

**ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MARKHAM, ARGOED, MAN-MOEL AND HOLLYBUSH**

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at Manmoel Village Hall.

1280 To sign the register and receive apologies

1280.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman M. Williams, G. Bineham, A. Jones, G. Lewis, K. Masson, H. Rowlands, and W. Williams.

1280.2 Apologies were received from D. Briggs A. Edwards, L. Gardiner, A. Craddock and J. Watkins

1281 To receive a report from the Police

1281.1 Jeff Dugmore had given his apologies.

1282 To receive a report from County Borough Councillor Leon Gardiner.

1282.1 Leon had given his apologies for not being at the meeting.

1283 The minutes of the previous meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were agreed.

1284 Matters arising:-

1284.1 Minute 1264.2 – a Councillor outlined the appeal process that was being followed to oppose the planning approval for the Wind Turbine. He said that ultimately, they would go to the ombudsman.

1284.2 Minute 1270.1 – it was reported that there had been problems with off-road bikers for the last four Sundays. A Councillor had phoned 101 to report the off-road bikers but the call system had failed.

1284.3 Minute 1270.4 – it was reported that nothing had been done about the trees in Monmouth Walk.

1285 Correspondence

1285.1 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and required actions **agreed.**

1285.2 Re-organisation of Local Government in Wales – a discussion ensued about the implications for Community and Town Councils. The document suggested merging and/or expanding Community and Town Councils and given them further responsibilities. Councillors were concerned that they were not sufficiently trained to cope with these extra responsibilities.

1286 To receive the financial report from the Clerk

1286.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014, showing a total balance of £14,568.75 was **accepted**.

Treasurer's Account	6,282.46	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-641.90</u>	5,640.56
Business Money Manager A/C		8,928.19
Bank Balances		<u>14,568.75</u>

1286.2 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1286.3 The Clerk gave an update on the introduction of a Website for the Community Council.

#### 1287 Delegates Reports

1287.1 Markham Primary School – it was reported that the contracts for three teaching assistants were to be terminated at 31<sup>st</sup> March due to budget constraints. The school inspection was due next month.

1287.2 Argoed Village Hall – it was reported that the roof was leaking and damage had been caused to the interior of the building. It was hoped that the work be covered by insurance.

1287.3 Hollybush Community Centre – nothing to report

1287.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – nothing to report.

1287.5 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre – it was noted that the centre was “ticking over”.

1287.6 Community Partnership - nothing to report.

1287.7 Access Forum – a Councillor reported on the planned open cast mine at Nant Llesyg. Other items discussed at the Access forum were the Local Development Plan, Rights of Way, Footpaths and Larch Die-Back.

#### 1288 Local Reports

1288.1 Argoed – a Councillor if a public notice board could be placed at the bottom end of Penylan Road. The Clerk agreed to find out the cost and report back.

1288.2 Hollybush – nothing to report

1288.3 Manmoel – a Councillor reported that there are a lot of potholes on the road from the Caravan Park to the Village.

1288.4 Markham – it was reported that a joint meeting with Gwyn Price A.M. and the residents was being held on 27<sup>th</sup> January. A PACT meeting was due on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. An inspection of the car park to the rear of James Street was being carried out on Tuesday morning.

1288.5 A photograph of the Markham Colliery memorial plaque at Senghenydd was provided. The Community Council had paid £200 toward the cost of the plaque but the plaque states “sponsored by Caerphilly County Borough Council. Clerk to raise this with the Secretary of the Aber Valley Society.

#### 1289 Planning Applications

1289.1 13/0751/OUT – 1 George Street, Argoed – erect two-storey detached dwelling – planning application approved. - noted

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014