

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall
Wednesday 1st February 2017

Members Present:

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

Ward Councillors Present:

Ward Councillor Mr R. White
Ward Councillor Mr T. Suller

Apologies for absence:

Councillor Mr L. Meringolo
Councillor Mrs. A. Huckle

02/17/01 – Minutes of the previous meetings

- The minutes of the 7th December 2016 meeting (deferred from the January meeting) were proposed as correct by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Councillor Davies.
- The minutes of the 4th January meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Walford and seconded by Councillor Davies.

02/17/02 – Matters arising

- Additional price quotations are still awaited for strengthening the grass areas of the Village Hall car park.
- CCTV has been installed, configuration work is still in progress.
- The proposal to fell or prune some potentially dangerous trees at Bridge Terrace was discussed. This is a matter for Newport City Homes, but it was agreed that the Clerk will write to the NCH Estates Officer offering to have the trees surveyed and, if necessary, pruned.

02/17/03 – Police matters

- The monthly police report for February hasn't been received.
- A report on the public consultations has been received from the Gwent Police & Crime Commissioner. This will be circulated to councillors.
- Gwent Police are reported to be appointing 100 new police officers.

02/17/04 – Planning

- The appeal against refusal of planning permission for Ty Hir Newydd has been rejected because of the lack of public transport. The Community Council has already objected to this policy as it means that no new houses can ever be built in the village, denying the opportunity for young people who have grown up here to continue living in the village if they leave their parents' home. The Community Council will seek to engage with Newport Planning to have this policy changed.
- Newport Council granted permission for the "non-material amendments" to the Fairwater Farm application under delegated powers. The Community Council does not understand how such significant changes can be considered as non-material. A letter will be sent to the Head of Planning, saying that there is no point in consulting community councils if their views are repeatedly ignored, and that planning officers

should not be allowed to make significant planning decisions without reference to Planning Committee.

02/17/05 – Correspondence

- One Voice Wales have published a booklet encouraging people to seek election as community councillors. A copy will be posted on the village web site.

02/17/06 – Finance

- Councillors authorised the Clerk to pay the CCTV invoice when he is satisfied that the system is working properly.
- The Clerk has made a claim for £50 to cover paper and printer ink. Payment was approved.
- No invoice has yet been received for the church grass cutting. The clerk will again ask the church treasurer for an invoice.
- Price quotations will be sought for the internal audit.

02/17/07 – Meeting Reports

- Keep Us Rural are considering their position regarding Fairwater Farm.

02/17/08 – Other Business

- None.