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**Markham, Argoed,
Man-moel and Hollybush**

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 19th June 2017 at Argoed Village Hall.

1707 To sign the register and receive apologies

1707.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman M. Williams, S. Blakeman, A. Davies, D. King, G. Lewis, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins and W. Williams

1707.2 Apologies were received from A. Jones and K. Mills

1708 To receive a report from the Police

1708.1 There was no Police representative present at the meeting

1709 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams

1709.1 Cllr Williams said that he had spoken to Inspector Jim Neeson at the residents' meeting. The former Inspector Jason White had reported that Gwent was to have an extra 120 officers.

1709.2 There was a new doctor in the Markham Surgery and the new chemist still hadn't acquired a shop in Markham.

1709.3 Cllr Williams said that he was originally holding monthly Council surgeries but no members of the public had attended. He was thinking that door to door may be more effective.

1709.4 The yellow lines outside Markham Primary School have been done.

1709.5 Caerphilly County Borough Council is to take over responsibility for parking offences – using the Community Support Officers.

1709.6 The speed activated signs are to be repaired.

1709.7 The Hollybush play area is to be inspected by Caerphilly County Borough Council officers.

1709.8 The paved area in Mountain View needs to be weeded.

1709.9 Cllr Mike Williams reported that the vandals who had damaged the play equipment in the Markham Miners' Institute had been caught and were made to repair the damaged equipment.

1710 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th May 2017 were agreed.

1711 Matters arising: -

1711.1 Minute 1701.1 – Solar Panel farm, North of Penyfan Caravan Park. – the Clerk reported that no reply had been received from Caerphilly County Borough Council.

1711.2 Minute 1705.2 – Hollybush Community Centre external lights – still no progress

1712 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

1713 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1713.1 The Council received and **agreed** the Annual Return for the Community Council as at 31st March 2017 together with a copy of the Annual Governance Statement. The Council received and **accepted** the Internal Auditor's Report for the financial year 2016/17.

1713.2 The financial position of the Community Council as at 19th June 2017, showed a total balance of £15,954.50

Treasurer's Account	10,023.93	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-1,011.07</u>	9,012.86
Business Money Manager A/C		6,941.64
Bank Balances		<u>15,954.50</u>

1713.3 The financial report produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1713.4 It was agreed to discuss the Christmas Decorations at the next meeting together with the Oakdale Community Benefit Fund.

1714 Delegates Reports

1714.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Garry Lewis reported the Deputy Head's post was to be re-advertised.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Mike Williams should be the Community Council's representative on Markham School governing body.

1714.2 Argoed Village Hall – no report

1714.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1714.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no meeting

1714.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Hilary Rowlands reported that they were interviewing for a new cook

1714.6 Access Forum – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the Countryside and Landscape budget had been cut yet again. He gave a brief account of a visit to the Penallta Countryside Park.

1715 Local Reports

1715.1 Argoed – It was reported that rubbish was still being burnt on land next to the river at Manmoel Crossing. Rubbish had been dumped on the road from Cwm Argoed to Manmoel close to the caravan park. Off-road vehicle activity was increasing at Manmoel Crossing.

1715.2 Hollybush – no report

1715.3 Manmoel – no report

1715.4 Markham – no report

1715.5 Cllr Blakeman suggested that the joint meeting which had been considered some months ago should be held at Hollybush Community Centre. It was agreed to “pencil in” the date of 18th December 2017

1716 Planning **Applications**

1716.1 17/0231/NCC – Land adjacent to 26 Gelynos Avenue, Argoed – vary condition 13 of planning consent to move properties by 3 metres.

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 17th July 2017