

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday January 8th 2020

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
City Councillor Mr R. White
City Councillor Mr T.Suller

Apologies for Absence:

None

01/20/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

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

01/20/02 – Matters arising

- Fly-tipping: The Clerk has contacted Newport Council requesting confirmation that they will prosecute the people caught fly-tipping in November. The Police do not appear to have passed the details of the culprits on to Newport Council. City Councillor White will follow this up.
- Biodiversity report: Councillor Hallett is progressing this.
- Ruperra Castle planning applications: A site visit was made by several councillors after last month's meeting. The consensus view is that councillors prefer to see the partial development of some of the buildings rather than let the whole site continue to decay until it is beyond repair.

01/20/03 – Police matters

- The police monthly report was circulated. A vehicle break-in in the pub car park was noted.

01/20/04 – Planning

- Planning application 19/1294 – *Retention of miniature railway, bridges, platform, engine shed and associated works*. Councillors discussed this application and heard representations from 2 residents. There are several concerns:
 - This is another retrospective application from an applicant with a history of carrying out developments before applying for planning permission.
 - The development is bound to attract additional visitors. Local country lanes are unsuitable for the volume of traffic already visiting the site, including large buses that have been observed to cause obstruction to local traffic.
 - The site car park already fills to capacity during busy periods, leading to queuing on the road and obstruction of local traffic.
 - The railway runs close to the road and the train could cause driver distraction on a narrow stretch of road with limited visibility.

The Clerk will draft a response to the planning application and circulate it for approval before sending it to Newport Council.

01/20/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- Works to divert the water running down Began Road hill into a drain have been partially successful, but water continues to run down the road causing erosion of the surface.

- The road surface outside the entrance to Fairwater Farm has deteriorated to an unacceptable and dangerous condition. This will be reported again to Newport Council.

01/20/06 – Correspondence

- None.

01/20/07 – Finance

- An invoice for £180.00 for hosting the community website is to be paid.
- An invoice for £50.36 for continued use of the Michaelston-y-Fedw.com domain name is to be paid
- Councillors formally approved the 2020-21 budget. The precept request based on this budget has been submitted to Newport Council.

01/20/08 – Meeting reports

- None

01/20/09 – Chairman's Business

- None

01/20/10 – Date of next meeting

- The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th February 2020.