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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 16th October 2023 held at Markham Miners' Institute.

2453 To sign the register and receive apologies

2453.1 Community Councillors present: Garry Lewis, Kath Naylor, Emma Williams and Walter Williams
Apologies were received from Andy Bould, John Mullen and Mary Parkes.
In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice chairman, Cllr Walter Williams chaired the meeting.

2454 To receive a report from Gwent Police.

2454.1 No report was submitted.

2455 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

2455.1 Cllr. Williams reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council was introducing kerbside recycling to increase the levels of re-cycled refuse.

2455.2 The 20 mph speed limit in built-up areas has been introduced but there are some glaring inconsistencies.

2455.3 Cllr Williams said that he would arrange for the purchase of the Poppy Wreath for Armistice Day.

2456 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th September 2023 were **agreed**.

2457 Matters arising

2457.1 Minute 2451.4 – Cllr Walter Williams advised the meeting that officers from Caerphilly County Borough Council are investigating the removal of the bench.

2458 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

2458.1 Item 2458.8 – Markham Christmas Tree – it was **agreed** that the Clerk should arrange for the new lights to be fitted to the tree.

2458.2 Item 2458.9 – Wales Air Ambulance – it was **agreed** to donate £350

2459 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2459.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 16th October 2023 showed a total balance of £17,885.68

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

2460 Local Development Plan (LDP)

2460.1 Cllrs Walter Williams and Garry Lewis informed the meeting that together with Cllr John Mullen, they had attended a meeting with Gareth Farr and Phil Griffiths to discuss the document "Markham Environmental Resource Centre and Business Park".

2460.2 After a lengthy discussion, the meeting felt that the document is too wide in its scope and needs to be re-thought and be much smaller in scale.

2461 Blackwood Comprehensive School

2461.1 Cllr John Mullen had previously apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

2462 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.

2462.1 Cllr Mary Parkes had previously apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

2463 Delegates Reports

2463.1 Markham Primary School – Cllr Walter Williams spoke of the need to trim the hedge around the school grounds. It was agreed, in principle, to give £400 towards the cost of trimming the edge.

2463.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the hall will not be used as a vaccination centre. He said that the hall was being used regularly for various small meetings and talks.

2463.3 Joint Liaison Committee Meeting – no report

2463.4 Markham House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Walter Williams reported that the new manager was making a significant difference to the activities at the centre.

2463.5 Access Forum – meeting due soon.

2464 Local Reports

2464.1 Argoed – Cllr Garry Lewis said that a talk on the history of Argoed Village had been given by John Watkins with about 50 or 60 people in attendance.

2464.2 Hollybush – no report.

2464.3 Manmoel – Cllr Kath Naylor said that plans were in place for Bonfire Night. A cheese and wine evening was organised for the new year. Christmas Dinner in the village hall was a BYO event.

2464.4 Markham – nothing to report.

2465 Planning Applications – none

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council

20th November 2023