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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 15th May 2023 held using MS Teams.

2401 To sign the register and receive apologies

2401.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman John Mullen, Andy Bould
Garry Lewis, Mary Parkes, Emma Williams and Walter Williams
Apologies were received from Kath Naylor

2402 To receive a report from Gwent Police – apologies received and noted

2403 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

2403.1 Cllr. Williams reported that Cllr. Mike Adams had been elected Mayor of
Caerphilly County Borough. He added that the opposition parties were not
happy about the changes to procedures at Council meetings.

2404 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th April 2023 were **agreed**.

2405 Matters arising

2405.1 None

2406 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the
required actions **agreed**.

2407 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2407.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 15th May 2023
showed a total balance of £19,804.80

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

2408 Local Development Plan (LDP)

2408.1 Cllr John Mullen reported that he and Councillors Walter Williams and
Garry Lewis had been invited to attend a meeting with Rhiannon Passmore and
Keith Jones at the Welsh Assembly.

2409 Blackwood Comprehensive School

2409.1 Cllr John Mullen reported that the school was preparing for the Estyn
inspection. The school is struggling to provide subject options such as Music
and French due to low numbers of pupils choosing these subjects.

2410 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.
2410.1 Cllr Mary Parkes reported that local events are being posted on the Facebook page

2411 Delegates Reports

- 2411.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the Estyn school report had been excellent. The Education Minister is due to visit the school in July. Cllr John Mullen said that he had been in discussions with the head about creating a Victorian kitchen garden.
- 2411.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the Friday “open doors” was successful. The new lighting had been installed. Solar panels were being investigated.
- 2411.3 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report
- 2411.4 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Walter Williams reported that the boxing competition had caused parking problems yet again. He added that a Jazz Band Competition had recently been held at the centre.
- 2411.5 Access Forum – no meeting

2412 Local Reports

- 2412.1 Argoed – nothing to report
- 2412.2 Hollybush – Cllr Andy Bould reported that the Community Hall was trying to raise money for batteries for the defibrillator.
- 2412.3 Manmoel – no report.
- 2412.4 Markham – Cllr John Mullen reported that trees and shrubs were causing damage to walls. He added that the darts academy now had over 70 members.

2413 Planning Applications.

- 2413.1 Case Number 23/0255/RET – Fair Oak Farm, Woodland Terrace, Argoed – retain and complete the erection of 2 dwellings with revised layouts
- 2413.2 Case Number 23/0262/FULL – Land at Manmoel Stud, Cwm Cwrt, Manmoel Road, Manmoel – erect livestock building and conduct associated works

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 19th June
2023