

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 2026 at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall

Members Present

Councillor N. Hallett	Councillor D. Schofield
Councillor S. Cohen	Councillor L. Cohen
Councillor L. Meringolo	Councillor D. Walford
City Councillor A. Screen	

Apologies For Absence: Councillor G. Davies, Councillor C. Rowlands

02/26/01 Co-Option of new councillor

The Chair welcomed Mr D. Walford as a candidate for co-option to the council. The meeting voted unanimously to co-opt Mr Walford.

02/26/02 Police Matters

Three PCSOs attended the meeting.

- In response to a question raised at the January meeting, they reported that their traffic division does have the power to close a road if there is a serious safety hazard, but in the case of icy roads they would expect Newport City Council to take that action.
- One of the PCSOs expressed her thanks to community members who assisted her father when he became unwell during a cycle ride through Michaelston-y-Fedw.

02/26/03 Minutes of previous meeting

- Approval of the minutes was proposed by Councillor Schofield and seconded by Councillor Meringolo.

02/26/04 Matters Arising

None

02/26/05 Planning

Application 25/1050 Pollarding of lime tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order. The council has no objection to this application, but it was reported by the applicant that Newport Planning have blamed the community council for a delay in granting permission. The application is dated 2nd December 2025, but it was not sent to the community council until the 15th January 2026. A suitably worded reply will be sent to Newport Planning.

02/26/06 Roads, Hedges and Bridges

- The surface of Began Road was surveyed by councillors, and the results were sent to Newport Highways department. Some repairs have since been carried out, but to a very poor standard, and numerous potholes remain, along with large deposits of silt on the roadside near Fairwater Farm. Councillor Walford observed that the repairs have not been carried out in accordance with the published standards for permanent repairs. City Councillor Screen reported that extra money for road repairs is being provided by Welsh Government. Given the unsatisfactory repairs to date, Councillor Screen was asked to arrange a meeting with Newport Council's Highways Manager.
- Residents are encouraged to lodge individual complaints to Newport Council in an effort to get potholes repaired. Complaints can be sent by email to city.services@newport.gov.uk or through the web site at <https://www.newport.gov.uk/our-council/contact-council/compliments-and-complaints>.

- Newport Council continues with its refusal to grit local roads. They have told Councillor Screen that they don't have enough gritters. Councillor Screen was asked to arrange a meeting with Newport Highways.

02/26/07 Correspondence

- Newport Council is conducting a further review of ward and community boundaries. There appears to be no effect on Michaelston-y-Fedw.

02/26/08 Finance

- An invoice has been received for Village Hall rent at £600. Councillors Schofield and L. Cohen declared an interest in the matter. The remaining members authorised payment.
- Renewal of internet security software at £49.99 was authorised.
- The audit report for 2024-25 has been received from Audit Wales. There are no financial irregularities, but the report criticises the council for not publishing the audit report for 2023-24. That report has only just been received, attached to the same email as the report for 2024-25. A reply will be sent to Audit Wales.

02/26/09 Meeting Reports

- Councillor Hallett attended the One Voice Wales AGM. A few changes will be made to their constitution, but there is nothing else to report.

02/26/10 Other Matters

After 10 years in the role, the Clerk stated his intention to retire. Preparations will be made to advertise the post and to ensure a managed handover.

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 7.00pm.