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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 20th May 2024 held
Markham Miners' Institute.

2553 To sign the register and receive apologies.

2553.1 Community Councillors present: Mary Parkes, Andy Bould, Garry
Lewis, John Mullen, Ellis Porter, Emma Williams and Walter Williams.

2553.2 Apologies were received from Kath Naylor.

2554 To receive a report from Gwent Police – apologies for not being able to attend
but a written report was provided.

2555 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

2555.1 Cllr. Walter Williams informed the meeting of the following issues:

- Caerphilly County Borough Council had held its Annual General Meeting. It had been agreed that a Presiding Officer as well as a Mayor should be elected.
- Walter had stood down as Chairman of the Licensing Committee

2556 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th April 2024 were **agreed**.

2557 Matters arising

2557.1 Minute 2537.5 – Markham School request for financial assistance.
Cllrs Walter Williams and Garry Lewis declared an interest.

A detailed discussion ensued about the reasons behind the request for financial assistance. The Clerk reminded the meeting that due to the budget constraints, any contribution would have to be taken from balances .

It was proposed and seconded that a contribution of £675 be made towards the cost and that the donation be taken from balances. This was agreed unanimously.

2558 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

2559 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2559.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 20th May 2024 showed a total balance of £15,324.44

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

2559.2 The Clerk submitted a Risk Assessment Report which was agreed.

2560 Local Development Plan (LDP)

2560.1 Cllr John Mullen provided an update to the meeting.

2561 Blackwood Comprehensive School

2561.1 Cllr John Mullen had taken part in the appointment of a new deputy head.

2562 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.

2562.1 Cllr Mary Parkes said that it was carrying on in the background. People were welcome to post congratulations for family events, etc.

2563 Delegates Reports

2563.1 Markham School – Cllr Walter Williams reported that the school was doing a “Reconnect with Nature” project and getting the children to plant a wild flower patch.

2563.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that a Welsh Folk singer concert had been held. A webmaster had been appointed by the committee and they were also using Facebook.

2563.3 Community and Town Council Liaison Committee – no meeting held.

2563.4 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Walter Williams reported that the centre was trying to change the lighting to LED in the centre and other energy saving initiatives were being considered.

2563.5 Access Forum – no report

2564 Local Reports

2564.1 Argoed – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that there was a problem with youngsters using electric scooters and bikes on the pavements.

2564.2 Hollybush – nothing to report.

2564.3 Manmoel – no report.

2564.4 Markham – Cllr John Mullen reported that the fence at the roundabout near the War Memorial had been removed. The Darts Academy was going from strength to strength with various youngsters representing the Academy at County level.

2565 Planning Notifications

2565.1 Case 24/0335/HH – 64 James Street, Markham – Erect single storey rear extension - noted

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council

17th June 2024