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Markham, Argoed,
Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 18th October 2021 using MS Teams

2179 To sign the register and receive apologies

2179.1 Community Councillors present: Vice Chairman Walter Williams, Andy Bould, Garry Lewis, John Mullen, Mary Parkes and John Watkins
Apologies were received from Mike Barton, Arthur Davies and Mike Williams

2180 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams

2180.1 Cllr Williams reported that the Catering Department of Caerphilly County Borough Council had received a top award in Wales for the excellent service provided to the schools.

2180.2 He also reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council had been short-listed for "the best run council" during the COVID -19 pandemic

2180.3 A task and finish group is to review the car parking charges for the borough.

2180.4 Mention was made of a fire in a council owned property in Markham.

2181 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th September 2021 were **agreed**.

2182 Matters arising - none

2183 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

Item 2183.8 Christmas Decorations – It was **agreed** to accept the quotation from Elsbury Plant to supply six Christmas lighting figurines to be fitted to street lighting columns at a cost of £1,731.00 + VAT

2184 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2184.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 18th October 2021 showed a total balance of £24,990.81

2184.2 The financial report and schedule of cheques produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

2185 Local Development Plan (LDP)

2185.1 Cllr John Mullen informed the meeting that the proposals had been submitted but he had not received a reply from Caerphilly County Borough Council. Cllr. Walter Williams **agreed** to investigate why no reply had been received.

2186 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.

2186.1 Cllr Mary Parkes reported that there had been an increased interest in the Community Council's Facebook page.

2186.2 Problems with the provision of double yellow lines on Penylan Road had been raised together with the accident at Markham roundabout near the War Memorial. Hedges needed to be cut back to improve visibility.

2186.3 Cllr John Watkins suggested that an advert be placed on the Facebook page inviting residents to put their names forward for co-option on to the Community Council.

2187 Delegates Reports

2187.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr. Garry Lewis reported that Argoed Village Hall had 7 surplus laptop computers which it wanted to donate to Markham School, however, the software needed upgrading. The Borough Council's IT department needed to look at the laptops to ensure that they were suitable.

2187.2 Argoed Village Hall – no update since last meeting.

2187.3 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no meeting

2187.4 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that it was “ticking over” at the moment. Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre was moving events to the Markham Centre because it is being used as a vaccination centre. Wales Amateur Boxing Competition was coming to the centre in November, There was also a suggestion that the centre could be used for indoor bowls.

2187.5 Access Forum – no meeting.

2188 Local Reports

2188.1 Argoed – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that a resident's car had been smashed outside their house on Penylan Road and the replacement car had also been smashed.

2188.2 Hollybush – Cllr Andy Bould confirmed that the Hollybush Christmas Tree had been trimmed.

2188.3 Manmoel – nothing to report.

2188.4 Markham – Cllr. Mary Parkes reported that Father Christmas was getting ready to visit Markham.

Cllr John Mullens reported that he was still receiving applications for the Disabled Parking Scheme. He also reported that the school was to confirm all the entries for the Tidy Gardens Competition. He added that the Darts Academy was doing well.

Cllr Walter Williams reported on the problem with lack of toilet facilities for workmen in James Street.

2189 Cllr John Mullens questioned whether Community Council meetings could be held in a venue such Markham Institute. It was agreed to review at the next meeting.

2190 Planning Applications

2190.1 21/0902/COU – Penyfan Leisure Park, Manmoel Road, Manmoel – change the use for storage of 60/70 touring caravans - noted

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 15th November 2021