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Markham, Argoed,
Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 26th March 2018 at Argoed Village Hall.

1796 To sign the register and receive apologies

1796.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman M. Williams, G. Lewis, H. Rowlands and W. Williams

1796.2 Apologies were received from Cllrs. A. Davies, A. Jones and J. Watkins

1797 To receive a report from the Police.

1797.1 PCSO Jeff Dugmore had previously apologised for not being able to attend.

1798 The Chairman welcomed Ms Gina Jones from GAVO.

1798.1 Ms Jones provided useful advice on grant availability and the means of applying for such grants.

1798.2 The Chairman thanked her for her help and advice and promised to take her offer of advice in the future.

1799 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

1799.1 Councillor Williams informed the meeting that despite some complaints, the snow clearing efforts of Caerphilly County Borough Council had been very effective and a great deal of hard work had been put in. The proposed closure of Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre was still under discussion. The Cardiff Metropolitan Area was still under discussion. Various communication improvements had been proposed although none with any tangible effect on the Sirhowy Valley. Several salt bins in Markham are to be replaced and also kerbs damaged due to snow clearance. Yellow lines are to be painted on the downside of the main road in Hollybush.

Councillor Williams finished by reporting that there was no further progress on the development of the former colliery site. Part of the entrance wall had been knocked down and was awaiting repair.

1800 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th February 2018 were **agreed**.

1801 Matters arising:- none

1802 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

1803 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1803.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 19th March 2018 showed a total balance of £20,943

1803.2 The above balance includes £9,000 from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund.

1803.3 The financial report produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1804 Delegates Reports

1804.1 Markham Primary School – Councillors Garry Lewis and Walter Williams had recently visited the school for a parents’ assembly and were impressed by the new Audio-visual equipment and the new I.T. suite. Short listing for the position of Head Teacher had taken place.

1804.2 Argoed Village Hall – no report

1804.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report

1804.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report

1804.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – It was reported that the Centre had suffered from frost damage.

1804.6 Access Forum – a Rights of Way Improvement Plan revision is to take place and would be scheduled every twelve months in the future.

1805 Local Reports

1805.1 Argoed – a discussion took place about the need for an all weather playing surface MUGA

1805.2 Hollybush – no report

1805.3 Manmoel – no report

1805.4 Markham – the possibility of developing and lighting part of the playing field area was discussed. Councillor Hilary Rowlands wished to record her appreciation of the letter of condolence she had received from the Council.

1806 Planning Applications

1806.1 18/0093/COU – Chapel House, High Street, Argoed – change of use of land to residential curtilage, erect fencing, relocate existing dry stone wall, create two parking spaces and install wooden summer house

1806.2 18/0165/FULL – Manager’s House, Penyfan Leisure Park, Manmoel – construct a single storey extension to the rear of the property.

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 16th April 2018