

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall
Wednesday 7th December 2016

Members Present:

Councillor Dr C. Rowlands
Councillor Mr G. Davies
Councillor Mr V. Davies
Councillor Mr G. Morgan

Ward Councillors Present:

Councillor Mr R. White
Ward Councillor Mr T. Suller

Apologies for absence:

Councillor Mrs. A. Huckle
Councillor Mr L. Meringolo
Councillor Mr C. Walford

The start of the formal meeting was deferred whilst two presentations were made:

1. Keep Us Rural gave an overview of their activities to date. They are seeking a donation from the community council to help them continue their fight against inappropriate developments in the area.
2. Mr P. Chichester and Mr. J Evans gave a pre-planning application presentation on their plans to develop a Health & Wellness Centre at Bridge Farm. It is aimed at people who would not normally visit a gym, e.g. those with disabilities. There will be a small number of visitors per day and there will only be 8 parking spaces. Planning permission will probably be applied for in January 2017.

12/16/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd November 2016 were proposed as correct by Councillor G. Davies and seconded by Councillor V. Davies.

12/16/02 – Matters arising

- Additional price quotations are still awaited for strengthening the grass areas of the Village Hall car park.
- A press release regarding the solar farm has been sent to the South Wales Argus.
- Councillor G. Morgan has been confirmed as a school governor for Marshfield School
- A date has been offered for councillors to visit Westminster, but a later date is to be requested.
- Two price quotations for CCTV have been received, a third quotation is to be sought. Members unanimously voted to approve a spend of approximately £1,500.

12/16/03 – Police matters

- The monthly police report for October was circulated at the meeting. The police had been invited to attend this meeting but did not do so.

12/16/04 – Planning

- Application 16/0348 A letter has been received from a resident asking the council to withdraw its support for the application and, separately, to engage with Newport

Planning regarding the principle of prohibiting developments in areas not served by public transport. The council does not directly support or oppose the application and the question of prohibiting developments will depend upon the outcome of this appeal. The Clerk will write to the resident explaining the council's position.

[Post-meeting amendment: The community council did support the previous application and that support was never withdrawn. However no other written objections have been received and the Council's comments are still valid, so a reply was sent saying that the comments would not be withdrawn.]

- An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of permission for a porch at Pant Farm, Tyla Lane. The council had no comment to make on that application and will not be involved in the appeal.

12/16/05 – Correspondence

- A short training course on the new requirement for pre-planning application consultations is to be held on the 17th January. Councillor V. Davies will attend.
- Natural Resources Wales have a new single contact number and they have asked councils to display posters with this number and the list of subjects that they will deal with. The clerk will ask for this to be put on the MYF web site.
- Newport Council is holding a series of workshops to gather information for the Active Travel Wales initiative. Councillor G. Davies will attend one of these.
- One Voice Wales have asked why the council does not send a representative to their meetings. Their venue is unsuitable and we consult OVW for advice when the need arises.

12/16/06 – Finance

- Keep Us Rural have written to ask for financial support for their activities. Councillor V. Davies declared an interest in this matter and withdrew from the discussion. Councillor Rowlands attends KUR meetings as an observer but is not a member of the committee. A grant of £495 was unanimously approved.
- The budget for 2017-18 will be set at the January meeting.

12/16/07 – Meeting Reports

- Marshfield School Governors' meeting: Councillor G. Morgan is undertaking training as a governor and has been appointed to the Finance & Buildings committee.

12/16/08 – Other Business

- None

The meeting concluded at 9.35pm.