

## ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 using MS Teams

2158 To sign the register and receive apologies

2158.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman Mike Williams, Garry Lewis, John Watkins and Walter Williams

Apologies were received from Mike Barton, Andy Bould, Arthur Davies, John Mullen and Mary Parkes

2159 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams

2159.1 Cllr. Williams said that Caerphilly County Borough Council was planning to refurbish the playgrounds at Argoed and Markham.

2159.2 He had met with Rhiannon Passmore and Judith Pagget about the closure of Markham surgery. Many patients are experiencing problems with the telephone – calls are not being answered.

2159.3 The Borough Council has agreed to continue with free parking until at least September

2160 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 were **agreed**.

2161 Matters arising

2161.1 Minute 2152.7 – Future Community Council meetings - the consensus of opinion was to continue with virtual meetings for the time being and review the situation on a month by month basis.

2161.2 Minute 2155.1 – Markham Primary School – Cllr Walter Williams confirmed that 2 teachers were due to retire and the Head as advised him that they will not be replaced. It was agreed to defer the donation for the Dance-a-thon until the September meeting.

2161.3 Minute 2156.2 – Cllr Walter Williams confirmed that Caerphilly County Borough Council would arrange for the pruning of the Christmas tree in Hollybush.

2161.4 Minute 2156.4 – It was confirmed that the Markham Fete on 31<sup>st</sup> July was going ahead.

2162 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

2163 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2163.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 showed a total balance of £24,475.37

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

2163.2 It was **agreed** that the Clerk should purchase of Microsoft 365 Business Edition at a cost of £115.50.

2164 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.

2164.1 Cllr Mary Parkes had previously apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

2165 Delegates Reports

2165.1 Markham Primary School – see minute 2162.1 above

2165.2 Argoed Village Hall – no report

2165.3 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no meeting

2165.4 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that a defibrillator was to be installed at the centre

2165.5 Access Forum – no meeting

2166 Local Reports

2166.1 Argoed – The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Council had previously agreed to invest in more Christmas lights for 2021. The Clerk **agreed** to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to establish which street lighting columns were suitable on the A4048.

Cllr John Watkins expressed concern that there were now 5 vacant posts for councillors on the Community Council and also observed that the existing councillors “were not getting any younger”. The Clerk said that the Council's website advertises the fact that there 5 vacancies but has not received any expression of interest. He hoped that at the elections in May 2022 more members of the public would put their names forward.

2166.2 Hollybush – no report

2166.3 Manmoel – Cllr Walter Williams reported that a meeting had been arranged regarding a planning application.

2166.4 Markham – see previous minute 2161.4

2167 Planning Applications

2167.1 21/0635/FULL – Smugglers Livery and Equestrian Centre, Pen-Deri Farm Lane, Argoed – erect rural enterprise dwelling

2167.2 21/0637/NCC – Rhandy Smugglers Run Pen-Deri Farm Lane, Argoed – vary conditions 01 and 02 of planning consent to extend the life of permission period by further two years.

2167.3 21/0431/FULL – 43 Abernant Road, Markham – erect first floor extension and convert existing bathroom to bedroom

2167.4 21/0618/FULL – Ty'r Sais Stables, Ty'r Sais Farm Lane, Argoed – erect 24 stables and associated access track

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 20th September 2021