

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

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

Members Present:

Councillor Mr G. Davies
Councillor Mr. D. Schofield
Councillor Mr C. Walford
Councillor Mrs. J. Taylor
Councillor Mr. N. Hallett
City Councillor Mr. R. White

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Mr. L. Meringolo
Councillor Mr. G. Morgan
City Councillor Mr. T. Suller

10/19/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes of the September meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Walford and seconded by Councillor Schofield.
- Minutes of the additional Planning meeting held on the 17th September 2019 were proposed as correct by Councillor Schofield and seconded by Councillor Hallett.

10/19/02 – Matters arising

- One of the “Welcome to Michaelston-y-Fedw” signs has been installed, but councillors consider that it is too small. Alternatives will be investigated.
- Material to reinforce the grass in the car park was installed before tonight’s meeting. A further 30m of the material will be ordered to complete coverage of the grassed area.
- A price quotation of £150+VAT for updating and re-setting the CCTV has been received. Councillors approved the expenditure.
- An email to Newport Council regarding the reinstatement of road markings has gone unanswered. City Councillor White will investigate.
- A blocked bridle path was mentioned at the last meeting. No-one is sure whether it is still blocked – Councillor Davies will check.
- There were good responses to the defibrillator training, the community litter-pick and the churchyard clean-up.

10/19/03 – Police matters

- The police monthly report was circulated. An attempted break-in in Michaelston-y-Fedw was noted.
- Not mentioned in the Police report was a recent fatal accident on the A48 in Castleton. Councillors are very concerned about the danger of this stretch of road and feel that some method of reducing traffic speed must be found. It is particularly dangerous for vehicles leaving Coal Pit Lane to turn towards Cardiff or into Marshfield Road. Marshfield Community Council are trying to organise a meeting with Jayne Bryant AM to discuss the problem – Michaelston-y-Fedw CC will seek to join that meeting. Councillor Hallett will circulate an email received from Marshfield CC.

10/19/04 – Planning

- Planning application 19/0994 for an enlarged roof and rear dormers at Fairwater House was considered. Councillors Hallett and Davies both declared an interest. Members consider that the proposals will actually enhance the appearance of the building, and they support the application.

10/19/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- Nothing to report other than those items mentioned in 10/19/02 Matters Arising.

10/19/06 – Correspondence

- None.

10/19/07 – Finance

- A request has been received for financial help with the staging of the village pantomime. Councillors Taylor, Hallett, Walford and Davies all declared an interest in this matter. A budget allocation of £500 has been made for community events. Councillors decided to allocate £498 to the pantomime.
- The audited Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2019 was circulated and approved.
- The report of the external auditor was circulated. Two minor errors on the Annual Return were commented on by the auditors – these will be corrected when next year's return is completed.
- The nil return of payments to councillors will be loaded onto the council web site and submitted to the IRP as legally required.

10/19/08 – Chairman's Business

- Councillor Taylor raised a concern that residents' addresses on Newport Council's address register do not always coincide with their correct postal address. The location "Michaelston-y-Fedw" is not included in many cases, leading to mail from Newport Council failing to reach some properties, especially those that have house names but no street numbers. In at least one case a voter was deleted from the electoral roll for not replying to a letter that had been wrongly addressed and therefore not delivered. Newport Council have declined to correct the addresses that they hold, saying that their master database cannot be altered. The Clerk will contact Newport Council's Gazeteer and invite them to discuss the problem.

10/19/10 – Date of next meeting

- The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th November.