

ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 15th March 2021 using MS Teams

2109 To sign the register and receive apologies

2109.1 Community Councillors present: Vice Chairman Mike Williams, A. Bould, G. Lewis, M. Parkes, J. Watkins and Walter Williams

2109.2 Apologies were received from M. Barton, A. Davies, D. Moore, J. Moore and J. Mullen.

2110 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams

2110.1 Cllr. Williams reported that the Borough Council Budget had approved the implementation of the living wage in relation to employees on the appropriate hourly rate.

2110.2 The Local Development Plan had been considered by the Borough Council.

2110.3 The WHQS programme was nearing completion.

2110.4 Improvements to Cwmcarn Forest Drive and various other projects had been discussed.

2110.5 Councillor John Watkins asked about a green energy scheme at the former Markham Colliery Site. Councillor Williams confirmed that it was still included in the Heads of the Valleys Master Plan.

2111 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th February 2021 were **agreed**.

2112 Matters arising: -

2112.1 Minute 2099.1 – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that his second Covid19 jab had been delayed a few weeks.

2112.2 Minute 2102.3 – Disabled Parking Notices – the Council agreed to Councillor John Mullin's proposals and further agreed to pay for all the costs of the scheme.

2113 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

2114 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2114.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 15th March 2021 showed a total balance of £20,181.88

2114.2 The financial report and schedule of cheques produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

2115 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.
2115.1 Cllr Mary Parkes gave an update about various items that had been included on the Facebook page. These items included the Disabled Parking Notices Scheme and the Best Kept Garden Competition. The final details of the Best Kept Garden Competition still hadn't been agreed by the Council.

2116 Delegates Reports

2116.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Garry Lewis informed the meeting that he had been told that 19 pupils had not had access to adequate IT equipment. These had been provided with equipment from the school; albeit a bit old!
2116.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr. Garry Lewis said that there was a possibility that the Hall could be used as a polling station for the May elections.
2116.3 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no meeting
2116.4 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Walter Williams said that there was a possibility that the Centre could be used as a polling station for the May elections.
2116.5 Access Forum – Cllr Walter Williams reported that a recent meeting had been held and had received a presentation from Natural Resources Wales. The opening up of Rights of Way was also discussed at the same meeting.

2117 Local Reports

2117.1 Argoed – A councillor presented photographs of damaged walls and access points on the Sirhowy Valley Country Walk.
2117.2 Hollybush – It was reported that volunteers had been litter picking along the A4048.
2117.3 Manmoel – no report
2117.4 Markham – Cllr Mary Parkes reported that preparations were in place for the Easter egg hunt. Other events were also planned.

2118 Planning Applications

2118.1 21/0101/FULL – 57 Penylan Road, Argoed – erect detached garage to front of property with hard standing to the side.

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 19th April 2021