

# Cyngor Cymuned Argoed

Markham, Argoed,  
Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Markham Institute.

1835 To sign the register and receive apologies

1835.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman G. Lewis, A. Davies, C. Padfield, M. Parkes, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins and W. Williams

1835.2 Cllr Mary Parkes signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by the Clerk.

1835.3 Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Williams

1836 To receive a report from the Police.

1836.1 There was no police representative present.

1837 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

1837.1 Councillor Williams informed the meeting of the following items:-

- Welsh Hospital Fund – open to applications for grants
- Caerphilly County Borough Council has agreed an new scale of Fees for Taxi Licenses
- The Department for Works and Pensions is moving offices from Caerphilly to Pontypridd
- National Campaign to ban puppy farms
- New kerbs to be laid at James Street, Argoed
- April 2019, Caerphilly County Borough Council takes over responsibility for on-road parking. As well as issuing parking tickets, the officers will also be responsible for litter fines and dog fouling fines.
- Letter for Lesley Griffiths to Rhiannon Passmore regarding renewable energy.
- Met with Rhian Kite to discuss the planning application for wind turbines in Penyfan Pond area.
- Planning permission to develop site for chemist in Markham.
- Letter from LINC regarding development of former Markham Colliery Site. Possible meeting on June to discuss further.
- Markham Community House and Leisure Centre – paint for internal decoration has been delivered. Still trying to sort out external re-decoration
- Markham Primary School has appointed a permanent deputy Head.
- Vacancy on Markham Primary School governors
- Access Forum meeting – presentation regarding Deri/Brithdir mountain - problems with fly tipping.

1838 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 were **agreed**.

1839 Matters arising:

1839.1 Minute 1829.1 – replacement benches – Cllr Walter Williams had spoken to Mr. Phil Griffiths. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr. Griffiths stressing the importance of replacing the missing benches.

1839.2 Minute 1830.1 – Cllr Colin Padfield informed the meeting that his company was not in a position to supply the laptops to Markham Congregational Church.

1839.3 Minute 1833.3 – Cllr Arthur Davies informed the meeting that the “owner” of the rubbish was identified and they had arranged to get most of the dumped rubbish removed. Caerphilly County Borough Council had cleared the remaining rubbish.

1839.4 Minute 1833.1 – Cllr Walter Williams advised the meeting that he had spoken to the highways officer of Caerphilly County Borough Council who confirmed that the Penylan Road draining problem would be resolved.

1840 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**

- Item 1840.3 – Councillors were pleased that Caerphilly County Borough Council had agreed to carry out some of the road signage proposals put forward by the Community Council.
- Item 1840.4 – the letter from Caerphilly County Borough Council was passed to Cllr Walter Williams
- Item 1840.5 – Councillors looked forward to receiving the information and application form from Caerphilly County Borough Council in the near future
- Item 1840.7 – areas identified included: land at the double-bend south of Manmoel Village; cattle grid north of Manmoel Village; top of Penywerlod Road opposite the monument; land south of the shop on Abernant Road opposite the Markham Institute.

1841 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1841.1 The Council **approved** the Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2017/18.

1841.2 The financial position of the Community Council as at 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 showed a total balance of £25,837.57

1841.3 The above balance included £7,700 from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.

1841.4 The financial report produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1842 Delegates Reports

1842.1 Markham Primary School – see Cllr Walter William’s earlier report.

1842.2 Argoed Village Hall – no report

1842.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1842.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report

1842.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – see Cllr Walter William’s earlier report..

1842.6 Access Forum – see Cllr Walter William’s earlier report.

1843 Local Reports

1843.1 Argoed – Cllr John Watkins requested that the letter be sent to Caerphilly County Borough Council requesting that the vegetation at the Manmoel Crossing junction with the A4048 be cut back. Cllr Garry Lewis proposed that a Zebra Crossing be sited on the A4048 opposite the Argoed Village Hall. He expressed concern about people crossing the road to gain access to and from the bus stop and the village hall

1843.2 Hollybush – nothing to report

1843.3 Manmoel – Cllr Arthur Davies reported that heavy vehicles associated with tree felling in the Hollybush forestry are causing damage to the roads

1843.4 Markham – nothing to report

1844 Planning Applications

1844.1 18/0349/COU – Ty’r Sais Stables, Ty’r Sais Farm Lane, Argoed – change of use of existing steel framed barn for fabrication of metal work.

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018