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Markham, Argoed,
Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 21st November 2016 at Hollybush Community Centre.

1630 To sign the register and receive apologies

1630.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman M. Williams, A. Jones, H. Rowlands, G. Lewis, John Watkins and W. Williams

1630.2 Apologies were received from S. Blakeman and L. Gardiner

1630.3 The Chairman welcomed Mr David King to the meeting. Mr King had applied to be a co-opted member of the Community Council. The Council agreed to Mr King's co-option and he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

1630.4 Keith Masson's resignation from the Council was regretfully accepted. He had explained that he had to resign due to pressure of work.

1631 To receive a representative from the Police: PCSO Jeff Dugmore had given his apologies for not attending the meeting. The Chairman commented on the parking problems on Penylan Road and also expressed concern about the speed of vehicles on the road. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Caerphilly County Borough Council requesting that a speed monitoring exercise be carried out.

1632 To receive a report from Cllr Leon Gardiner. Councillor Gardiner had previously apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

1633 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th October 2016 were agreed.

1634 Matters arising: -

1634.1 Minute 1623.2 – Cllr Walter Williams reported on a meeting held with Rhiannon Passmore. He read out a letter received from the Aneurin Bevan Health Board re-affirming its decision to approve a new pharmacy in Markham. The Doctor has appealed against the decision.

1634.2 Minute 1624.4 – The Chairman confirmed that letters had been sent to residents of Penylan Road regarding the illegal dumping of rubbish.

1635 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

Item 1635.5 – Markham Colliery Site – it was noted that the Lottery Fund grant application had been unsuccessful. It was hoped that the Borough Council officers could address the issues raised in the letter and put forward a revised application.

Item 1635.6 – 5 man cleansing team – Cllr Walter Williams reported that the junction of A4048 with Markham Road needed clearing. He agreed to provide the Clerk with photographs which could then be forwarded to the Borough Council.

1636 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1636.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 21st November 2016, showing a total balance of £17,793.66.

Treasurer's Account	11,412.91	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-559.97</u>	10,852.94
Business Money Manager A/C		6,940.72
Bank Balances		<u>17,793.66</u>

1636.2 The Clerk confirmed that there were no changes to the budget variations as reported and agreed at the September meeting.

1636.3 The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had carried out an interim audit in accordance with the Council's risk assessment report. Listed below are the issues raised together with the Clerk's actions.

Issue Raised	Clerk's Actions
No remittance advice for the first half year's precept payment – no voucher to support receipt	E-mail from Caerphilly County Borough Council printed and included in the accounts file
No remittance advice for receipt of the Islwyn CLP printing charges	Copy of the calculation of printing costs now included in the accounts file
Asset Register does not include serial numbers of assets where relevant	Serial numbers for assets now included where relevant

1636.4 The Council **accepted** the Clerk's report.

1636.5 The Clerk informed the meeting that he had purchased a new laptop computer. He reminded Councillors that the Community Council did not own a computer and that he used his computer for Council business. After a brief discussion the Council **agreed** to contribute £200 toward the cost of the Clerk's computer. The Clerk thanked the Council for its very generous contribution.

1636.6 The schedule of payments provided by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1637 Delegates Reports

1637.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Garry Lewis reported on Poetry classes for the children. He added that Art classes were also being provided.

1637.2 Argoed Village Hall – no change from previous report

1637.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1637.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – meeting due to held in December

1637.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Ann Jones reported that the kitchen facilities were not being utilised to their full potential. She added that the management needed to encourage new users and initiatives.

1637.6 Access Forum – no meeting

1638 Local Reports

1638.1 Argoed – The Chairman reported that the Christmas Quiz was arranged for 16th December in Argoed Village Hall.

1638.2 Hollybush – Cllr John Watkins expressed concerns about the speed of traffic through the village. The speed signs were obscured by overgrown vegetation. He also observed that the “Hollybush” sign at the bottom of the village had not been rebuilt.

1638.3 Manmoel – no report

1638.4 Markham – The Chairman thanked Cllr Walter Williams for all his efforts towards organizing the Armistice Service. Cllr Walter Williams reported that contractors working at the rear of James Street, Markham were causing a mess. He reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner had attended the Resident’s meeting.

1639 Planning Applications

1639.1 16/0884/FULL – Land adjacent to 60 Abernant Road, Markham – erect detached dwelling

1639.2 16/0877/FULL – Land adjacent to 26 Gelynos Avenue, Argoed – construct 3 three bedroom terraced dwellings

1639.3 16/0936/NCC – Land adjacent to Bristol House, High Street, Argoed – vary condition 3 of planning consent 11/0673/NCC to renew unexpired outline application

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 19th December 2016