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Markham, Argoed,
Man-moel and Hollybush



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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 21st October 2024 held at Argoed Village Hall.

2602 TO SIGN THE REGISTER AND RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Community Councillors present: Mary Parkes, John Mullen, Emma Williams, Helen Williams and Walter Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Andy Bould

2603 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWENT POLICE

PCSO Jeff Dugmore was not in attendance. Therefore, there was no report presented.

2604 THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2024, be approved as a correct record.

2605 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A Member drew attention to item 2597 of the minutes which referred to the Grant Funding request form the Community Council requires in order to determine whether a request for funding can be approved. The Member felt that the Community Council should not require the applicant's bank balance at the time of making the application and queried whether this breached GDPR. The Member provided a copy of Risca Easts Community Councils Small Funding Application Process and felt that the information requested on their form was sufficient and suggested that the Council amends their form and remove the requirement for the bank balance details. Debate ensued and it was agreed that the Clerk to the Council would look into the information that other local Community Councils require and report back their findings at the November meeting.

2606 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Members were saddened of the news that the longest standing Member of the Community Council, Councillor Garry Lewis had handed in his resignation. It was noted that he would be greatly missed as he was a highly valued and respected Member of the Community Council.

2607 TO RECEIVE THE CLERKS/R.F.O'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial position of the Community Council as at 21st October 2024 showed a total balance £18,294.79.

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

2608 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR W. WILLIAMS

Cllr Williams addressed the Council and provided an with an update on complaints that had been received over the month with regards to flooding due to the high amount of rainfall.

Cllr Williams also confirmed that the CCBC's Chief Executive had now left the Authority.

2609 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 Cllr Mullen is in contact with GAVO to arrange a meeting and advised Members that there would be a further update at the next meeting. A Member of the Community Council suggested that future meetings could be arranged with members of the community to provide them with an update on the progress of the project.

2610 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLR. JOHN MULLEN REGARDING BLACKWOOD COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL.

Cllr Mullen advised Members that the appointments recently made were proving to be successful and good reports had been received on the new Deputy Head who had been appointed internally and also the Supervisor Teacher. The Community Council was pleased to note that next year's intake from Markham Primary had gone for their taster day and comprehensive pupils from Markham area had showed them around.

2611 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE COUNCILS FACBOOK PAGE

The Chair provided Members with an update on the current content of the Community Councils Social Media page. The Members were pleased to note that there was information raising awareness of what pensioners are entitled to claim, in light of the winter fuel funding being stopped. It was also suggested that as there would be pensioners that do not use SocialMedia then the Community Council could place information notices in local shops containing this information.

It was further noted that Members of the Community were now interactive on the Social Media page and had started posting their complaints and concerns regarding the failings of the surgery.

2612 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

2612.1 Markham Primary School

Members were pleased to that the school was to received £500.00 from Asda. Members were further pleased to note that produce from the Garden Club were used at the Harvest Festival held at the chapel.

Members were informed that a poppy wreath had been purchased for the primary school to be placed on the Cenotaph. This would take place on Monday 11th November at 11am. It is hopeful that the Police can arrange for the road closed for a short period of time whilst this takes place.

2612.2 Argoed Community Hall

There was no representative, therefore no report was provided. The Clerk to the Community Council will email and ask if there is any information they would like shared on the Social Media page.

2612.3 Community and Town Councils Liaison Committee

No report was provided.

2612.4 Markham Community House and Leisure Centre

Members were provided an update and were pleased to note that the Centre is being well used throughout the day, evenings and weekends with a range of activities from luncheon clubs and sports club to a popular family Friday night roller disco.

2612.5 Access Forum

There was no report on this item.

2613 Local Reports

2613.1 Argoed

No report provided

2613.2 Hollybush

No report provided

2613.3 Manmoel

Members were provided with an update on local events that had taken place at Manmoel Village Hall and were pleased to their success.

Members noted the concerns around the increase number of off-road motorbikes being used through the forestry.

2613.4 Markham

Members were invited the 27th Academy Presentation.

2618 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

All planning applications were noted.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council

18th November 2024