

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday February 6th 2019

Members Present:

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

Apologies for Absence:

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

02/19/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

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

02/19/02 – Matters arising

- Road safety on A48. Marshfield Community Council has received a letter from Newport StreetScene saying that there is no funding available for improvements to the road layout. It seems futile to pursue this matter when it is clear that no changes will be made.

02/19/03 – Police matters

- The monthly police report was circulated at the meeting. The theft of a tipper from Cefn Mably Farm Park was noted. Councillors remarked that the statistics in the report aren't particularly helpful without a monthly trend, and they are not accurate as they include incidents from outside the area.

02/19/04 – Planning

- No new applications received.

02/19/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- There is a continuous stream of water running down Began Road from an outlet on land belonging to Cefn Mably Farm Park. Councillor Meringolo has liaised with the landowner who says resolving the matter is work in progress.
- The water trough in the village is overflowing. Councillor Davies will attend to this.
- A road accident at the crossroads at the top of Pound Hill highlighted the fact that the road markings have worn away. Markings have also disappeared from the junctions at the top and bottom of Began Road Hill, and the junction priority sign for traffic travelling up Began Road hill is wrong. The Clerk will write to Newport Streetscene requesting their attention to these matters.

02/19/06 – Correspondence

- Wales Audit Office have issued a report into the findings of last year's audit. Some community councils (though not Michaelston-y-Fedw CC) have been criticised for failure to comply with audit and legal requirements.
- The Boundary Commission for Wales is to review the ward boundaries within the Newport Council area to optimise the ratio of councillors to electors. Some wards currently have too many electors per councillor and some have too few, so ward boundaries may need to be revised.

02/19/07 – Finance

- A solicitor's letter has been sent to Newport Council on behalf of all the community councils, asking for documentation to be supplied in readiness for a judicial review of their decision to withdraw the concurrent grant.
- An invoice for the external audit has been received. The amount invoiced is 48% more than we paid last year, despite there being very little change in the council's business. The Clerk has queried the reason for the increase.

02/19/09 – Other Business

- The community litter pick on Saturday 12th January was very successful. Another one will take place on Saturday 13th April.
- Thanks to the work done by Councillor Walford and volunteers at the new community field, parking was made available for more than 100 vehicles for a recent funeral.
- Councillor Hallett will ask whether Newport Wastesavers are willing to talk to us about recycling, particularly the recycling of plastic waste which seems to be the subject of some confusion.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th March 2019.