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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 17th April 2023 held using MS Teams.

- 2380 To sign the register and receive apologies
2380.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman Walter Williams, Garry Lewis, Kath Naylor, Mary Parkes and Emma Williams
Apologies were received from Andy Bould and John Mullen
- 2381 To receive a report from Gwent Police – apologies received and noted
- 2382 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.
2382.1 Cllr. Williams reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council's recycling rate had dropped from 70% to 62%. The Borough Council is considering using kerb-side sorting to improve the rate of recycling. The Welsh Government may penalise the Council if it doesn't improve its figures.
2382.2 The Borough Council is considering various options in relation to the roundabouts at either end of Pantycefn Road.
2382.3 The Council Tax increase has been agreed at 7.9%. The total charge is still the lowest in Wales.
- 2383 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th March 2023 were **agreed**.
- 2384 Matters arising
2384.1 None
- 2385 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.
- 2386 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.
2386.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 17th April 2023 showed a total balance of £12,394.94
The financial report and schedule of cheques produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.
- 2387 Local Development Plan (LDP)
2387.1 Cllr John Mullen had previously apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

2388 Blackwood Comprehensive School

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- 2389 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.
- 2389.1 Cllr Mary Parkes reported that local events are being posted on the Facebook page
- 2390 Delegates Reports
- 2390.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the next meeting was due in two weeks.
- 2390.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the usage of the hall was slowly improving. The talks were proving to be a great success.
- 2390.3 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report
- 2390.4 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Walter Williams reported that the boxing competition was due to take place on the next weekend. Parking problems were expected again. The manager of the centre is retiring in June and a replacement has been appointed.
- 2390.5 Access Forum – no meeting
- 2391 Local Reports
- 2391.1 Argoed – Cllr Garry Lewis spoke of the extended housing development on Gelynos Avenue. The power supply to the new properties was causing disruption to other residents.
- 2391.2 Hollybush – no report
- 2391.3 Manmoel – Cllr Kath Naylor reported that the replacement cooker could be bought at a lower price than the one from Markham House. She added that the Commoners had negotiated with the Wind turbine company to donate money to the Manmoel community. She also reported that heavy vehicles were breaking-up the road surface near the junction with the road to the Rhiw.
- 2391.4 Markham – Cllr Walter Williams reported that bikers were causing problems on the rugby ground.
- 2392 Planning Applications.
- 2392.1 Case 23/0207/FULL – Land at Grid Ref 317645 200219 New Road, Argoed – erect two dwellings with accompanying outbuildings, new garage and associated works including a new road. - noted
- 2392.2 Case 23/0210/NOTT – Communication mast 92642 Heol-Y-Bedw-Hirion Markham – Replace existing 15 m monopole mast with 25 m lattice mast. - noted

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 15th May 2023