

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 5th April 2023 at Michaelston Village Hall

Members Present:

Councillor Mr C Rowlands

Councillor Mr D. Schofield

Councillor Mr L. Meringolo

Councillor Mr N. Hallett

Councillor Mr Gareth Davies

Councillor Mr C. Walford

Newport City Councillor Mr A Screen

CSO Michelle Pearson

Apologies for absence

Councillor Louise Cohen

04/23/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes of the March meeting with proposed as correct by Councillor Rowlands and seconded by Councillor Walford.

04/23/02 – Police Matters

- The Police Report had been received and circulated and a discussion took place to establish if a further breakdown of the report could be produced in order for any trends to be identified, however CSO Michelle Pearson advised that this was not possible. CSO Michelle Pearson informed that Operation Rapture which is where they patrol for off road dirt bikes had responded to previous concerns of the off road bikes riding through the village but unfortunately on the day they were in attendance the bikes did not come through. Councillor Walford advised that a frequent meeting place for these bikes is at the rear of Bassaleg Lower School in the Griffin and CSO Pearson took this information and will advise of any updates.

04/23/03 – Matters arising

- Purchase of the mobile phone for the Clerk's use – This had been agreed at March meeting and therefore needs to go ahead.
- Biodiversity Report – Councillor Hallett proposed that he would review the existing report and circulate prior to the May meeting for comments and consideration, this was agreed by all in attendance.

- Councillor Walford advised that he still had a number of oak trees remaining should anyone wish to receive one.

04/23/04 – Planning

- No new planning applications at present.

04/23/05 – Roads, Hedges & Rights of Way

- Potholes are still of concern throughout the area with Began Road being a particular area of concern which requires a full resurface.
- The 20mph speed limit was raised and it was unanimously agreed that the matter needs to be highlighted again and that raising the matter through the press needs to be moved on. Councillor Screen updated on the NCC process and advised that he would raise this again on behalf of the Community Council and that he is in the process of trying to arrange a meeting with Road Traffic Officers and Community Council Chairs to discuss concerns raised.

04/23/06 – Correspondence

- Digital Transformation Guide (Welsh Government) – No comments were received.

04/23/07 – Finance

- Request for funding for the Coronation - £700 was agreed unanimously for a musical quartet. Members declared an interest as they would be attending.
- Year-end Report – This had been previously circulated and there were no comments received.

04/23/08 - Other

- Councillor Screen advised that a Ward Surgery will be held at the Village Hall on Friday 21/04/23 at 6pm.
- Councillor Screen shared information regarding the plans for the Old Green Crossing located in the centre of Newport outside the Castle advising that the plans for the redevelopment of this can be viewed on the NCC website indicating that the current roundabout will be removed and the road layout changed to incorporate a bus, cycle and pedestrian lane.
- Councillor Screen shared literature with the plans to save the Six Bells pub and the plans to raise money for this to be purchased as a community asset for use across all the Gwent Levels.
- Councillor Screen advised that NCC are currently reviewing the bus routes that are on offer throughout the City.
- Councillor Screen advised that in May of 2023 Councillor Trevor Watkins will take over as the Mayor and therefore any requests for him to attend events should be submitted.

04/23/09 – Chairmans Business

- Councillor Scofield identified that the tubs either side of the telephone box outside the Village Hall will need planting and that receipts would be submitted for this. All in attendance agreed.
- Councillor Scofield advised that there have been 2 further incidents of fly tipping which have been reported to NCC. Further concern was raised due to NCC now imposing charges for the disposal of certain items at the tip which could increase the fly tipping.
- Councillor Scofield advised that they will be commencing the CCTV work shortly and would welcome suggestions as to the new locations for these and that there was the option to upgrade some of the cameras to ANPR. The current locations were discussed.

04/23/10 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd May 2023