

**ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MARKHAM, ARGOED, MAN-MOEL AND HOLLYBUSH**

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Argoed Village Hall.

1210 To sign the register and receive apologies

1210.1 Community Councillors present Chairman M. Williams, D. Briggs, A. Edwards, L. Gardiner, A. Jones, G. Lewis, H. Speck and W. Williams.

1210.2 Apologies were received from K. Masson, H. Rowlands and J. Watkins.

1211 To receive a report from the Police

1211.1 Jeff Dugmore gave his apologies for not attending.

1212 To receive a report from County Borough Councillor Leon Gardiner.

1212.1 Leon said that signage on the Abernant Road junction with the A4048 was to be improved. Hollybush was to be supplied with mains gas – the funding was from the E.U. with the assistance of Gwyn Price A.M.

A question was raised about the fact that the Borough Council had removed the bulk collection charge on items such as fridges and three piece suites but was charging for the collection of carpets from houses. The Clerk agreed to contact Tony White from Public Services to clarify the policy.

1213 The minutes of the previous meetings held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were **agreed**.

1214 Matters arising:-

1214.1 Minute 1206.2 – residents were still complaining about the late night use of the car park. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should write to the Borough Council requesting that a sign be placed at the entrance stating that the car park is not to be used after 9 p.m.

1214.2 Minute 1206.3 – The Clerk will post copies of his original letter together with the Borough Council's response.

1214.3 Minute 1206.1 – The Chairman clarified the basis of the charge – he confirmed that it was for three days hire of Argoed Hall with no charge for setting up or taking down.

1215 Correspondence

1215.1 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and required actions **agreed**.

Item 1215.5 - 5 man cleansing team. The following areas were identified:-

Cleaning from Penylan Road junction with A4048 to Hollybush Bus stop

Playground at Hollybush Community Centre

Rear lanes of Bryn Road, Monmouth Walk, Commin Close, Bryn Road/Mountain View,

Penywerlod Road, Hillside Avenue,

Penywerlod Road to Markham Congregational Chapel & Cwm Argoed

1216 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

1216.1 The Clerk provided a copy of the Final Accounts for 2012/13 which have been certified by the Internal Auditor. The Accounts showed a closing balance of £13,166.29 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.  
The Internal Audit report showed that a VAT payment of £1.63 had not been reclaimed from HMRC and could not be claimed retrospectively. As this was due to an oversight on the part of the Clerk, the £1.63 had been deducted from the Clerk's June Salary and Expenses payment.  
The Final Accounts together with the Internal Auditor's report was **accepted**.

1216.2 The financial position of the Community Council as at 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013, showing a total balance of £15,208.21 was **accepted**.

Treasurer's Account	7,034.19	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-751.63</u>	6,282.56
Business Money Manager A/C		8,925.65
Bank Balances		<u>15,208.21</u>

1216.3 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**.

#### 1217 Delegates Reports

1217.1 Markham Primary School – The Chairman reported that the new Headmaster was concentrating on the “3Rs”. The new garden had been officially opened and the public would soon be able to use it with the prior permission of the school. The Chairman also reported that the school roof was to be repaired.

1217.2 Argoed Village Hall – Garry Lewis reported that the committee were trying to purchase a lap top, projector and screen. A grant was available to help toward the cost of these purchases.

1217.3 Hollybush Community Centre – on behalf of the Community Centre Committee, David Briggs thanked the Community Council for the donation toward the cost of the planning application.

1217.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – Clerk to attend the next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> June.

1217.6 Markham Community House and Centre – Ann Jones reported that a staff clocking-in machine had been installed. The kitchen was nearly finished and the work on the showers is starting in July. A photocopier with coding to identify users is being installed.

1217.7 Upper Sirhowy Valley Community Partnership - no longer meeting

1217.8 Access Forum – Garry Lewis reported that he had attended a meeting in Builth Wells on Friday. Topics such as Natural Resources Wales were discussed.

#### 1218 Local Reports

1218.1 Argoed – the sign at the top of Penylan Road has been vandalized. Leon Gardiner said that residents are complaining that the first cattle grid on the mountain road from Markham to Tredegar is very noisy. Andrew Edwards said that there appeared to be inconsistencies about who was getting property insulation free and who has to pay. It was **agreed** that the Clerk write to Gwyn Price A.M. asking if he could attend a future meeting to discuss this issue.

1218.2 Hollybush – nothing to report

1218.3 Manmoel – Leon reported that the road through the village was being re-surfaced

1218.4 Markham – David Briggs said that a meeting had taken place with the Headmaster of Markham Primary School regarding the 100 year celebration of the village. David said that the Head would prefer to have the school party in September. The Community Council **agreed** in principle to contribute towards the cost of the food for the school party.

1219 Planning Applications

1219.1 13/0301/FULL – 77 Abernant Road, Markham - approval granted for the two storey extension

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013