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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 18th September 2023 held at Markham Miners' Institute.

2440 To sign the register and receive apologies

2440.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman John Mullen, Andy Bould, Garry Lewis, Kath Naylor, Emma Williams and Walter Williams
Apologies were received from Mary Parkes.

2441 To receive a report from Gwent Police.

2441.1 PCSO Jeff Dugmore apologies for not attending the meeting but provided a written report.

2442 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

2442.1 Cllr. Williams reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council was failing to achieve its recycling targets due to contaminated waste. He reported on the proposed wind turbines in Manmoel. Although it will be located mainly within Blaenau Gwent CBC there will be a visual impact for residents in the Caerphilly CBC area.

2443 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th July 2023 were **agreed**.

2444 Matters arising

2444.1 Minute 2412.3 - Cllr Kath Naylor informed the meeting that the cooker from Markham Centre had been installed in the kitchen but was yet to be connected.

2445 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

Item 2445.8 – Cooker at Manmoel Village Hall – the Council had previously **agreed** to contribute £1,000 towards the cost of the cooker.

Item 2445.10 – Elsbury Plant – The letter explained that 8 of the Christmas decorations were no longer working. It was **agreed** that the Clerk select the new Christmas lights needed to replace the broken ones. It was also agreed that Christmas lights be purchased for the tree in the grounds of Markham Miners' Institute and also investigate the possibility of a Christmas decoration being fitted on the street light outside the shop on the roundabout on Abernant Road.

Item 2445.13 – Markham Darts Academy – request for financial assistance
Councillor John Mullen declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion and decision. The request outlined the success of the Darts Academy and explained that new equipment was needed. After a brief

discussion it was **agreed** to pay the full cost of £1,185 for the purchase of the new equipment.

2446 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2446.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 18th September 2023 showed a total balance of £23,811.57

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

2447 Local Development Plan (LDP)

2447.1 Cllr John Mullen provided the meeting with a copy of the document "Markham Environmental Recourse Centre and Business Park". The document outlines a revival strategy for the former Markham Colliery Site and the benefits to the area.

2448 Blackwood Comprehensive School

2448.1 Cllr John Mullen informed the meeting that he had attended two appointment panels.

2449 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.

2449.1 Cllr Mary Parkes had apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

2450 Delegates Reports

2450.1 Markham Primary School – Cllrs Garry Lewis reported that he had attended the Governors' AGM the previous week. He confirmed that the installation of the new central heating had been completed. Cllr Walter Williams spoke of the need to trim the hedge around the school grounds.

2450.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the Anuerin Bevan Health Trust had made enquiries about using the hall as a vaccination centre. Cllr Walter Williams said that he was not aware of any plans to repair the steps to the rear of the car park.

2450.3 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report

2450.4 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Walter Williams reported that the centre was quite busy at the moment. The new manager was getting new activities started.

2450.5 Access Forum – no meeting

2451 Local Reports

2451.1 Argoed – nothing to report.

2451.2 Hollybush – Cllr Andy Bould reported that people were breaking cars on derelict land at Hollybush and also burning rubbish.

2451.3 Manmoel – Cllr Kath Naylor reported a flower show had been organised in the chapel. She also reported that coffee mornings were being organised to raise money for various charities. She added that there was still a serious problem with mud on the road in the village.

2451.4 Markham – Cllr Emma Williams informed the meeting that a bench had been illegally removed. Cllr John Mullen asked if any progress had been made with the roundabout on Abernant Road. Cllr Walter Williams said that there was no progress to date but agreed to chase it up.

2452 Planning Applications.

2452.1 Case Number 23/0567/RET – retain and complete erection of stable block at land at Gelynos Avenue West

2452.2 Case Number 23/0496/NOTAF – Rowan Tree Cottage, Countryman Court, Bedwellty – erect steel portal framed shed

2452.3 Case Number 0526/COU – Land at Long Barn Argoed Uchaf Farm Sunnyview Argoed – change the use of land from agricultural to private dog walking area – erect two timber shelters and convert existing stables to form new office

2452.4 Case Number 23/0495/RET – 7 Markham Terrace – retain and complete erection of new retaining wall to rear including steps, glass balustrades and wood fence

2452.5 Case Number 0500/FULL – land at grid ref 317645 200219 New Road Argoed – erect two dwellings with outbuildings garage and associated works including new road through site and parking and turning area

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council 16th October 2023