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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 held  
Hollybush Village Hall.

2519 To sign the register and receive apologies

2519.1 Community Councillors present: Chairman John Mullen, Andy Bould,  
Garry Lewis, Mary Parkes and Walter Williams

2519.2 Apologies were received from Kath Naylor, Ellis Porter and Emma  
Williams

2520 To receive a report from Gwent Police – apologies for not being able to attend.

2521 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

2521.1 Cllr. Walter Williams informed the meeting of the following issues:

- Caerphilly County Borough Council had approved the 2024/25 Budget
- The roundabout near the War Memorial in Markham is to be re-modelled and hedges removed
- Potholes in Manmoel reported and patched
- Mud on Bryn Road, Markham from farm land
- Drains blocked at Manmoel Crossing
- New handrail fitted at Commin Close, Markham

2522 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were  
**agreed.**

2523 Matters arising - none

2524 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the  
required actions **agreed.**

2525 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2525.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
showed a total balance of £9,350.20

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

2526 Local Development Plan (LDP)

2526.1 The Chairman gave a brief update on discussions relating to the  
proposals.

2527 Blackwood Comprehensive School

2527.1 The Chairman reported that a shortlisting meeting had taken place for the appointment of the new Deputy Head. He added that a Finance meeting was due to be held soon.

2528 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.

2528.1 Cllr Mary Parkes reported that she was preparing a history of the villages to be included on the Facebook page.

2529 Delegates Reports

2529.1 Markham School – Cllrs Garry Lewis and Walter Williams had attended a meeting to discuss a new outside classroom which is desperately needed. Quotes have been received for the work. The Chairman also reported that he had visited the school to start tidying the garden.

2529.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the old shed at the rear of the building had been demolished. He added that John Watkins had lots of old photographs of Argoed and planned to print them and decorate the walls with them.

2529.3 Community and Town Council Liaison Committee – no report

2529.4 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Walter Williams said that he had attended a meeting earlier this month and the centre was “ticking over nicely.”

2529.5 Access Forum – no report

2530 Local Reports

2530.1 Argoed – no report

2530.2 Hollybush – Cllr Andy Bould reported that the footpath from Railway Terrace to Ancient Druid needed sweeping.

2530.3 Manmoel – no report

2530.4 Markham – Cllr Mary Parkes reported that residents were complaining about the telephone service at the doctors' surgery. The surgery had recently been flooded recently. The Chairman reported that trees in Markham Terrace needed cutting.

2531 Planning Notifications

2531.1 Case Number 24/0115/HH – 54 Penylan Road, Argoed – remove existing single wooden garage and erect double garage and associated works - noted

2531.2 Case Number 23/0526/COU – Land at Long Barn, Argoed Uchaf Farm, Sunny View, Argoed – change use of land from agricultural to a private dog walking area, etc. noted

2531.3 Case Number 24/0150/OUT – Land to rear of 612 Abernant Road, Markham – erect a log cabin - noted

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council

18<sup>th</sup> March 2024