

Argoed Community Council



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

2191 To sign the register and receive apologies

2191.1 Community Councillors present: Vice Chairman Walter Williams, Andy Bould, Arthur Davies, Garry Lewis, John Mullen, Mary Parkes, John Watkins and Emma Williams

Apologies were received from Mike Barton, and Mike Williams

2191.2 Applications to be co-opted on to the Community Council.

The Clerk had received two applications; Ms Emma Williams and Ms Rhiannon Edwards. The Council **agreed** to co-opt both applicants on to the Community Council.

2192 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams

2192.1 Cllr Williams reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council had not won the competition for “the best run council” during the COVID -19 pandemic. It was noted that the Borough Council was the only council in Wales to be nominated.

2192.2 The Remembrance Day Service had been well attended.

2193 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th October 2021 were **agreed**.

2194 Matters arising

2194.1 Minute 2187.1 – the old computers were not suitable to be upgraded.

2194.2 Minute 2186.3 – Cllr John Watkins had provided Cllr Mary Parkes with an advert for the Facebook page but Cllr Parkes had not been able to upload it. Cllr Emma Williams offered to help out.

2194.3 Minutes 2186.2 – it was reported that another accident had occurred at the roundabout. It was **agreed** that the Clerk write to Caerphilly County Borough Council asking that action be taken to cut back the vegetation that is restricting the vision of drivers.

2195 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

2196 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2196.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 15th November 2021 showed a total balance of £22,306.22

2196.2 The financial report and schedule of cheques produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

2197 Local Development Plan (LDP)

2197.1 Cllr John Mullen reported that an exchange of email had taken place with Caerphilly County Borough Council. He was waiting to see if other agencies would get involved. A Teams meeting was arranged for 26th November and Cllr Mullens was to attend. He was very hopeful that this project would be included in the LDP

2198 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.

2198.1 Cllr Mary Parkes reported that there had been an lot of comments about the parking on Penylan Road and also the accidents at the roundabout at Markham War Memorial.

2198.2 An vote of thanks was given to Cllr Parkes for creating and maintaining the Facebook page.

2199 Delegates Reports

2199.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Walter Williams said that the Governors were trying to recruit new members. Cllr John Mullen reported that over 50 people had returned the forms for the Best Garden. He had been asked photographs be submitted to him. He proposed that certificates be presented to the winners together with a small prize and a medal/trophy. It was agreed that a £30 Asda gift token be given to the Playgroup and £10 Asda gift tokens be given to individuals nominated via the school. The total cost was estimated to be about £60 including printing certificates.

2199.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that there was an problem with the installation of the defibrillator.

2199.3 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – Cllr John Mullen to attend the next one later in November.

2199.4 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr. Walter Williams reported that it was “ticking over” at the moment. Wales Amateur Boxing Competition was being held at the centre the following weekend.

2199.5 Access Forum – no meeting.

2200 Local Reports

2200.1 Argoed – no new items to report

2200.2 Hollybush – Cllr Andy Bould reported that the Christmas Lights had been fitted to the lamp posts but not the Christmas Tree.

2200.3 Manmoel – Cllr Arthur Davies reported that the Welfare Association was under new management.

2200.4 Markham – Cllr. Mary Parkes reported that Father Christmas was getting ready to visit Markham.

Cllr John Mullens reported that the Darts Academy now had over 60 members. It was hoped that a Christmas Party would be held in Markham Welfare. It was noted that there are problems with parking at the construction site on Abernant Road.

2201 Planning Applications

- 2201.1 Case 21/1031/FULL – Ty Gwyn 60 Abernant Road, Markham – construct an additional storey extension of existing basement construction of an balcony along with external alterations
- 2201.2 Case 21/1040/FULL – 54 Penylan Road, Argoed – construct hard standing for parking a private vehicle

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