

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of the on-line meeting held on Wednesday April 8th 2020

Because of the Covid-19 lockdown, councillors had agreed to hold this meeting on-line rather than meeting in person at the village hall.

Members Present:

Councillor Mr. L. Meringolo
Councillor Mr. N. Hallett
Councillor Mr G. Davies
Councillor Mr C. Walford
Councillor Mr. D. Schofield

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Mr. G. Morgan

04/20/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes of the September meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Meringolo and seconded by Councillor Walford.

04/20/02 – Matters arising

- There has been no response to our enquiry about why the monthly police reports have ceased.
- There has been no further information about the planning application for railway at Cefn Mably Farm Park.
- Following our complaints, Newport Council have filled many of the potholes outside Fairwater Farm and on lower Began Road.

04/20/03 – Police matters

Nothing to report.

04/20/04 – Planning

- Nothing to report.

04/20/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- Nothing to report.

04/20/06 – Correspondence

- The Clerk consulted with One Voice Wales concerning the legality of holding on-line meetings during the Covid-19 lockdown. There has been no direct reply to this, but a briefing note was circulated to all community councils saying that Welsh Government are expecting government guidance. Legislative changes will take some time to enact, but in the meantime, they would expect any court to accept that exceptional times call for exceptional measures.

04/20/07 – Finance

- The accounts for 2019-20 (previously circulated to councillors) were approved. The accounts have now been sent to the internal auditor.
- The Data Registrar's fee of £35 will be paid by direct debit.

04/20/08 – Meeting reports

- The VE Day Anniversary event planned for the 16th May has been cancelled because of Covid-19 restrictions. It is possible that this may be replaced by an "end of Covid-19" celebration in the autumn if appropriate. This will be discussed further at the May meeting.
- As discussed at the March meeting, Michaelston-y-Fedw Internet CIC will have funds to disburse from February 2021 and they want the Community Council to help decide on priorities for the use of funds. Councillors agreed that, as an elected body, they could reasonably represent the views of the community and could carry out that role. However, there is nothing to do until the original MyFi investors have been repaid in February 2021.

04/20/09 – Chairman’s Business

- Councillors agreed that on-line meetings are a pragmatic solution to the Covid-19 lockdown, and they will continue to meet in this way for the time being.

04/20/10 – Date of next meeting

- The next meeting will be the AGM, to be held on-line on Wednesday 6th May 2020.