

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday September 5th 2018

Members Present:

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

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Mr. G. Morgan
Councillor Mr. L. Meringolo

9/18/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

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

9/18/02 – Matters arising

- The Plastic-Reduction team has met with Asda and Newport Wastesavers. A flyer is being produced for distribution within the village, and a litter-pick will be run on the 29th September. The council agreed to provide £25 for refreshments for litter-pickers. The community council already has litter grabs and hi-viz tabards.
- The person who reported fly-tipping to Newport Council has learned via a Freedom Of Information request that there have only been 4 prosecutions for fly-tipping.

9/18/03 – Police matters

- The monthly police report was circulated at the meeting.
- Councillor Suller reported that “boy racers” are racing on the road near the former LG factory and are spinning on the adjacent A48 roundabout.

9/18/04 – Planning

- No applications received.

9/18/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- Coedkernew and Marshfield Community Councils have previously agreed to attend a joint discussion about safety on the A48. The Clerk will offer to arrange a meeting of the chairs of the three community councils.

9/18/06 – Correspondence

- A letter was received from Marshfield Primary School requesting a donation towards the replacement of 10-year old whiteboards with interactive TVs at a cost of £2,000 each. 4 community councils have been approached. Councillors agreed to donate £250, based on the council’s limited budget and the relatively small number of local children attending compared with other community councils.
- A report has been received from the Independent Review Panel on Community and Town Councils in Wales. The panel makes numerous recommendations centred around expanding the roles and responsibilities of town and community councils and increased reporting to their communities, including an annual report and budget proposals. It was felt that some of the proposals could be unsustainable for small councils such as Michaelston-y-Fedw, and some small councils may be forced to merge. Councillors agreed with the proposal to increase local reporting and it was

agreed that the next AGM should be a public meeting at which an annual report would be made available.

9/18/07 – Finance

- Councillors reviewed the budget and the income & expenditure report. No concerns were raised.
- The refurbishment of the village hall car park is to be actioned. The costs of interlocking blocks and other strengthening measures will be investigated.
- Some of the council's funds are to be set aside towards the purchase of the village hall from Newport Council. The valuation of the hall is still awaited. The aim is that the hall will be owned by the community council but will continue to be operated by the hall management committee.
- The council's insurance is to be renewed at a cost of £323.44, a small reduction on last year's premium.

9/18/09 – Other Business

- None.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018.