



## Cyngor Cymuned Argoed

Markham, Argoed,  
Man-moel and Hollybush

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at  
Hollybush Community Centre.

1670 To sign the register and receive apologies

1670.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman M. Williams, S. Blakeman, D.  
King, G. Lewis, John Watkins and W. Williams

1670.2 Apologies were received from A. Jones, H. Rowlands and L. Gardiner

1670.3 To accept Mr Arthur Davies as a seconded Councillor for Manmoel Ward.  
Cllr Davies signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was  
witnessed by the Clerk.

1671 To receive a report from the Police

1671.1 There was no Police representative present at the meeting.

1672 To receive a report from Cllr Leon Gardiner.

1672.1 Councillor Gardiner had previously apologised for not being able to attend the  
meeting.

1673 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were agreed.

1674 Matters arising: -

1674.1 Minute 1667.3 – Cllr Blakeman had met Mr. Gavin Barry, a Senior Engineer  
with Caerphilly County Borough Council

1674.2 Minute 1655.11 – The Clerk advised the meeting that none of the Christmas  
decorations were suitable.

1675 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the  
required actions **agreed**.

1675.1 Item 1675.3 – It was agreed to ask Caerphilly County Borough Council how  
many “hits” had been recorded on the Community Council web site.

1676 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

1676.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017, showing a total balance of £10,740.94

Treasurer's Account	6,036.25	
Unpresented income/cheques	<u>-2,236.74</u>	3,799.51
Business Money Manager A/C		6,941.43
Bank Balances		<u>10,740.94</u>

1676.2 The Clerk reported increases in projected spend on the following items:-

1676.3 The financial report, revised projected spends and schedule of payments produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

1677 Delegates Reports

1677.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the deputy head had been appointed

1677.2 Argoed Village Hall – The Chairman advised the meeting that he had resigned from the management committee of the Community Centre.

1677.3 Hollybush Community Centre – Cllr Steven Blakeman reported that the external lighting was still not resolved

1677.4 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no meeting

1677.5 Markham House and Leisure Centre – no report

1677.6 Access Forum – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that some limited funding had been made available for general tidying-up in the Markham area.

1678 Local Reports

1678.1 Argoed – The Chairman advised the meeting that ARTA was to be disbanded. He thanked Cllrs Garry Lewis and John Watkins for their support over the years. It was reported that the handrail on the access path to Cydcoed was broken. It was noted that the damaged steel gate had been repaired. A brief discussion ensued about the suitability of the Markham Colliery Site as a Solar Panel Farm. It was agreed to write to the Borough Council suggesting that the option be considered.

1678.2 Hollybush – no report

1678.3 Manmoel – Cllr Arthur Davies reported that the village hall committee were hoping to build on extension to the rear of the hall.

1678.4 Markham – Cllr Walter Williams reported that PCSO Jeff Dugmore had attended the Markham residents meeting. Various issues had been raised which PCSO Dugmore had agreed to investigate.

1678.5 Concerns were expressed about the removal of trees on land to the north of Penyfan Pond as part of the solar panel farm development. It was agreed to write to the Borough Council expressing the Community Council's concerns.

**1679 Planning Applications**

1679.1 17/0083/FULL – Penyfan Leisure Park, Manmoel – construct a new vehicle access to Managers House

1679.2 17/0120/FULL – Land adjacent to Tir Rhos Railway Terrace Hollybush – proposed 3 bedroom detached dwelling

1679.3 17/0140/NCC – Penyfan Farm, Manmoel – solar panel farm – vary conditions 5, 7, 8, 9 and 17

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017