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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 held at Hollybush Community Centre.

2580 To sign the register and receive apologies.

2580.1 Community Councillors present: Mary Parkes, Andy Bould, Garry Lewis, John Mullen, Ellis Porter, Emma Williams, Helen Williams and Walter Williams.

2580.2 Apologies were received from Kath Naylor.

2581 To receive a report from Gwent Police – PCSO Jeff Dugmore had apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

2582 To receive a report from County Councillor Walter Williams.

2582.1 Cllr Williams reported on the various Caerphilly County Borough Council sub-committee meetings he had attended in the last month.

- Waste recycling strategy
- Food for Growth fund
- Access Forum – meeting to be arranged

2582.2 Arising from Cllr William's report, a discussion ensued about the Bryntirion and Markham Surgeries and the problems experienced by patients.

2583 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were **agreed**.

2584 Matters arising - none

2585 The schedule of correspondence provided by the Clerk was received and the required actions **agreed**.

2585.1 Hollybush Community Centre – it was agreed in principle to donate £100 towards the cost of the work subject to the Council's funding application form being completed.

2586 To receive the financial report from the Clerk.

2586.1 The financial position of the Community Council as at 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 showed a total balance of £12,543.73

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

2587 Local Development Plan (LDP)

2587.1 Cllr John Mullen reported that discussions have taken place with GAVO – awaiting further developments.

2588 Blackwood Comprehensive School

2588.1 Cllr John Mullen reported that he had attended several meetings. A new Deputy Head had been appointed.

2589 To receive an update on the Community Council's Facebook page.

2589.1 Cllr Mary Parkes said that it was carrying on in the background. People were welcome to post congratulations for family events, etc.

2590 Delegates Reports

2590.1 Markham School – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the school Governors had undergone a self-evaluation. Cllr John Mullen reported that the after-school clubs were doing well. He added that the trees will be cut back at the end of July.

2590.2 Argoed Village Hall – Cllr Garry Lewis reported that the Committee was trying to develop a business centre use within the Village Hall.

2590.3 Community and Town Council Liaison Committee – no meeting held.

2590.4 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre – Cllr Mary Parkes reported that local green grocers had set up a fruit and veg market on Wednesday afternoons. It was hoped that a local butcher would do the same thing.

2590.5 Access Forum – no report

2591 Local Reports

2591.1 Argoed – Cllr Garry Lewis commented on the Borough Council's neglect of pathways and bridleways within the area. One example was the wooden steps that led from the rear of the Argoed Village Hall car park which were in a terrible state of repair. He also spoke of the old right of way that lead from the Gelynos Avenue over the mountain towards Bedwellty. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Caerphilly County Borough Council about the problem.

2591.2 Hollybush – Cllr Andy Bould commented on the lack of maintenance of footpaths and hedges in the area. Many of the road signs were obscured by overgrown hedges.

2591.3 Manmoel – no report.

2591.4 Markham – Cllr John Mullen reported on the Darts Academy. He also raised concerns about Hillside Avenue (Memorial Park) over grown with brambles. Concerns were expressed about the lack of visibility for drivers at Pantycefn Road roundabout (near the War Memorial). This was due to overgrown trees.

2592 Planning Notifications

2592.1 Case number 24/0473/HH – 6 Penywerlod Terrace, Markham – install an Air Source Heat Pump. - noted

2592.2 Case number 24/0460/RET – Area H Penyfan Leisure Park, Manmoel – retain and complete works carried out for caravan siting and storage, access roads, landscaping and ancillary works. – noted

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council

16th September 2024