

# Argoed Community Council



## Cyngor Cymuned Argoed Markham, Argoed, Manmoel and Hollybush

Clerk/R.F.O. Mrs Cherrie Edwards  
9 Gelynos Avenue  
Argoed  
Blackwood  
NP12 0AT  
[www.argoedcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.argoedcommunitycouncil.org.uk)  
e-mail: - [argoedcc@live.co.uk](mailto:argoedcc@live.co.uk)

Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 20th April 2026 at Manmoel Village Hall.

**Next Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to be held at Markham Miner Institute at 7:00pm**

### **250243      TO RECORD ATTENDEES AND RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

**Community Councillors Present:** WW, MP, HW, EW, KN & AB  
**Apologies:** CE received apologies from JM.

### **250244      THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Minutes agreed by committee.

### **250245      MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- Williams Bro's have been instructed to undertake the work to erect the display stand.
- EW queried whether we have had a response from Bryntirion. CE confirmed we have not as yet, and have sent another email and letter last week.

### **250246      TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWENT POLICE**

PC Tarik Chaudhry is the officer for the Argoed Ward. A report was emailed prior to the meeting as PC Chaudhry was unable to attend in person.

Gwent Police recently undertook a speed reduction / road safety operation in Markham working alongside GO Safe camera unit on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026. The aim of the initiative was to remind motorists driving past Markham Primary School and coming into the village to adhere to the 20mph speed limit. A total of 40 vehicles were checked and 20 of those were exceeding the 20mph limit. With speeds recorded at 27, 28, 32 and 38mph.

There has been a total of ten calls reported to Gwent Police of recent, these include persons driving without insurance, M.O.T or tax. Three vehicles were stopped and seized by the traffic officers. Five vehicles were reported abandoned in Markham, and also two reports of off-road bikes in the Manmoel Area.

Anti-social behaviour has reduced significantly across the villages, although crime reports have increased, with reports of domestic incidents, assault and drug related incidents

PC Tarik Chaudhry will be holding police surgeries on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Argoed Village Hall 10:30am – 11:30am and Markham Leisure Centre at 12:00pm – 1:00pm.

**250247      CORRESPONDENCE**

- Local Access Forum (LAF) was discussed, WW is happy to remain as the designated attendee for these meetings and will contact Olivia Barnes. LAF poster will be displayed on website and Facebook page.

**250248      TO RECEIVE THE CLERKS/R.F.O'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

CE supplied financial statement, this was reviewed and agreed.

CE has received a salary increase inline with the NJC SCP 9 effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

**250249      TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLR WW**

The Roundabout at chippy 501 has now been planned for removal. Plans were reviewed by committee. WW confirmed that a consultation will be going out to residents in due course. There is a planned crossing on Panycefn Road and near Lawrence Avenue.

WW has received a request from residents for the 56 Tredegar to Blackwood Bus to stop further up the village nearer the community centre. WW is looking into this request, and will update as and when.

CCBC was issues a resurfacing plan, with resurfacing planned on Penylan Road Argoed, Newport Road, Hollybush, Abernant Road, Markham and Smugglers Esq Centre, Manmoel.

Transport for Wales have confirmed that they are now running an electric train service on the Rhymney Line.

HW queried whether public are allowed to park within Bargoed train station. CE to investigate.

Penyfan Pond carpark is being taken over by Lanover Estate, who will be implementing parking charges. Penyfan pond kiosk and toilets are now under new management after a successful tender process and re-opened on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

**250250      TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLR JM ON    BLACKWOOD  
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL**

No Report.

**250251      TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S FACEBOOK PAGE**

MP will update the FB page following the meeting this evening with any relevant information. FB page continues to be updated as and when information comes through.

**250252      TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM DELEGATES.**

**250252.1    MARKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

No report. Governing body meeting is next Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Will provide an update in the next meeting.

**250252.2    ARGOED COMMUNITY HALL.**

Argoed Community Hall are still looking for caretaker and for volunteers to join the committee.

The hall has been the vandalised by graffiti, this has been reported to Gwent Police.

**250252.3    COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL'S LIAISON COMMITTEE.**

No meeting.

**250252.4    MARKHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE AND LEISURE CENTRE.**

Bargoed ABC held a blind boxing event at the community centre on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026 in memory of Kiera Rees. The event was a great success.

The centre are looking to employ a relief worker for 10 hours, to cover sickness, holidays etc. WW to provide further details.

**250252.5    MARKHAM PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup is still doing very well. Recently had a visit from the Easter Bunny which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

The institute is currently have new universal toilets fitted.

**250253      LOCAL REPORTS**

**250253.1    ARGOED WARD**

No Report.

**250253.2     HOLLYBUSH WARD**

Manhole cover has now been rectified.

**250253.3     MANMOEL WARD**

Defib requires new pads. KN to order and provide CE with invoice to pay.

The hall is run by oil central heating due to the significant cost increase; the hall is only using the heating when required.

There are four car tyres abandoned in the village. KN has reported to CCBC for removal.

Village Easter event was a success.

**250253.4     MARKHAM WARD**

HW – Stute lights are still on Christmas Tree, CE to contact Elsbury again for removal.

**20254         ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held at Argoed Village Hall on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Signed.....Chairman of Argoed Community Council

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES – 2026**

- 18th May 2026 at 7:00pm - Argoed Village Hall
- 15th June 2026 at 7:00pm - Markham Miners Institute
  - 13th July 2026 at 7:00pm - Manmoel Village Hall
- 21st September 2026 at 7:00pm - Hollybush Community Centre
  - 19th October 2026 at 7:00pm - Argoed Village Hall
- 16th November 2026 at 7:00pm - Markham Miners Institute
- 14th December 2026 at 7:00pm - Manmoel Village Hall