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Markham, Argoed,
Man-moel and Hollybush



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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 18th November 2024 held at Argoed Village Hall.

2619 TO SIGN THE REGISTER AND RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Community Councillors present: Mary Parkes, John Mullen, Emma Williams, Helen Williams, Kathrine Naylor, Walter Williams and Ellis Porter.

Apologies for absence were received from Andy Bould

2620 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWENT POLICE

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

2621 THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21st OCTOBER 2024

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2024, be approved as a correct record.

2622 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Members took a vote on whether the small grants application form should remove the requirement for bank statements to be submitted with the forms. The vote was split 3 for and 3 against. The Chair requested that the Clerk to the Council contact two Members that were not in attendance, in order that a decision could be made.

2623 CORRESPONDENCE

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

2624 TO RECEIVE THE CLERKS/R.F.O'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial position of the Community Council as at 18th November 2024 showed a total balance £19,109.39.

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

2625 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR W. WILLIAMS

Cllr Williams addressed the Council and provided an update on the new waste management arrangements. Cllr Williams also advised the Council that the Remembrance Sunday Service was a great success and free tea and coffee had been provided by Markham Community Centre.

2626 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.

2627 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLR. JOHN MULLEN REGARDING BLACKWOOD COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL.

Cllr Mullen advised Members that there were no further updates at the school at present.

The Chair raised concerns that had been brought to her attention in relation to potential bullying of year pupils by the year 11 pupils in the canteen. Cllr Mullen advised that he would take this information back to the Head and would look at having the situation resolved.

2628 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 Councillor noted that via Facebook the Chair had continued to receive numerous complaints regarding Bryn Tyrion Surgery and suggest that a formal meeting needs to be held with the management team and the residents in order to come up with a solution to the issues being raised.

2629 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

2629.1 Markham Primary School

Members were pleased to that the school's additional outside classroom was almost complete and was looking very good.

2629.2 Argoed Community Hall

There was no representative, therefore no report was provided.

2629.3 Community and Town Councils Liaison Committee

Cllr Mullen advised that although he had given apologise to attending the meeting as it clashed with the Council Meeting, he had emailed Emma Sullivan with his concerns in relation to overhanging trees.

Cllr Mullen had stated that there were three major areas of concern, which were the

1. A massive increase in tree pollen that is causing major issues to people who suffer from hay fever and respiratory problems on their health & wellbeing, that also impacts on our local NHS in doctors' appointments, & additional medication.

2. The majority of the tree growth around and along our main and side roads and is blocking the peripheral vision of road users that can result road traffic accidents, for an example it has been and still is a major contributing factor in road traffic accidents at the roundabout in Markham which are averaging at least one a month.

3. Due to the lack of regular maintenance the overgrowth is blocking out light essential for much of our flora & fauna which is also essential in maintaining adequate balance in our bio diversity.

2629.4 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 and the Luncheon Club and Friday Breakfast is proving to be a huge success.

2629.5 Access Forum

There was no report on this item.

2630 Local Reports

2630.1 Argoed

No report provided

2630.2 Hollybush

No report provided

2630.3 Manmoel

Members were advised that the Community are holding their annual Christmas lunch on Saturday 30th November 2024.

2630.4 Markham

Members were advised that the 27th Academy Presentation was a great success and the children were attending a tournament at TonyPandy.

2631. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

All planning applications were noted.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council

9th December 2024