4,708.22</u>	3,202.35
Business Money Manager A/C		6,933.55
Bank Balances		<u>10,135.90</u>

1424.2 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**

1425 Delegates Reports

1425.1 Markham Primary School – Mike Williams stated that Blackwood School had sent the football kit. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Head of Blackwood thanking her. It was further agreed to write to the former officer of the Markham Football Team asking that the rest of the equipment be given to Markham Primary School.

1425.2 Argoed Village Hall – it was reported that everything was running smoothly at present.

1425.3 Hollybush Community Centre - Gay Bineham said that there was nothing to report at present.

1425.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – The Clerk reported that due to a lack of attendance the meeting did not take place.

1425.5 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre – a brief update on the staffing situation was given.

1425.6 Access Forum – no meeting.

1426 Local Reports

1426.1 Argoed –

- Mike Williams said that a voluntary organisation was going to help with the memorial garden at the bottom of Penylan Road. With regard to the water running down the pavement on the L/H side of Penylan Road, it was hoped that the proposed development work would resolve this issue.

- It was reported that the Argoed Action Group was concerned about the safety of children in the village because of the unknown background of certain residents in the area.
- It was also reported that there was allegedly a dangerous dog acting in a threatening way in a property located at the junction of Penylan Road and the link road to A4048. On the opposite side of the same road, it was reported that there were dilapidated buildings that may cause a danger to passers-by.

1426.2 Hollybush – Gay Bineham reported that the requested grit bin was refused because the land was in private ownership.

1426.3 Manmoel – Keith Masson reported that speeding through the village was still a problem. Also a property at the far end of the village was being damaged because of large vehicles trying to use a narrow lane.

1426.4 Markham –

- David Briggs gave a brief report from the resident’s association meeting. He asked about the power supply for the Christmas Lights at Markham Miners’ Institute. The Clerk explained that the Community Council could not arrange for an external power supply because it was on private land. However, if the Institute was to arrange for the power supply, the Community Council could agree to reimburse the costs.
- A caravan has appeared at the side of the A4048 on the site of the former Markham Institute. Also, there were tyres and other rubbish dumped at the site.
- It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to ask whether the purchase of the land at the former Markham Colliery Site had been completed.

1427 Planning Applications

1427.1 14/0678/OUT – Fair Oak Farm Woodland Terrace Argoed – erect 3 detached dwellings

1427.2 15/0044/FULL – 25 Banalog Terrace Hollybush – erect balcony to front elevation

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 16th March 2015