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Markham, Argoed,  
Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Manmoel Village Hall.

1727 To sign the register and receive apologies

1727.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman M. Williams, S. Blakeman, M. Blakeman, A. Davies A. Jones G. Lewis, K. Mills, H. Rowlands J. Watkins and W. Williams

1727.2 The Clerk advised the meeting that David King had resigned due to bad health. It was agreed that flowers and a message of support be sent to David.

1728 To receive a report from the Police

1728.1 Jeff Dugmore gave his apologies for not attending the meeting.

1729 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams

1729.1 Cllr Williams reported that he had contacted the Borough Council regarding the lack of grass cutting. He had been advised that the programme was taking longer due to a lack of staff.

1729.2 Caerphilly County Borough Council Planning Committee had not yet made a decision regarding the application for another wind turbine at Manmoel.

1729.3 The new chemist in Markham still hadn't opened and the applicant will have to re-apply after 12 months.

1729.4 Concerns were expressed about cars being advertised on the side of the road near the Markham mini roundabout. Trading Standards were investigating the problem.

1729.5 The Borough Council had confirmed that yellow lines would be painted on Penylan Road in the new year. Concerns were expressed about the impact that this would have with residents parking their cars.

1729.6 The Borough Council is to carry out remedial works to the playground at Hollybush Community Centre.

1729.7 It was reported in the local press that the individual responsible for illegally chopping down the trees at Penyfan Pond had been fined over £100,000.

1730 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were **agreed**.

1731 Matters arising: -

1731.1 Markham Colliery Site – Cllr Walter Williams had contacted Phil Griffiths of Caerphilly County Borough Council about the use of the former colliery site. One

suggestion was to create an allotment site for the residents. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should write to Mr. Griffiths expressing the Community Council's support for such a scheme.

1731.2 Argoed Community Benefit Fund – Cllr Garry Lewis mentioned that Markham Primary School needed to upgrade its audio-visual equipment and lap-tops. The total cost was in the region of £3,000. Cllr Ann Jones agreed with this suggestion.

Cllr Walter Williams suggested that the Markham Playgroup needed to upgrade its playground facilities.

Cllr John Watkins suggested that the Council could consider replacing the damaged benches along the Cycle Path.

Cllr Arthur Davies said that the residents of Manmoel had not yet had the opportunity to consider how best to spend the money.

Cllr Marilyn Blakeman said that Hollybush would be meeting soon to consider various options.

Cllr Stephen Blakeman suggested that the fund be split, allocating £4,000 to each of the four wards and the balance of £4,000 would be kept to match fund joint projects with Caerphilly County Borough Council.

Cllr Keith Mills suggested road safety initiatives – but recognized that these may be too expensive. He also suggested improving the steps leading to Hollybush Rugby Club.

1731.3 Minute 1718.5 – untaxed vehicles – the exercise was to be repeated.

1731.4 Minute 1720.1 – It was noted that the signs on the A4048 were now visible. It was proposed that the Clerk write to PCC Jeff Cuthbert to establish whether the Young Offenders community service could be used to help clear weeds, etc.

1731.5 Minute 1725.2 – Cllr Walter Williams had carried out a site visit to Hollybush and felt that a zebra crossing would cause serious problems for residents parking on the A4048.

1732 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

Item 1732.20 – **agreed** that £60 be used from the Chairman's Allowance to pay for the room hire at Argoed Village Hall.

1733 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1733.1 The report from the External Auditors had been received and the appropriate legal notices had been posted.

1733.2 The Clerk's Risk Assessment report was received and **agreed**.

1733.3 The financial position of the Community Council as at 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017, showed a total balance of £38,886.32

1733.4 The financial report produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1734 Delegates Reports

1734.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Garry Lewis informed the meeting that he had resigned as Chairman of the Governors.

1734.2 Argoed Village Hall – no report

1734.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1734.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – Cllrs Marilyn and Stephen Blakeman had attended the latest meeting. Concerns were expressed about the closure of public conveniences throughout the borough. Facilities were very important for pregnant women and disabled people who may require toilet facilities at short notice.

1734.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Ann Jones reported that the centre had been quiet over the summer holidays.

1734.6 Access Forum – No report

#### 1735 Local Reports

1735.1 Argoed – It was reported that the burning of rubbish was continuing to take place on land at Manmoel Crossing.

1735.2 Hollybush – no report

1735.3 Manmoel – Cllr Arthur Davies reported that the Village Hall Committee was preparing an Autumn Programme.

1735.4 Markham – no report

#### 1736 Planning Applications

1736.1 17/0588/OUT – Plot at 45 Gelynos Avenue, Argoed – Erect single detached 5 bedroom dwelling

1736.2 17/0568/RET – Annexe Smugglers Run, Pen-Deri Farm Lane, Argoed – retain change of use of agricultural building used as stables to a mixed use of residential accommodation and stables.

1736.3 17/0704/FULL – Argoed Baptist Chapel, High Street, Argoed – erect single storey accommodation to rear

1736.4 17/0718/FULL – Former Markham Rugby Club, Heol-Y-Bedw-Hirion, Markham – construct dormer bungalow

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017