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

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 20th June 2016 at Hollybush Community Centre

1590 To sign the register and receive apologies

1590.1 It was agreed to co-opt Mr Stephen Blakeman as a Community Councillor.
Councillor Blakemore signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

1590.2 Community Councillors present: Chairman M. Williams, S. Blakeman, A. Jones G. Lewis, H. Rowlands, J. Watkins and W. Williams

1590.3 Apologies were received from L. Gardiner and K. Masson

1591 To receive a representative from the Police

1591.1 PCSO Jeff Dugmore reported that arrests had been made in respect of drug production in the village.

1591.2 Cllr Walter Williams spoke about problems with alcohol abuse on a bench near the rugby field in Markham. The 101 line had been called but no response had been forthcoming from the Police. He also reported that there were still problems with dog fouling in the village.

1592 To receive a report from Cllr Leon Gardiner.

1592.1 Councillor Gardiner was not present at the meeting

1593 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th May 2016 were agreed.

1594 Matters arising:-

1594.1 Minute 1584.4 – Clerk to chase up Phil Griffiths about attending a future meeting.

1594.2 Minute 1585 – The Clerk advised the meeting that the Borough Council had filled-in the hole in the rear lane of Lower James Street, Argoed.

1594.3 Minute 1570.4 – Clerk to chase up the new PCC Jeff Cuthbert to attend a future meeting.

1595 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

1595.14 Markham Playgroup request for financial assistance – Cllr Mike Williams declared an interest and left the meeting at this point. Cllr Garry Lewis explained to the meeting that he had been in discussions with the organiser of the Playgroup and had advised her to write to the Community Council requesting financial assistance. After a brief discussion it was **agreed** that the Community Council donate £700 to the playgroup which represented 9.3% of the Playgroup's funding shortfall. It was further **agreed** that the Clerk forward the playgroup's letter to the AM Rhiannon Passmore and also Bargoed Town Council.

1596 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1596.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 20th June 2016, showing a total balance of £14,921.92 was **accepted**.

Treasurer's Account	8,939.02	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-955.59</u>	7,983.43
Business Money Manager A/C		6,938.49
Bank Balances		<u>14,921.92</u>

1596.2 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1597 Delegates Reports

1597.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that a Governors meeting had been held last week. The Budget position was looking good. Pupil attendance is causing some concern. Cllr Walter Williams commented on the £1,200 charge that the Borough Council has imposed for putting up and clearing away tables for children that eat sandwiches that they have brought instead of meals provided by the school.

1597.2 Argoed Village Hall – The Chairman reported that the Village Hall is losing users and is struggling to replace them.

1597.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1597.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – meeting on Wednesday 29th June.

1597.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Ann Jones reported that business is picking up. New members are joining the Gym

1597.6 Access Forum – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that he visited had Rudry and had walked to Machen along the old railway line. Sadly the grant application for Markham Colliery Site had been rejected. An application has been submitted to a different fund.

1598 Local Reports

1598.1 Argoed – no report.

1598.2 Hollybush – no report

1598.3 Manmoel – Cllr Steven Blakeman reported on the Queen’s 90th Birthday Party celebration organised in the village.

1598.4 Markham – Cllr Walter Williams reported that trees were blocking a road. A meeting with Rhiannon Passmore had been arranged in Markham Institute regarding the Pharmacy in the Doctor’s Surgery in Markham.

1599 Planning Applications

1599.1 16/0467/FULL – Land adjacent to 60 Abernant Road, Markham – construct a detached dwelling.

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 18th July 2016