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**Markham, Argoed,  
Manmoel and Hollybush**

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Minutes of Argoed Community Council meeting held on 27th July 2026 at Manmoel Village Hall.

**Next Meeting: 27<sup>1st</sup> September 2026 to be held at Hollybush Community Centre Hall at 7:00pm**

**250293 MEET & GREET OF NEW MEMBERS**

Meet and greet of ZTW & JQ for those absent at last meeting.

**250294 TO RECORD ATTENDEES AND RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

**Community Councillors Present:** EW, WW, MP, JM, ZTW & JQ

**Apologies:** CE received apologies from HW

**250295 THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Minutes agreed by committee. EW requested that members read minutes prior to meeting and to note any matters arising in readiness.

**250296 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- ZTW – request update on right of way in James Street, Markham. MP no further update at present.
- JM – provided an update on the school bus issues for Blackwood Comprehensive. He has spoken to the bus company in regards to the behaviour on the bus.

**250297 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWENT POLICE**

- PC Tarik Chaudrey has now retired. Our new PCSO is PC Devon who will officially take over the role in September.

There is also a change in the policing structure

- Inspector Robert Ball
- Sgt –Steven Atwood
- Sgt –Liam Kelly
- Crime reduction officer PC Anthony Moore

**250298      CORRESPONDENCE**

- Email from resident regarding overgrowth and non-maintenance. WW will respond to email.
- EW will look into possible funding opportunities to support clearance of vegetation.
- JM suggest we apply for funding and collaborate with the school as a school initiative / community project.
- WW will email Sian Jones countryside to arrange a meeting and discuss an action plan.

**250299      TO RECEIVE THE CLERKS/R.F.O'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

- CE supplied financial statement to date, this was reviewed and agreed.
- CE & MP have secured funding to hold a summer pantry to support children through the summer holidays. Will be hosting 2 days trial at the end of the summer term. MP, WW & JM will liaise with Markham Community House to get the project up and running.

**250300      TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLR WW**

- George Etheridge has been voted to become chair. Email has been sent out to ask for members to join the community from community councils. MP has put her name forward for this.
- LDP housing, there is no plans in our ward for housing at present.
- Pride of Place. WW has contacted CCBC to see if we could receive funding for this, although we do not qualify.
- Jayne Bryant visited the ward recently. Very pleased with the villages and very impressed with Markham Primary School.

**250301      TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLR JM ON BLACKWOOD COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL**

- Figures for attendance are good and the forecast of exam results are promising.
- School are concerned about the ICT subject and Sports and Leisure as there isn't a vast majority of jobs available in these areas.

**250302      TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S FACEBOOK PAGE**

- Facebook page is being updates as and when, will be posting info on the summer pantry scheme once finalised.

## **250303      TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM DELEGATES.**

### **250303.1    MARKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

- WW attend sports day on the last week of the summer term. Presented the Irene trophy.
- School has refurbished the pond onsite and held an opening day for parents.

### **250303.2    ACCESS FORUM**

- Cllr WW reported that he is still waiting for the new forum to start. Will update when needed.

### **250303.3    ARGOED COMMUNITY HALL**

- Argoed Community Hall have now employed a caretaker.

Committee to ask KN if she is able to support the community hall in fulfilling the position.

### **250303.4    COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL'S LIAISON COMMITTEE.**

- *No Report.*

### **250303.5    MARKHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE AND LEISURE CENTRE.**

- Lots of community events on offer, breakfast, luncheon club, fundays during half term. All very well attended by the community.

### **250303.6    MARKHAM PLAYGROUP**

- Busy summer term.
- Spaces available for September
- Flying start now available free across whole of Caerphilly.

### **250303.7    ONE VOICE WALES**

- Secured a small grant for the community pantry scheme.
- There are numerous free courses available, although if you fail to attend then the community council will be charged.

## **250304      LOCAL REPORTS**

### **250304.1      ARGOED WARD**

- Residents complaining of parked cars at the junction of Penylan Road.
- GB is organising a meeting at Argoed Village Hall with GO Safe.

### **250304.2      HOLLYBUSH WARD**

- Footpaths are overgrown |
- Land at banalog – Glenview is overgrown and causing a rat issue. WW to contact cleaning and greening team. |

### **250304.3      MANMOEL WARD**

- AGM meeting, there were no changes to the structure of the committee.
- Wifi now available in the hall
- Tyres still and issue.
- Fibre optic cable is being installed throughout the village.
- Hall has seen a drop in demand on halls for hire. Trying to re-engage it to get more bookings.
- KN thanked WW for the Miners statues.

### **250304.4      MARKHAM WARD**

- Overgrown weeds and brambles are a concern throughout the village. WW has contact cleaning and greening team.
- Darts academy has had excellent results; nine children have qualified u12s – u18s. Club is still well attended each week.
- MP is arranging Father Christmas for the village.
- ZTW raised concerns of parents parking on double yellow lines and zig zags outside school.
- WW reported that the roundabout at chippy 501 is due to be removed.

## **250305      ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held at Hollybush Community Centre on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2026 at 7:00pm.

Signed.....

Cllr Emma Williams, Chairperson, Argoed Community Council.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES – 2026 – 2027**

- 27th 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
- 18<sup>th</sup> January 2027 at 7:00pm – Hollybush Community Centre
  - 15<sup>th</sup> February 2027 at 7:00pm – Argoed Village Hall
  - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2027 at 7:00pm – Markham Miners Institute
  - 19<sup>th</sup> April 2027 at 7:00pm – Manmoel Village Hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> May 2027 at 7:00pm – Hollybush Community Centre
  - 21<sup>st</sup> June 2027 at 7:00pm – Argoed Village Hall