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Markham, Argoed,
Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 27th July 2020 using MS Teams

2029 To sign the register and receive apologies

2029.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman J. Watkins, M. Barton, A. Bould, A. Davies, G. Lewis, C. Padfield, M. Parkes, Mike Williams and Walter Williams

2029.2 Apologies were received from D. Moore, J. Moore and H. Rowlands

2030 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams

2030.1 Cllr. Williams informed the meeting that Caerphilly County Borough had increased the number of free school meals and had provided support for vulnerable people during the Covid-19 crisis. Cllr. M. Barton praised the support that he had received from the Borough Council.

2030.2 Cllr Williams reported that several roads were due to be closed for re-surfacing and also reported that the Council was cutting back vegetation on footpaths. The footpath at the lower section of Penylan Road was due to be cleared. The middle and upper sections were to be looked at.

2030.3 Caerphilly County Borough Council is to consider the banning of exercising dogs on marked fields.

2031 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th January 2020 were **agreed**.

2032 Matters arising: - none

2033 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

Item 2033.3 – request for financial assistance from Markham Playgroup.

Cllr. Mike Williams declared an interest and took no part in the discussion of this item.

After a brief discussion it was **agreed** by 6 votes to 1 to make a grant of £1,000 to the Markham Playgroup.

The money to be taken from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund. Cllr Colin Padfield voted against the proposal.

Item 2033.4 – request for financial assistance from Markham Primary School.

After a brief discussion it was **agreed** by 7 votes to 1 to make a grant of £2,500 to the School towards the cost of providing additional IT equipment.

The money to be taken from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund. Cllr Colin Padfield voted against the proposal.

2034 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2034.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 27th July 2020 showed a total balance of £24,752.87

2034.2 The above balance included £3,450 from the Argoed Community Benefit Fund prior the decisions made in minute 2033.3 and 2033.4

2034.3 The financial report and schedule of cheques produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

2034.4 The Clerk had previously distributed the Annual Financial Report for 2019/20 to the Council. The Council **approved** the Annual Financial Report and authorized the Chairman to sign the document.

2035 To receive and update on the Community Council's Facebook page – no report given

2036 Delegates Reports

2036.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr. Garry Lewis informed the meeting that the Governors had held a meeting using MS Teams

2036.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr. Garry Lewis reported that the Village Hall had received a grant of £10,000. Cllr. Mike Williams reported that the War Memorial in the village hall car park had been damaged.

2036.3 Hollybush Community Centre – no report.

2036.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report

2036.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that a new cooker had been installed along with a new deep fat fryer. The re-opening of the centre was not planned until after Markham Primary School had opened in September.

2036.6 Access Forum – Cllrs. John Watkins and Walter Williams had attended a meeting in Ty Penallta to discuss greener issues.

2037 Local Reports

2037.1 Argoed – Cllr Mike Williams expressed great concerns about the provision of surgery services in Markham. He reported that it was impossible to get a doctor to visit the home. He asked that Cllr Walter Williams arrange a meeting with the Aneurin Bevan Health Board to discuss the provision of medical services in Markham.

2037.2 Hollybush – It was reported that fencing along the cycle path had been damaged. The Clerk confirmed that he had already contacted Caerphilly County Borough Council about this. Concerns were expressed about the recent car crashes on the main road through the village. It was also reported that motorcycle scramblers were causing problems.

2037.3 Manmoel – nothing to report

2037.4 Markham – Cllr. Garry Lewis asked about the 20 mph speed limit outside Markham Primary School. Cllr. Walter Williams was unaware of when this was due to be implemented.

2038 Planning Applications

2038.1 20/0552/FULL – 1 Rock Villas, Argoed – enclose existing porch and erect single storey side extension

2038.2 20/0513/FULL – Ty'r Sais Farm, Ty'r Sais Farm Lane, Argoed – erect a single storey annexe extension to existing farmhouse

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