

# *Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council*

## **Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

*This meeting was held on-line, as authorised by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Wales) (Meetings) Regulations 2020*

### **Members Present:**

Councillor Mr G. Davies  
Councillor Mr N Hallett  
Councillor Mr G Morgan

Councillor Mr. D. Schofield  
Councillor Mrs J Taylor

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor Mr. L. Meringolo

### **04/21/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the March meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Morgan.

### **04/21/02 – Matters arising**

- Water running down Began Road hill – an email has been received from the landowner saying that the problem should be solved “by the end of April if all goes according to plan”. Councillors were dissatisfied with this response given the previous promise to resolve it by the end of February and the lack of compliance with planning conditions concerning the new access to the site. The Clerk was instructed to write to the landowner expressing the council’s dissatisfaction and warning that objections would be made to the planning application for new buildings unless these matters are resolved quickly.
- Absence of road gritting – the Clerk raised this matter with Newport Council. A reply was received saying that NCC is under no obligation to grit particular roads, and that roads in Michaelston-y-Fedw were removed from the gritting programme because the available resources are fully utilised on bus routes and main thoroughfares. Councillors are dissatisfied with this response as road gritting is one of the few services that rural areas received despite paying the same level of Council Tax as urban residents, and the lack of gritting in this area has been shown to be dangerous. The Clerk was instructed to write to NCC requesting a copy of the assessment which removed local roads from the gritting programme.

### **04/21/03 – Police matters**

- The monthly police report has been circulated to councillors. There was no mention of any incidents in Michaelston-y-Fedw.

### **04/21/04 – Planning**

- Application 21/0258 – Removal of agricultural occupancy condition for Nant Yr Ochan, Pentrepoeth Road. This is really a procedural issue since a Certificate of Lawfulness has already been granted by Newport Council. No objections were raised.
- Application 21/0336 – Single storey detached garage at Pentreporth Cottage, Began Road. The council supports this application.

### **04/21/05 Roads & Rights of Way**

- There has been no progress on repairs to Michaelston Bridge by Caerphilly Council.

### **04/21/06 – Correspondence**

- A summary of the key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 has been circulated to councillors. Items to note are: the requirement to publish meeting minutes within 7 working days of the meeting; a duty to prepare and publish a report about the council’s priorities, activities and achievements from April 2022; a

duty to consider training for councillors and staff and to publish a training plan by November 2022.

**03/21/07 – Finance**

- Councillors authorised payment of £42 for renewal of One Voice Wales membership.
- Registration with the Information Commissioner's Office will be automatically renewed in May at a cost of £35.
- The annual report of income and expenditure from 2020-21 was accepted.

**04/21/08 – Meeting reports**

- A recent episode of fly-tipping on the lane beside the Old Rectory has been reported to Newport Council who are trying to track down the culprits using CCTV footage from a local resident. The community council will maintain an interest in this.
- An anonymous person has been litter-picking around the area and leaving the material collected in pink Cardiff Council bags, expecting them to be collected by Cardiff Council. He has now been told that Michaelston-y-Fedw is not in Cardiff. Rather than deter this public-spirited action, councillors agreed to personally pick up any such bags that they see and to dispose of them properly.

**04/21/09 – Chairman's Business**

None

**04/21/10 – Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be the AGM, to be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021.