

# Argoed Community Council



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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 15th September 2025 at Hollybush Community Centre.

**Next Meeting: 20th October 2025 to be held at Markham Miners at 6.30pm.**

### **250182      TO RECORD ATTENDEES AND RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

**Community Councillors Present:** Mary Parkes, Walter Williams, Helen Williams, Andy Bould & John Mullen, Emma Williams & Katherine Naylor

### **250183      THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14/07/25**

Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 were issued prior to meeting by Cherrie Edwards. Minutes were discussed and agreed by committee.

### **250184      MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cllr Mary Parkes clarified with Cllr John Mullen if he had accepted a Governors post at Markham Primary School. JM confirmed. JM stated that he had not been invited to the meeting last week.

Cherrie Edwards stated that the school had failed to invite her to the Governors meeting also. Cherrie has contacted Markham Primary School who has missed her email for invite details, this has now been rectified.

### **250185      TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWENT POLICE**

No Report.

### **250186      CORRESPONDENCE**

Donation request from Markham Community House. Committee discussed the requests from Markham Community House for financial assistance with VJ Day, Debfib, Toilet Maintenance. JM suggested £500.00 donation. KN,EW,HW stated they

would prefer to see a breakdown of costs. It was noted that a Go Fund me page was in progress of raising funds towards the defib. It was agreed that CE contact Lucie and obtain a breakdown of costs.

**250187      TO RECEIVE THE CLERKS/R.F.O'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Cherrie Edwards provided a breakdown of income and expenditure to date. Copy of budget given, committee discussed a reserve amount to be left available. Committee agreed on £7500.00 being kept as a reserve fund.

**250188      TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLR WALTER WILLIAMS**

Cllr Walter Williams reported that VJ was a great success and very well attended. There is an apology to be made in the mistake on the VJ leaflet. Leaflet stated that a wreath would be laid at the NUM Miners Memorial. Although it is the Argoed Community Council Memorial.

Cllr Walter Williams confirmed that the home to school transport proposal of reducing to 2.5 mile catchment had been withdrawn and will remain at 3 mile catchment.

It as noted that Cllr Sean Morgan has resigned with immediate effect.

Cllr Walter Williams has received information for remembrance day organisation such as timings/road closures etc. WW will update as necessary.

Cllr Walter Williams will arrange a wreath on behalf of Argoed Community Council. A wreath was also purchased for VJ Day from Argoed Community Council at £20. This will be refunded to Walter Williams.

**250189      TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLR JOHN MULLEN ON BLACKWOOD COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL**

Cllr John Mullen reported that there had been no governors meeting as yet. Will provide update at next meeting.

Cllr Mary Parkes advised that there was an update on the bus incident regarding a pupil being hurt on the bus travelling home. This has now been resolved and measures have been put in place.

**250190      TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S FACEBOOK PAGE**

Cllr Mary Parkes advised that she will be posting some information shortly on halloween events. A post will also be made to offer donations to local events from the community council.

**250191      TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM DELEGATES.**

**250191.1      MARKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

Cllr Walter Williams advised that he attended the first governors meeting last Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The school has decided that the first meeting of each academic year will be in person and remaining meetings for that year will be via teams.

**250191.2      ARGOED COMMUNITY HALL.**

Cherrie Edwards reported an update from Susan Edwards. Welcome spaces project is still continuing on a weekly basis. There is still a lack of volunteers although regular visitors are happy to assist.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September Harpist Eleri will be attending the warm spaces session to entertain the group. A ukulele band will also be playing. A large attendance is expected for the event.

MacMillan coffee morning will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> September which has previously been a successful event and has raised a considerable amount of money.

The hall has undergone some improvements recently:-

- The main gate has been replaced for one that is less difficult to open.
- The walkway perspex has been replaced with glass.
- Internal doors have been painted.
- The exterior railings are currently being painted from red to green.

**250191.3      COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL'S LIAISON COMMITTEE.**

No Report.

**250191.4      MARKHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE AND LEISURE CENTRE.**

Cllr Walter Williams reported meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, nothing to report other than the centre is still very busy.

**250191.5      ACCESS FORUM**

No Report. Cllr Walter Williams confirmed there has been no meetings.

**250191.6      MARKHAM PLAYGROUP**

Cllr Helen Williams advised that more children are now accessing the wrap around service and that has allowed more families to go back to work.

The topic this term for children is all about me.

At the next meeting held at Markham Miners Cllr Helen Williams has offered the committee to view the playgroup setting.

**250192      LOCAL REPORTS**

**250192.1      ARGOED WARD**

No Report.

**250192.2      HOLLYBUSH WARD**

Cllr Andy Bould noted that there was two cars torched on the main route through hollybush. It is thought that the incident was a malicious attack. The incident is currently under investigation with Gwent Police.

Vegetation cutback is required on the steps between newport road and banalog terrace. This route is currently no accessible. Cllr Walter Williams will take a look and report to CCBC.

**250192.3      MANMOEL WARD**

Cllr Katherine Naylor reported that the village hall has received a new front gate. There is discussion of new windows to be provided by resident David Burles who also owns Modplan a window manufacturing company. There is no internet currently in the village hall and this is something the residents are keen to get put in place. There is currently old filled gas bottles that require disposing of.

Rod Moss had opened a HGV training centre behind braces bread. Pot holes are currently filled and the lorries have ceased travelling through the village. The boat at the cattle gird that was dumped has now been removed.

There is a cheese and wine event at the village hall this Saturday evening.

**250192.4      MARKHAM WARD**

Cllr John Mullen raised the issues of overgrowth:-

- Top roundabout markham. WW to look into this as this could be an aberbargoed boundary.
- Hillside Avenue, unable to gain access to the steps needs clearing.

Cllr Walter Williams advised he has received an email from Highways, they are looking to remove the mini roundabout near the shops. There will be a raised crossing place on the road leading to the school and a dropped kerb near lawrence avenue to make it easier to cross. WW will update as necessary as plans progress.

Cllr John Mullen provided update on the darts academy successes. Still very well attended by children from the nearing villages and further afield. Jenson Ellaway is

now the All Wales Champion. Cllr John Mullen invited Cllr Mary Parkes and Cllr Walter Williams to attend this years darts presentation evening.

Markham Primary are still running the darts club that is helping children with their numeracy.

Cllr John Mullen also advised that the welfare now has a new committee in place.

**250193      ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Christmas Lighting - CE asked committee for clarification on requirement for Manmoel, duplication of current lights to cover back of tree. CE to organise.

Committee discussed idea of adding christmas lights to Penylan Road Argoed. CE to send out lighting brochure via email.

Banking - CE advised JM that he will be receiving notification to confirm changes to allow access for CE and EW. JM confirmed he had received email and will action ASAP.

CE to look into a Christmas meal booking for January 2026. Bring options to the next meeting for persual.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held at Markham Miners Institute on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council