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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 held at Argoed Village Hall.

2427 To sign the register and receive apologies

2427.1 Community Councillors present: Vice Chairman Mary Parkes, Garry Lewis, Kath Naylor and Walter Williams  
Apologies were received from Andy Bould, John Mullen and Emma Williams.

2428 To receive a report from Gwent Police.

2428.1 PCSO Jeff Dugmore apologies for not attending the meeting

2429 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

2429.1 Cllr. Williams reported that he and Cllrs John Mullen and Garry Lewis were due to meet with Rhiannon Passmore along with officers of Caerphilly County Borough Council to discuss the future use of the former Markham Colliery site. He reported that he had attended Licensing Training as the new Chairman of the Committee. He had also attended a Conference at Cardiff to discuss the licensing of tattoo parlours and beauty parlours that provide services such as botox fillers. Residents had complained about litter picking and weed control spraying in the Argoed area. The LDP Plan has been postponed for the moment.

2430 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were **agreed**.

2431 Matters arising

2431.1 Minute 2412.3 - Cllr Kath Naylor informed the meeting that the cooker from Markham Centre was proving difficult to transport and install.

2431.2 Minute 2416 – Caerphilly County Borough Council is still pursuing 30 mph exemptions from the nationwide 20 mph speed limit to be introduced in September this year.

2432 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

2433 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2433.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 showed a total balance of £18,595.18

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

2434 Local Development Plan (LDP)

2434.1 Cllr John Mullen had apologised for not attending the meeting.

2435 Blackwood Comprehensive School

2435.1 Cllr John Mullen had apologised for not attending the meeting. In his absence, Cllr Mary Parkes reported that a group of children are to attend a summer school at Oxford University.

2436 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.

2436.1 Cllr Mary Parkes reported that she was compiling a short history on the villages for the Council's Facebook page.

2437 Delegates Reports

2437.1 Markham Primary School – Cllrs Garry Lewis and Walter Williams reported that the works to improve the heating system at the school were slowly taking place. It was agreed that a cheque for £350 towards the school prizes be presented to the school before the end of the school year. A discussion ensued about the cost of providing school leavers sweat shirts. It was agreed to discuss this at the Finance meeting in January 2024.

2437.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the central heating work was now complete and new energy-saving LED lights had been installed.

2437.3 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report

2437.4 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Walter Williams reported that the new manager had started. It was hoped that a meeting would take place with representatives of the National Lottery to obtain funding for new energy-saving lighting.

2437.5 Access Forum – no meeting

2438 Local Reports

2438.1 Argoed – nothing to report.

2438.2 Hollybush – Cllr Andy Bould had given his apologise for not attending the meeting.

2438.3 Manmoel – Cllr Kath Naylor reported the AGM had taken place. A new Treasurer had been elected. Repairs to potholes in the road were being carried out. The hire of the hall was increasing. Residents were complaining about the debris on the road caused by trucks going to a local farm.

2438.4 Markham – Cllr Mary Parkes reported that residents were experiencing extreme difficulty in having to attend Bryntirion Surgery instead of Markham surgery.

2439 Planning Applications.

2439.1 Case Number 23/0415/CLPU Penyfan Leisure Park, Manmoel – obtain lawful development certificate for proposed use of land for siting of up to 152 static caravans for holiday occupation - noted

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 18<sup>th</sup>  
September 2023