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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 17th March 2014 at Argoed Village Hall.

1300 To sign the register and receive apologies

1300.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman M. Williams, G. Bineham, D. Briggs, A. Craddock, A. Jones, L. Gardiner, G. Lewis, J. Watkins and W. Williams.

1300.2 Apologies were received from A. Edwards, H. Rowlands and K. Masson

1301 To receive a report from the Police

1301.1 Jeff Dugmore had given his apologies for not attending.

1302 To receive a report from County Borough Councillor Leon Gardiner.

1302.1 Leon reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council had approved an increase in the Council Tax. It was hoped that most of the money would be recovered from the Icelandic Bank. The highways pothole repairs team was inundated with work as a result of the very wet winter. The Borough Council had increased its living wage to £7.43 per hour for its lowest paid workers. An ambulance had experienced great difficulty accessing lower Argoed due to inconsiderate parking by some residents. Leon was holding a site meeting with Borough Council officials to see whether double yellow lines could be painted along part of the road.

1302.2 A councillor expressed concern about the response time of the ambulance service during a recent emergency elsewhere in the village.

1303 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th February 2014 were agreed.

1304 Matters arising:-

1304.1 It was agreed that the Clerk chase-up the Oakdale wind turbine company to establish the criteria for accessing the £12,000 community grant.

1304.2 A meeting was being held next week in Elliotstown to discuss grants available from the Coalfield Regeneration trust.

1304.3 Minute 1291.2 – a councillor reported that last weekend there were problems with off-road vehicles and bikers.

1304.4 Concern was expressed about whether the work is to commence on the former Markham Colliery Site. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Phil Griffiths of Caerphilly County Borough Council to seek assurance that the work is to proceed.

1304.5 Minute 1294.4 – Leon Gardiner was asked to chase-up the cleaning of the car park at the rear of James Street, Markham.

- 1304.6 Minute 1298.1 – Land opposite layby in Rhos Wen lane – Leon Gardiner was asked to chase-up the appropriate officer from Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- 1304.7 Minute 1298.2 – parked cars at junction of Banalog Terrace – this problem was now resolved.
- 1304.8 Minute 1298.4 – DVD of 100 year celebrations – David Brigs is now at final stages of editing.

1305 Correspondence

- 1305.1 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

1306 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

- 1306.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 17th March 2014, showing a total balance of £10,127.95 was **accepted**.

Treasurer's Account	2,470.65	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-1,272.16</u>	1,198.49
Business Money Manager A/C		8,929.46
Bank Balances		<u>10,127.95</u>

- 1306.2 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**.

- 1306.3 The Clerk provided an Estimate of Income and Expenditure for 2014/15 based on a precept of £11.50 per property as agreed at the Finance Meeting held on 6th January 2014.

- 1306.4 The Estimates showing a deficit budget of £162 for 2014/15 were **agreed**. It was noted that the Council will have to consider increasing its precept in future years.

1307 Delegates Reports

- 1307.1 Markham Primary School – A Councillor reported that the inspection of Markham Primary School was now complete and the Inspector's report was now awaited. Children from the school were involved in the planting of over 40 trees in the lower part of Argoed Village.
- 1307.2 Argoed Village Hall – It was confirmed that a War Memorial would be located within the grounds of the Village Hall.
- 1307.3 Hollybush Community Centre – A Councillor reported that landscaping of the grounds has been done. A function held last week raised £550 for Velindre Hospital.
- 1307.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – It was reported that the main items discussed had been the provision of refuse collection within the Borough and the difficulties caused by narrow rear lanes.
- 1307.5 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre – there were no new items to report.
- 1307.6 Community Partnership - nothing to report.
- 1307.7 Access Forum – no meeting

1308 Local Reports

1308.1 Argoed – An East Bonnet Parade and Quiz Night has been arranged for the end of April in Argoed Village Hall.

1308.2 Hollybush - the Community Centre Committee are looking at the possibilities of extending the use of the Centre. One possibility being explored is a joint use with the local doctor's surgery.

1308.3 Manmoel – no report

1308.4 Markham – one Councillor reported on the excellent service that the Street Pride team are providing.

1309 Planning Applications

1309.1 14/0021/RET – Gelli-haf Bungalow, Rock Villas, Argoed – **refusal** of planning consent for a two storey detached training facility.

1309.2 14/0111/CLEU – 3 Wyloed Lodge Court, Manmoel Village, Manmoel – obtain lawful development certificate for existing use as a domestic dwelling.

1309.3 14/0123/FULL – Managers House, Penyfan Leisure Park, Manmoel – erect a single storey extension to rear of property.

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 14th April 2014