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Markham, Argoed,
Man-moel and Hollybush



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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 16th September 2024 held at Hollybush Community Centre.

2593 TO SIGN THE REGISTER AND RECEIVE APOLOGIES

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

Apologies for absence were received from Emma Williams

2594 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWENT POLICE

PCSO Jeff Dugmore presented his report to the Community Council providing Members with an update on matters concerning the areas covered by the Council.

A Member provided the PCSO with information on a possible abandoned vehicle in the Markham area. The PCSO assured Members that they would look into the matter and provide an update.

2594 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR W. WILLIAMS

Cllr Williams provided the Community Council with an update on various meetings that he had attended over the past month.

Members noted that Cllr Williams had met with the new MP Ruth Jones at a surgery that was held in Argoed Community Centre. Members further noted that there had been a lot of discussion with regards to the frequency of vehicles using the lane between lower Argoed and Islwyn High.

Cllr Williams advised Members that he had spoken with the manager at Markham Surgery regarding the concerns raised when trying to obtain an appointment to see a GP and also relayed to the manager that there was a lot of frustration when trying to get hold of the surgery via the telephone and the

issues around being in a que for a large length of time before being cut off. The manager, asked Cllr Williams to relay that any issues with the phones should be reported to the surgery so that they can report them back to the phone provider who handles the incoming calls. They are unfortunately contracted to use the firm for two years.

Cllr Williams advised Members that there had been fly tipping at Cwt a Bella Church. However, this was report to CCBC and within 24 hours this had been removed.

The Members were also updated on the new refuse collection service provided by CCBC which will take effect from 20th October 2024. Members were assured that information regarding the updated collection schedule would be sent to all residents within the Borough and there would also be a social media campaign containing the relevant information.

Cllr Williams advised the Council that he had met with the Cabinet Member for Highways with regards to the pot holes in the road to Manmoel and the large pieces of mud over the road which is being caused by Rob Morris. Cllr Williams has been assured that officers will contact the business and ask that a wheel wash is provided by the company to resolve the issue.

2596 THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15TH JULY 2024

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2024, be approved as a correct record.

2597 MATTERS ARISING

A Member referred to item 2585.1 of the minutes regarding the donation request from Hollybush Community Centre and sought further information on whether the Council's Funding Application form had been returned complete. The Clerk advised the Council that to date no form had been received. Discussion ensued, and a query was raised as to whether the donation should be provided without the application form. The Chair clarified that it was essential that the financial position of any organisation looking for financial support is established prior to any donation being provided.

2598 CORRESPONDENCE

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

2599 TO RECEIVE THE CLERKS/R.F.O'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial position of the Community Council as at 16th September 2024 showed a total balance £18,966.39.

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

2600 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLR JOHN MULLEN REGARDING THE CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL 2ND REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UP TO 2035

Cllr Mullen addressed the Community Council and provided an update on the LDP. It was noted that there was not much of an update due to the summer recess. However, GAVO have given some guidance on to get the project up and running. Cllr Mullen, advised Members that there would be a further update at the next meeting.

2601 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLR. JOHN MULLEN REGARDING BLACKWOOD COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL.

Cllr Mullen advised Members that due to the summer holidays there was not a lot to report. There will be a governors meeting at the end of September. The Members were pleased to note there had been mocked interviews set up for Year 10 and 11 pupils of the school, to prepare the pupils for job interviews and the new intake in September was going well. The Community Council commented on the positive GCSE results.

2605 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2605.1 Case number 24/0022/REF – land to ear of 61 Abernant Road, Markham proposed development for log cabin – The planning application was noted.

It was agreed by the Community Council Members that the December meeting be rescheduled to the 9th December 2024 due to the Clerks availability.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council

21st October 2024