

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall

Members Present:

Councillor Mr G. Davies
Councillor Mr C Walford

Councillor Mr. D. Schofield
Councillor Mr. L. Meringolo

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Mr. N. Hallett; Councillor Mr G. Morgan

12/20/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the November meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Schofield and seconded by Councillor Davies.

12/20/02 – Matters arising

Fly-tipping: The frequency of fly-tipping seems to have reduced recently, though there have still been a few incidents.

12/20/03 – Police matters - Nothing to report.

12/20/04 – Planning

- Application 20/1112 Felling and coppicing of trees subject to tree preservation order at Badgers' Wood, Cefn Mably. Councillors have read the consultant's report indicating that numerous trees in the woodland are diseased or dying and should be felled or coppiced. The council would normally object to the felling of trees under a TPO, but in the light of the consultant's report no objection will be raised. However, a request will be made for a condition to be applied to the consent requiring a suitable re-planting programme.

12/20/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- Cefn Llwyd Bridge: Stones were dislodged from the bridge parapet some months ago. It is noted that this still hasn't been repaired despite Caerphilly Council saying that they were engaging contractors to do the work. The Clerk will ask for a progress update.
- Water running down the road near the bottom of Began Road hill is causing damage to the road surface. The owner of the adjacent land has previously promised to remedy this problem. Councillor Meringolo will speak to him about this.
- The finger post sign next to Michaelston Bridge has been refurbished; we are awaiting delivery of the necessary brackets to reinstall the signs onto the post.

12/20/06 – Correspondence - None

12/20/07 – Finance

- The result of the external audit for 2019-20 has been received; the auditors reported that the information in the Annual Return were in accordance with proper practices and there were no matters giving cause for concern. The report was circulated at the meeting and approved by councillors.
- Welsh Government has issued advice that the discretionary spend limit under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 has been increased from £8.32 to £8.41 per elector. This provision allows councils to spend money for which there is no other specific legal power. Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council has 240 electors, so the sum available is £2,018.40.
- Councillors agreed that the budget for 2021-22 should be the same as the previous year. The Clerk will apply to Newport Council for the annual precept on that basis.

12/20/08 – Meeting reports

- Councillor Meringolo reported that the trees at Bridge Terrace, which have been the subject of complaints, are to be trimmed next week.

12/20/09 – Chairman’s Business

None.

12/20/10 – Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Supplementary Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 17th December 2020

This meeting was held on-line, as authorised by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Wales) (Meetings) Regulations 2020

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Councillor Mr. N. Hallett

Councillor Mr G. Davies

Councillor Mr. L. Meringolo

Councillor Mr. D. Schofield

Councillor Mr C Walford

This meeting was called to discuss planning application 20/1178 because a response to Newport Planning was required before the next full community council meeting.

The application is for 4 glamping pods at Neuadd Wen, Penylan Road. The application states that there is no planning history for this site, but councillors disagree with this as there have been previous discussions about opening a wedding venue there, and it appears that additional glazing is being carried out which would be consistent with that idea.

Councillor Walford lives near to the site – he has no objection to this application, but there is another resident living close by who should be consulted because of possible disturbance from visitors’ vehicles etc. Councillor Walford will contact them.

Generally, councillors do not object to this application. However, Section 2.7 of the application form states that there is a shortage of this kind of accommodation in the area, and the phraseology suggests that this is a view expressed in the Local Development Plan, which is not the case. Councillors would not wish this development to set a precedent for glamping pods to be permitted wherever someone has a spare piece of land, as local infrastructure would not be able to support a large influx of summer visitors.

A reply will be sent to Newport Council after Councillor Walford has spoken to the nearby resident.