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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 17th February 2014 at Markham Miners' Institute.

1290 To sign the register and receive apologies

1290.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman M. Williams, G. Bineham, D. Briggs, A. Craddock, A. Edwards, A. Jones, L. Gardiner, G. Lewis, K. Masson, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins and W. Williams.

1291 To receive a report from the Police

1291.1 Jeff Dugmore reported that at the recent PACT meeting the issue of off-road bikers was raised again. Also antisocial behaviour in Commin Close, Monmouth Walk and James Street was a cause for concern amongst the residents.

1291.2 Off-road bikers had been causing problems the previous day – a helicopter had been used to help with tracking the culprits. Jeff confirmed that the Police was investigating a three-car smash in Markham and also confirmed that two people had been arrested following a robbery on the cycle path. Councillors reported that youngsters were still causing problems in James Street and off-road bikers were using the fields in and around Manmoel village.

1292 To receive a report from County Borough Councillor Leon Gardiner.

1292.1 Leon reported on a recent meeting held in Hollybush Rugby Club with the contractors laying the new gas pipe. He referred to the rumoured cuts in home-help and stated that the Borough Council has not held any meetings to consider this. Potholes in roads were a Borough-wide problem which the Council was trying to sort out given that a limited budget was available.

1292.2 A Councillor reported that the temporary traffic lights on the road to Manmoel near Braces Bakery were causing problems with flooding due to the recent heavy rain.

1292.3 Another Councillor reported flooding problems on the Penrhiwgwaith Road to Markham Common.

1293 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th January 2014 were agreed.

1294 Matters arising:-

1294.1 Minute 1284.3 – only one of the trees has been removed in Monmouth Walk.

1294.2 Minute 1285.2 – William's Commission report – it was **agreed** that the Council should register its objection to the proposals.

1294.3 Minute 1288.1 – The Clerk reported that a notice board would cost in the region of £600

1294.4 Minute 1288.4 – The car park at the rear of James Street was still flooding. Caerphilly C.B.C. officers are to investigate and report back.

1294.5 Minute 1288.5 – Senghenydd Mining Memorial – The Clerk reported that due to Argoed Community Council only contributing £200, then its name was not recorded on the Markham Colliery plaque.

1295 Correspondence

1295.1 Councillor Gay Bineham declared an interest in respect of item 1295.5 and left the meeting whilst this was discussed.

1295.2 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

1296 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

1296.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 17th February 2014, showing a total balance of £11,214.11 was **accepted**.

Treasurer's Account	5,675.64	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-3,390.99</u>	2,284.65
Business Money Manager A/C		8,929.46
Bank Balances		<u>11,214.11</u>

1296.2 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1297 Delegates Reports

1297.1 Markham Primary School – A Councillor reported that the inspection of Markham Primary School had started. The Inspector was impressed with the preparation of the Governors prior to the inspection. It was felt that this inspection will show an improvement at the school when compared with the one held 6 year ago.

1297.2 Argoed Village Hall – It was hoped that a War Memorial could be located within the grounds of the Village Hall

1297.3 Hollybush Community Centre – A Councillor reported that the Centre had investigated the possibility of improved lighting along the road leading to the Centre but the cost is too prohibitive.

1297.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – nothing to report.

1297.5 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre – it was reported that there were still staffing issues at the Centre.

1297.6 Community Partnership - nothing to report.

1297.7 Access Forum – nothing to report

1298 Local Reports

1298.1 Argoed – Two Councillors commented on the problems of dog fouling. Land opposite the layby on Rhos Wen Lane has a number of temporary buildings which possibly should be subject to planning regulations.

1298.2 Hollybush – the CAB are to visit the Centre to provide energy advice. The cars parked on the junction of Banalog Terrace and the Main Road are causing problems due to the installation of the new gas pipe.

1298.3 Manmoel – It was reported that the old Iron workings on the side of the mountain between Markham and Manmoel appear to have been accidentally destroyed. The street light at the junction of Manmoel Village road and the main road is not working. The village hall is being charged for commercial waste collection, so all users of the hall were requested to remove their own rubbish.

1298.4 Markham –A DVD of the 100 year celebrations for Markham was to be produced.

1299 Planning Applications

1299.1 14/0021/RET – Gelli-Haf Bungalow, Rock Villas, Argoed – retain two storey detached training facilities

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 17th March 2014