

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday 6th December 2017

Members Present:

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

12/17/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes of the 1st November meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Schofield and seconded by Councillor Davies.

12/17/02 – Matters arising

- Fairwater Solar Farm – The solar farm’s solicitors have not replied to our letter or emails. This will be pursued further after Christmas.
- Road signs & markings – Newport Council Streetscene have acknowledged the requests for work, but there have been no further updates. The Clerk will chase progress on these.

12/17/03 – Police matters

- The November police report hasn’t yet been received. It will be circulated to councillors when available. There have been numerous instances of thefts from cars – it is believed that cars are being opened using devices that interrogate the electronic keys from outside the owners’ houses.

12/17/04 – Planning

- No applications received

12/17/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- Councillor Taylor will arrange for the supply of ten “20 is plenty” signs.

12/17/06 – Correspondence

- The Law Commission is undertaking a review of planning law in Wales. A consultation document and summary are available at <https://www.lawcom.gov.uk/project/planning-law-in-wales/>. Responses should be submitted by the 1st March 2018.
- Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People has launched Welsh Government petition aimed at creating Access Certificates, like Food Hygiene Certificates, with premises displaying a rating from 0 to 5 depending how disabled-friendly they are. The petition can be found at <https://www.assembly.wales/en/gethome/e-petitions/Pages/petitiondetail.aspx?PetitionID=1273>
- Newport City Council intends to review its Rights of Way Improvement Plan during 2018. Comments should be sent to:

Luke Stacey
Rights of way and Access Officer
Green services, Streetscene
Newport City Council, NP20 4UR
Tel : 01633 210026 Email : luke.stacey@newport.gov.uk

- A price quotation for repairing and strengthening the grass area of the Village Hall car park has been received from Mr C. Walford. Other quotations are also being sought. We will try to arrange for the VAT to be reclaimed from HMRC.
- Letter received from the Local Government Finance Policy Division advising that the Section 137 expenditure limit for 2017-18 has increased from £7.57 to £7.86 per elector.
- Invoice for £213.75 received from Wales Audit Office for the external audit. This has been paid.

12/17/07 – Finance

- In accordance with the requirements of the Wales Audit Office, councillors reviewed the Internal Audit Report for 2016-17. The report is satisfactory.
- Councillors reviewed the 2017-18 budget and are satisfied that the income and expenditure to date are as expected. Suppliers will be sought for the replacement of damaged parts of the finger-post signs.

12/17/08 Next Meeting

- To enable the Clerk to attend, the next meeting will be held on **Thursday 4th January 2018**.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm