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Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 21st September 2020 using MS Teams

2039 To sign the register and receive apologies

2039.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman J. Watkins, A. Davies, G. Lewis, M. Parkes, Mike Williams and Walter Williams

2039.2 Apologies were received from M. Barton, A. Bould, D. Moore and J. Moore.

2039.3 The Clerk read out letters of resignation from Councillors C. Padfield and H. Rowlands. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had already sent letters thanking the two Councillors for their services to the Community.

2040 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams

2040.1 Cllr. Williams informed the meeting that Caerphilly County Borough had held its A.G.M.

2040.2 Discussion had taken place about people using Cwm Argoed as a short cut from/to Oakdale

2040.3 Councillor Williams reported that he had visited Manmoel Village the previous week. He reported that litter picking was needed along the road between the entrance to the Caravan Park and the village.

2040.4 Councillor Arthur Davies reported that since the main road from Aberbeeg to Cwm had been blocked off due to road works, the mountain road from Manmoel to Cwm had been seeing a significant increase in usage.

2041 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th July 2020 were **agreed**.

2042 Matters arising:-

2042.1 Minute 2033.3 – The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Markham Playgroup thanking the Community Council for the donation.

2042.2 Minute 2033.4 - The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Markham Primary School thanking the Community Council for the donation.

2042.3 Minute 2037.2 – The Chairman reported that he had recently visited the cycle path and confirmed that the damage had been done some months ago hadn't changed.

2043 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

2044 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2044.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 21st September 2020 showed a total balance of £26,900.35

2044.2 The Argoed Community Benefit Fund had been fully allocated to local charities and organisations and the balance was confirmed as nil.

2044.3 The financial report and schedule of cheques produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

2045 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page – no report given

2046 Delegates Reports

2046.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that he attended the Governors' AGM. It was confirmed that the problems with the car park barrier had now been resolved. Cllr Garry Lewis asked for an update on the 20 mph speed limit outside the school. Cllr Williams said that he would contact the Head Teacher of the School for an update.

It was **agreed** that the Community Council contribute £350 towards the cost of trimming the hedge around the school.

2046.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr. Garry Lewis reported that a meeting had been held with representatives from Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding making the hall safe for use because of the Covid-19 restrictions

2046.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report.

2046.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report

2046.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that the Centre was still closed and staff were on furlough. Enquiries had been made about using the centre for administering flu jabs.

2046.6 Access Forum – no meeting.

2047 Local Reports

2047.1 Argoed – Cllr Mike Williams expressed his concerns about the increase in speeding traffic on Penylan Road. He said that several vehicles have been damaged. He felt that it was only a matter time before a serious accident takes place. Cllr Walter Williams said that he would contact the Police Inspector based at Blackwood. Other councillors confirmed that they had witnessed speeding cars and off-road bikes on Penylan Road and Manmoel Crossing. It was proposed that the Clerk write to the AM Rhiannon Passmore and also the MP Chris Evans.

2047.2 Hollybush – no report

2047.3 Manmoel – Cllr Arthur Davies reported that the village hall had not held any meetings recently. He said that due to increased dog walking through the village there were increased problems with the fouling of footpaths and roads. He asked if the Borough Council could erect signs warning dog owners and asked if Cllr Walter Williams could make enquiries with the Borough Council. Cllr Davies also reported that a cattle grid had been damaged due to the increase in speeding vehicles.

2047.4 Markham – Cllr. Mary Parkes informed the meeting that many complaints had been received from residents regarding the provision of services at Markham doctor's surgery.

2048 Planning Applications

2048.1 20/0547/FULL – Pont Gwaith Yr Haearn Farm, Pont Gwaith Yr Haearn Farm Lane, Hollybush – erect stables and storage

2048.2 20/0620/OUT – Land at Grid Ref 316601 201839 (Former Railway) Newport Road, Markham – erect mixed use leisure site comprising sales mart area, hot, cold food and drink kiosk, picnic area and off road parking

2048.3 20/0646/RET – Land at Brook Villa, Sunny View, Argoed – retain and complete 4 new stables

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 21st September 2020