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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 19th December 2022 held using MStTeams.

2332 To sign the register and receive apologies

2332.1 Community Councillors present: Vice Chairman John Mullen, Andy Bould, Garry Lewis, Mary Parkes and Emma Williams
Apologies were received from Kath Naylor and Walter Williams

2333 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

2333.1 In his absence, Councillor Walter Williams had provided a written report.

2333.2 Topics covered included the tragic fatal accident at the mini roundabout on Abernant Road; the budget for Caerphilly County Borough Council; fly tipping on Manmoel Road; water on the pavement on Penylan Road; use of the land at the former Markham Colliery Site; Pantycefn roundabout

2334 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st November were **agreed**.

2335 Matters arising

2335.1 Minute 2327.2 – The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Caerphilly County Borough Council in respect of the plot of land at Heol Pen Rhiw'r Eglwys.

2336 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

2336.1 Item 2336.7 – request for co-option on to Argoed Community Council from Ms Rhiannon Edwards. The request was accepted but Ms Edwards has to agree to attend at least three of the councillor training courses provided by One Voice Wales.

2337 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2337.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 19th December 2022 showed a total balance of £23,659.32

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

2337.2 It was agreed that Cllr Emma Williams be added to the list of signatures for the Council's bank account and internet banking.

2338 Local Development Plan (LDP)

2338.1 Cllr John Mullen gave a brief update on the LDP.

2339 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.

2339.1 Cllr Mary Parkes give a brief update on the use of the Facebook page.

2340 Delegates Reports

2340.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that he had attended the two school Christmas concerts. He added that the inspection report was due to be received in January 2023.

2340.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that an “Argoed Open Door” had been organised and all were welcome to attend for a cup of tea/coffee/mince pie and a chat.

2340.3 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report

2340.4 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Mary Parkes reported that the Luncheon Club was doing well. She added that the centre was just about keeping its head above water.

2340.5 Access Forum – no meeting

2341 Local Reports

2341.1 Argoed – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the water running down the footpath on Penylan Road had been frozen for many days and the ice was extremely dangerous. Cllr Walter Williams had taken up the problem with Caerphilly County Borough Council.

2341.2 Hollybush – Cllr Andy Bould reported the Ancient Druid property is up for sale.

2341.3 Manmoel – no report

2341.4 Markham – Cllr John Mullen spoke of the fatal accident at the roundabout on Abernant Road. Residents were calling for safety barriers to be installed at the roundabout to restrict pedestrian access and also safe crossing points. He added that many residents felt the roundabout should be completely removed but he didn't think that Caerphilly County Borough Council could afford to do this. He said that he and Cllr Walter Williams were going to draw up a petition for the residents to sign, calling on the Borough Council to install safety barriers and pedestrian crossings at the roundabout. It was agreed that the Clerk should have sight of the petition before it is distributed.

2342 Planning Applications

2342.1 Case numbers 22/0971, 22/0986 and 22/0952 were considered and noted.

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 16th January 2023