

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday December 4th 2019

Members Present:

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

Apologies for Absence:

None

Prior to the start of formal business, the meeting was addressed by representatives of the Ruperra Castle Preservation Trust. RCPT wanted to draw attention to the owner's plans to develop parts of the site which contains a Grade II* listed building. It is in a conservation area and an SSSI because it is a rare nesting site for horseshoe bats. RCPT have objected to the proposals and are asking for support from community council. The castle is outside the community council's area, but councillors are interested in its preservation and agreed to ask Caerphilly Council whether we can be included in the list of consultees for planning applications for the site.

12/19/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

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

12/19/02 – Matters arising

- The CCTV system has been repaired.
- The problem of Newport Council's electoral office wrongly addressing electoral voting papers will be raised again with them

12/19/03 – Police matters

- The police monthly report was circulated. A vehicle theft and assault in Michaelston-y-Fedw were noted.
- A local resident recently caught people fly-tipping in Holly House Lane, and councillors Meringolo and Davies helped to detain the culprits until the police arrived. The clerk will write to Newport Council to check that the offenders will be prosecuted, and to the resident to thank him for his actions.

12/19/04 – Planning

- Planning application 19/1087 for changes to the mobile phone mast at Pound Hill – the community council has no objection.

12/19/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- It was noted that works are in progress to divert the water running down Began Road hill into a drain.

12/19/06 – Correspondence

- Information has been received from One Voice Wales pointing out that all councils must report by the end of December 2019 on their actions to improve biodiversity. Councillor Hallett will prepare a draft report.

12/19/07 – Finance

- An invoice for £150.00 for repairs to the CCTV is to be paid.
- An invoice for £208.10 for the external audit is to be paid

- Councillors approved the quarterly budget and income and expenditure review.
- The budget for 2020-21 must be completed by early January to enable the precept request to be submitted by the 10th January deadline. The clerk will prepare a draft for circulation and the budget must be ratified at the January 2020 meeting.
- Additional signatories are needed for the bank account. Councillors Davies and Hallett agreed to be signatories.

12/19/08 – Meeting reports

- None

12/19/09 – Chairman's Business

- The community litter pick is to be postponed to Saturday 8th February 2020.

12/19/10 – Date of next meeting

- The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th January 2020.