



# Cyngor Cymuned Argoed

Markham, Argoed,  
Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 using MS Teams

2057 To sign the register and receive apologies

2057.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman A. Davies, A. Bould, G. Lewis, D. Moore, J. Moore, J. Mullen, M. Parkes, J. Watkins, Mike Williams and Walter Williams

2057.2 Apologies were received from M. Barton.

2058 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams

2058.1 Cllr. Williams gave an update from Jeff Dugmore.

- Off-road bikers - a weekend operation resulted in Section 59 warnings being issued and bikes being destroyed by the Police.
- Tyres have been slashed in Hollybush
- Youngsters congregating on Markham Field
- PCSO Dugmore confirmed that he would be attending the Armistice Parade on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

2058.2 Cllr Williams informed the meeting that the Welsh Government intended implementing a 20 mph speed limit in all areas that were currently subject to a 30 mph speed limit. The Government has given a target date of 2023

2058.3 The Heads of the Valleys Master Plan includes the former Markham Colliery site.

2058.4 There was a possibility of extra funding for tidying up villages – The Chairman suggested that Councillors consider possible projects to be included in this scheme.

2059 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 were **agreed.**

2060 Matters arising:-

2060.1 Minute 2046.1 - It was confirmed that the hedges around Markham Primary School had been trimmed.

2060.2 Minute 2047.1 – speeding vehicles on Penylan Road. The Clerk advised the meeting that he not received replies from the MP or the AM. It was reported that

- there are many vehicles parked on Penylan Road by people who do live on the road. The Council was unsure what could be done about this problem.
- 2060.3 Minute 2047.3 – It was confirmed that the cattle grid at Manmoel had been repaired.
- 2061 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.
- 2062 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.
- 2062.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 showed a total balance of £25,914.32
- 2062.2 The financial report and schedule of cheques produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.
- 2062.3 It was **agreed** that Cllr Walter Williams would organise a presentation to former Councillor Hilary Rowlands in recognition of her years of service to the Community Council.
- 2063 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page – no report given
- 2064 Delegates Reports
- 2064.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the school was pursuing the 20 mph speed limit outside the school.
- 2064.2 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
- 2064.3 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report
- 2064.4 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that the Centre was still closed and staff were on furlough. He reported that two freezers had failed resulting in all the food having to be destroyed. He added that there was a possibility of funding from the Oakdale Community Benefit Fund to install energy saving lighting.
- 2064.5 Access Forum – no meeting.
- 2065 Local Reports
- 2065.1 Argoed – Cllr Mike Williams reported that the Markham Surgery does not have a doctor permanently located at the surgery. It was noted that Aneurin Bevan Health Board is having difficulty appointing a new doctor for the surgery. At present the Health Board is providing doctors from a neighbouring surgery on rotation. It was reported that the surgery was open 5 days a week – it was presently being used to give flu jabs to residents. Doctors are not accepting personal visits to the surgery – consultations are by telephone only.
- 2065.2 Hollybush – Cllr Andy Bould reported that fencing on the cycle track/Railway Terrace has been damaged. He also reported on a recent accident on the main road. Significant damage had been caused to bollards and lighting columns.
- 2065.3 Manmoel – no report
- 2065.4 Markham – Cllr. Mary Parkes informed the meeting there was a campaign for everyone in the village to switch on their Christmas Lights on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Several free trees had been provided but they needed decorating. Cllr Walter

Williams reported that another tree was to be planted in the grounds of Markham Institute.

2065.5 Cllr Diane Moore enquired whether a skate board park could be provided in the village. Cllr. Walter Williams said that the Borough Council was improving the playgrounds in the area but unfortunately our area is not big enough for the Borough Council to provide a skate board park.

2066 Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020