

ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 19th June 2023 held at Manmoel Village Hall.

2414 To sign the register and receive apologies

2414.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman John Mullen, Andy Bould
Garry Lewis, Kath Naylor and Walter Williams
Apologies were received from Mary Parkes and Emma Williams.

2415 To receive a report from Gwent Police.

2415.1 In his absence, PCSO Jeff Dugmore had provided a written report prior to the meeting.
Items covered included off-road bikes section 59 warnings; youth ASBOs; speed checks on A4048; meetings with the public at various community centres and village halls.

2416 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

2416.1 Cllr. Williams reported that he and Cllrs John Mullen and Garry Lewis had met with Rhiannon Passmore to discuss the future use of the former Markham Colliery site (see minute 2421.1 for a full report). Two further accidents had occurred at the Markham mini-roundabout in the last two weeks. The Highways Department of Caerphilly County Borough Council had inspected the road from Braces Bakery to Manmoel Village. Cllr Kath Naylor said that the village wanted to prepare a petition about the state of the road in the village. The Community Council agreed to support the petition.
A discussion ensued about the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit thought Wales and the exemptions that Caerphilly County Borough Council was considering including the A4048.

2417 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th May 2023 were **agreed**.

2418 Matters arising

2418.1 Minute 2412.3 - Cllr Kath Naylor confirmed that the cooker will be purchased from Markham Centre.

2419 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

2420 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2420.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 19th June 2023 showed a total balance of £19,170.71

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

2420.2 The Council considered the Annual Report for 2022/23 which had been presented by the Clerk. It was **agreed** to accept the report.

2421 Local Development Plan (LDP)

2421.1 Cllr John Mullen reported that he and Councillors Walter Williams and Garry Lewis had attended a meeting with Rhiannon Passmore and Keith Jones at the Welsh Assembly. The aim is to create a resource centre and business park for Markham. Self-generated energy would be produced using wind, solar and hydroponics.

2421.2 A discussion had taken place about a qualification that could be awarded for Sustainability and the Green Environment.

2421.3 Rhiannon Passmore was trying to arrange a meeting with Caerphilly County Borough Council to discuss the proposals.

2422 Blackwood Comprehensive School

2422.1 Cllr John Mullen reported that the Estyn report was satisfactory.

2422.2 The school had appointed a support teacher.

2423 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.

2423.1 Cllr Mary Parkes had apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

2424 Delegates Reports

2424.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that a Governors meeting had recently taken place. The school was experiencing problems with the installation of a new central heating system. The school was considering using the Markham centre or portacabins as temporary accommodation whilst the work was being carried out.

2424.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the new boiler had been installed.

2424.3 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report

2424.4 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Walter Williams reported that the manager was retiring at the end of June and the new manager had been appointed.

2424.5 Access Forum – no meeting

2425 Local Reports

2425.1 Argoed – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the problems associated with the new development on Gelynos Avenue were continuing.

2425.2 Hollybush – Cllr Andy Bould commented on the proposed speed limits for the A4048 and questioned why the Borough Council was not opting for the new 20 mph speed limit.

2425.3 Manmoel – Cllr Kath Naylor reported that relaxation classes had started in the Village Hall.

2425.4 Markham – Cllr John Mullen reported that at a recent residents meeting complaints had been made about the lack of litter picking in the village and also the weed spraying had not been carried out. The walls along Abernant Road

were being damaged by shrubs. The Darts Academy was continuing to go from strength to strength.

2426 Planning Applications.

2426.1 Case number 23/0384/NOTAF – Land at Manmoel Stud, Cwm Cwrt, Manmoel Road, Manmoel – erect agricultural storage building and associated works.

2426.2 Case number 23/0385/FULL – Cwm Court, Manmoel Road, Manmoel – erect livestock building and associated works.

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 10th July 2023