

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday March 4th 2020

Members Present:

Councillor Mr. L. Meringolo
Councillor Mr. N. Hallett
Councillor Mr G. Davies
Councillor Mr C. Walford
City Councillor Mr R. White
City Councillor Mr T. Suller

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Mr. D. Schofield
Councillor Mr. G. Morgan
Councillor Mrs. J. Taylor

03/20/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

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

03/20/02 – Matters arising

- The Biodiversity Report prepared by Councillor Hallett has been circulated to councillors and was approved by the meeting.
- Police have agreed to patrol Penylan Hill in response to our complaint about people congregating there at night.

03/20/03 – Police matters

- The police monthly reports for February or March have not been received. The Clerk will ask the reason for this.
- In response to our query, the Police say that they would send advisory letters to people observed throwing litter from cars. In order to do this, they would need: Time and date, location, vehicle reg number, vehicle make and model.

03/20/04 – Planning

- City Councillor Suller has asked the Planning Officer to refer application 19/1294 for the railway at Cefn Mably Farm Park to the full Planning Committee.

03/20/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- The surface of Began Road, particularly outside the entrance to Fairwater Farm and between Waggoners and the solar farm entrance, has become heavily cratered and hazardous to vehicles. The bend outside Waggoners is also flooded for much of the time. The Clerk will report this to Newport Council with a request for urgent short-term repairs and then a proper resurfacing. A change in road level may be needed to resolve the flooding problem.

03/20/06 – Correspondence

- The Wales Auditor General has proposed a tightening of the audit regime for community councils whereby every 3rd year would involve a detailed investigation of every bank transaction, which would increase the audit fees for that year. The Clerk has responded to the consultation, saying that this is an over-zealous approach for small community councils with very limited funds and no full-time staff to deal with this kind of work.
- On-line public consultations have been launched for South East Wales Transport and for Caerphilly Council's Local Development Plan. Links will be circulated to councillors.

03/20/07 – Finance

- An invoice for £41 for a membership of One Voice Wales is to be paid.
- Microsoft Office licence is to be renewed for £79.99
- A refund of £20.35 has been received from HMRC.

03/20/08 – Meeting reports

- The village will be holding a VE Day Anniversary event on the 16th May. The Community Council has a budget for community events, but the event committee doesn't have a bank account to receive funds. The council will therefore pay for goods and services up to the value of £250.
- The Village Hall Committee has agreed to purchase the hall from Newport Council for £12,000. They will form a Community Interest Company and will offer shares in the company to everyone in the parish and their associates. An email is to be sent out inviting people to a public meeting.
- Michaelston-y-Fedw Internet CIC will have funds to disburse from February 2021 and they want the Community Council to help co-ordinate the distribution. This will be discussed at the next Community Council meeting.

03/20/09 – Chairman's Business

- Councillor Hallett has been invited to a Buckingham Palace garden party as a representative of the community council.

03/20/10 – Date of next meeting

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