

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

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

Members Present:

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

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Mr. N. Hallett
City Councillor Mr T. Suller

03/19/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes of the February meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Meringolo and seconded by Councillor Schofield.

03/19/02 – Matters arising

None.

03/19/03 – Police matters

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

03/19/04 – Planning

- No new applications received.

03/19/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- Worn road markings at the top of Pound Hill and on Began Road have been reported to Newport Council.
- The stream of water running down the lower part of Began Road hill continues. Councillor Meringolo has liaised with the landowner who says resolving the matter is work in progress.
- There are many potholes in local roads, but they can't be reported as a general problem. Individual problems should be reported via the Newport Streetscene website. The Clerk will report the large hole in the verge outside the entrance to Fairwater Farm.
- A complaint has been received about possible danger from overhanging trees on Began Road. The Clerk will ask Newport Council to check these.
- A complaint has been received about the shape of the replacement stile at the rear entrance of Cefn Mably Farm Park, which is considered too difficult to use. The Clerk will ask the Newport Rights of Way officer to look into this.
- A request has been received for a "Slow" sign at the sharp bend on Began Road. The Clerk will ask Newport council to install a sign.

03/19/06 – Correspondence

- CND Cymru is asking community and town councils to declare that they will not volunteer to host a nuclear waste dump. Councillors confirmed that we will not volunteer for this.
- Newport Council has sent a firm rebuttal to the solicitor's letter objecting to the withdrawal of the concurrent grant.

03/19/07 – Finance

- The Clerk has raised two queries with the external auditors asking them to explain the reason for the increase in audit fees. Replies received indicate that we have no choice but to pay the sum demanded. Councillors approved the payment.
- The invoice for the internal audit has been received, as per the budget. Councillors approved the payment.
- The invoice for rent of the village hall has been paid, as per the budget.
- One Voice Wales subscription is due for renewal, costing £39. Councillors approved the payment.
- Microsoft Office licence needs to be renewed. Councillors approved the payment.
- Invoice for grass cutting in the churchyard has been received. Councillors approved payment of the budgeted amount of £750.
- Councillors reviewed the income / expenditure statement for the financial year. £1,000 allocated for village hall maintenance and community events has not been spent. £2,600 allocated for car park improvement will be spent during the next few months. There was additional expenditure of approximately £870 on miscellaneous items such as defibrillator pads and battery, poll cards for the 2017 election, and “20 is plenty” road signs.

03/19/08 – Other Business

- The community litter pick will take place on Saturday 13th April. We need more litter grabs for these events. Councillors approved a spend of up to £100. The Clerk will contact Keep Wales Tidy to see whether they can help.
- A road closure would be needed for the Soap Box Challenge. The Clerk will ask Newport Council how to arrange this.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019.