

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday January 2nd 2019

Members Present:

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

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Mr. G. Morgan

Prior to the formal meeting, Mr Brin Richards presented a proposal to hold a “Whitsun Treat” type event during May or June in the new community field. It is intended to be a family fun day, with games, refreshments and possibly 1950s-60s dress, then music in the evening. Mr Richards has already canvassed opinion and those approached are said to be enthusiastic. Councillors thought it was a nice idea, but warned that the same people always seem to end up organising the village events and suggested that an independent working group should be set up.

01/19/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

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

01/19/02 – Matters arising

- Road safety on A48. No further progress since Councillor Hallett met with Marshfield Community Council last month. Councillor Hallett will contact the Chair at Marshfield Community Council for an update.

01/19/03 – Police matters

- The monthly police report hasn't yet been received. It will be circulated to councillors by email when received.

01/19/04 – Planning

- No new applications received.

01/19/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- There is a continuous stream of water running down Began Road from an outlet on land belonging to Cefn Mably Farm Park. Councillor Meringolo will liaise with the landowner.
- The water trough in the village is overflowing. Councillor Davies will attend to this.

01/19/06 – Correspondence

- Welsh Government has sent a statement regarding policy for community and town councils. The aims are to gradually expand the role of community councils, to improve the relationships between community councils and town councils, to clearly define their respective responsibilities, and to ensure that councillors and clerks are properly trained – a bursary scheme will be established to pay for this.

01/19/07 – Finance

- Newport Council has updated the tax base used for calculating the community council tax precept. This will result in a further small drop in income in addition to the loss of the concurrent grant announced last month. Councillors reviewed the 2019-20

budget in the light of this and decided that it was unfair to increase the precept to cover the loss without giving any warning to residents. The loss will be covered from existing community council funds for 2019-20, but there are only enough funds to do this once. A newsletter will be sent out which will include an explanation of the possible need to increase the precept next year.

- The report from the external auditors was presented to councillors and the minor procedural issues raised by them were noted.
- An invoice for web hosting has been received from Simasy. The Clerk will arrange for this to be paid.

01/19/09 – Other Business

- A newsletter will be sent out containing information about budgets, the community litter pick on Saturday 12th January and the proposed “Whitsun Treat” in May or June.
- The newly available community field needs work done to ensure a firm surface for vehicle parking, and other work may also be needed. A working group will meet on site on Sunday at 10am.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th February 2019.