

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday 5th July 2017

Members Present:

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

Apologies for absence

None

07/17/01 – Minutes of the previous meetings

- The minutes of the 7th June meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Walford and seconded by Councillor Morgan.

07/17/02 – Matters arising

- Village Hall car park – ongoing

07/17/03 – Police matters

- The monthly police report for June was circulated at the meeting. No incidents were reported in Michaelston-y-Fedw.

07/17/04 – Planning

- It was noted that planning application 17/0327 for conversion of a barn at Ty Hir Farm to a dwelling has been refused by Newport City Council, despite the community council's support. There are 4 grounds for refusal, including that "*The application building is in a remote location which is not served by local amenities or good public transport links will lead to an overreliance on vehicular transport*". Councillors commented that this is a peculiar logic to apply to a farm-worker's dwelling which, by definition, will be in a rural location. The Clerk will contact Newport Council with this observation and to complain that the community council's comments are not being reflected on the Planning website.
- The application for a proposed waste transfer station at Pentrepoeth Road has not yet been presented to Newport Planning Committee. Although this is outside Michaelston Community Council's area, it would have a substantial effect on the village and councillors reiterated their opposition to the scheme. City Councillors White and Suller agreed to report this opposition to the Planning Committee when the application is presented.
- Fairwater Solar Farm – there has been email correspondence between the Clerk and DLA Piper LLP (solicitors for the solar farm's new owners) regarding the payment of the promised community benefit. The solicitors have requested copies of all relevant documents and meeting minutes. This is ongoing.

07/17/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- The Clerk will contact Newport Council to request the reinstatement of the direction sign to Michaelston-y-Fedw at the bottom of Began Road hill, and for the installation of a weight and width limit sign on Michaelston Bridge.
- Councillors discussed the fact that the old “Welcome To Michaelston-y-Fedw” signs have been stolen / vandalised, and they agreed to examine the cost of replacement with signs made of non-valuable materials. Councillor Walford will look into this.
- Councillor Hallett reported that the one of the local bridle paths is overgrown and impassable. A tractor and hedge trimmer can no longer get along there and it will need machinery to clear it. Councillor Taylor also pointed out that several local hedges are over-hanging the roads, forcing cyclists into the middle of the road. The Clerk will write to Newport Council regarding both these issues.

07/17/06 – Correspondence

- A request has been received from Mr Julian Hayman of the Aneurin Bevan Health Board to address a meeting of the community council. Members agreed to this and My Hayman will be invited to the September meeting.
- Newport Council have published their Assessment Of Local Well-Being. The Clerk will put a link to this on the community council website.

07/17/07 – Finance

- The 2016-17 accounts have been sent to the External Auditor.
- HMRC have reported that the community council’s tax account is £189 in credit. The accountant is seeking to get this repaid to the council.

07/17/08 – Meeting Reports

- Councillor Taylor attended Code Of Conduct training. She reminded councillors of the need to declare personal interests where appropriate.

07/17/09 – Other Business

- Regarding improving communication between the community council and local residents, the Clerk and Councillor Schofield will prepare an initial mailing list, with the intention of asking people to opt-in to email communications.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.