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MARKHAM, ARGOED, MAN-MOEL AND HOLLYBUSH

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 18th November 2013 at Argoed Village Hall.

1252 To sign the register and receive apologies

1252.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman M. Williams, D. Briggs, A. Jones, G. Lewis, K. Masson, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins and W. Williams.

1252.2 Apologies were received from A. Edwards, L. Gardiner and H. Speck

1252.3 It was **agreed** that Adrian Craddock from Markham be co-opted as a member of the Community Council for the Markham Ward. He signed the declaration of acceptance of office which was duly witnessed by the Clerk.

1253 To receive a report from the Police

The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Mark Thomas and Jeff Dugmore to the meeting. It was reported that 3 off-road bikers had their bikes confiscated on the previous weekend.

A councillor reported that youngsters were jumping through the hedges of elderly residents in Markham.

A councillor reported that an elderly resident was very worried about an attempted forced entry into her house.

A councillor referred to recent press coverage about the use of mobile phones whilst driving and the questioned whether hands-free units were safe to use whilst driving.

1254 To receive a report from County Borough Councillor Leon Gardiner.

1254.1 In the absence of Leon, the Chairman reported that he had attended the Senghenydd Mining Disaster Memorial service. It had been a very moving service.

He said that during the minutes silence at the remembrance service on Sunday, the solemnness of the occasion had been ruined by the firing of guns at the gun club in the caravan park.

1255 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st October 2013 were agreed.

1256 Matters arising:-

1256.1 Minute 1246.1 – It was noted that the new owner of the ground had tidied up the area and goats and donkeys were being kept on the land.

1256.2 Minute 1250.4 – It was noted that the football club was still running a team for the under 7's.

1257 Correspondence

1257.1 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and required actions **agreed**.

1258 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

1258.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 18th November 2013, showing a total balance of £14,868.53 was **accepted**.

1258.2 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1259 Delegates Reports

1259.1 Markham Primary School – It was reported that the Governors were going through the process of self-evaluation in preparation for the school inspection. The presentation of the school awards were due to take place on 20th December and would be followed by a school party at the Leisure Centre.

1259.2 Argoed Village Hall – It was reported that a quiz night was due to be held on 13th December.

1259.3 Hollybush Community Centre – It was reported that there was still no answer about the Icelandic Bowls matches with Argoed Village Hall.

1259.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – Meeting due on 20th November.

1259.5 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre – It was reported that the Leisure Centre was hoping to provide the Post Office service within Markham. Early discussions with the Post Office were taking place. It was also reported that the operation of the car park barrier was working well.

1259.6 Community Partnership - nothing to report.

1259.7 Access Forum – a report was given on a visit to Twmbarlwm.

1260 Local Reports

1260.1 Argoed –It was noted that leaves in the pavement gutters on the left hand side of Penylan hill needed to be cleared out to allow the water to flow freely.

1260.2 It was noted that the new gas main was progressing slowly. Also highlighted was the problem of illegal dumping to the rear of the New Road in Argoed.

1260.3 Hollybush – no report

1260.4 Manmoel – It was noted that planning approval for the wind turbine had been granted. The decision was being challenged and would be taken to the Planning Ombudsman.

1260.5 Markham – It was noted that the areas highlighted in minutes 1247.5 & 6 of the last meeting (the 5 man cleansing team and the winter weed control programme) still needed to be addressed by the Borough Council. A councillor reported that cold-calling in the Monmouth Walk area was causing problems to residents. It was noted that the Street Pride service provided by Caerphilly County Borough Council had been successful.

1261 Planning Applications

1261.1 13/0749/CLEU – Owl Bungalow, Countryman Court, Heol Tynewydd, Bedwellty – obtain a lawful development certificate for existing use of building as a single dwelling

1261.2 13/0751/OUT – Land adjacent to 1 George Street, Argoed – erect a single two-storey detached dwelling

1261.3 13/0763/NOTA – Gelynos Farm, Heol Tynewydd, Bedwellty – erect one sheep shed and extend cattle grid

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 16th December 2013