

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 3rd February 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 C Walford
Councillor Mr N Hallett

Councillor Mr. D. Schofield
Councillor Mr. L. Meringolo
Councillor Mrs J Taylor

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Mr G Morgan

02/21/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the January meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Walford and seconded by Councillor Schofield.

02/21/02 – Matters arising

- Cefn Llwyd bridge has now been repaired.
- Water running down Began Road hill – Councillor Meringolo has spoken to the landowner who has undertaken to divert the water to a nearby drain.
- Newport Council have cleared the road drains on Began Road near Pentreporth Cottage and Waggoners. They have also confirmed that Cefn Mably Farm Park are responsible for maintaining the reën that they drain into. NCC have required CMFP to clear and maintain it.
- Absence of road gritting – the Clerk will raise this with Newport Council, pointing out that there have been at least 3 accidents in the area caused by icy roads and that Penylan Road, a heavily used shortcut between Newport and Cardiff, is particularly dangerous.

02/21/03 – Police matters –

- Natural Resources Wales are in contact with the Police concerning a van suspected of fly-tipping in this area.
- The Clerk will invite the PCSO to join future Community Council meetings via Zoom.

02/21/04 – Planning

- Application 20/1215 Redevelopment / rebuilding of business and retail areas at Cefn Mably Farm Park. The applicant stated during the site meeting that no additional parking would be required. However, a new report has now appeared on the Planning web site concerning additional car parking that would be required because of the increase in the building's floor area. The report states that land adjoining the road will become additional parking space, but that land was already a car park before the farm park was closed so it does not constitute additional parking space. All the available parking space used to fill up, so if the enlarged building attracts more customers then there is a greater risk of road congestion. The community council has noted this but has already responded to Newport Council's consultation and so decided not to pursue the matter.
- Application 21/0025 – Demolition of conservatory and construction of orangery extension at Brynteg Cottage, Michaelston Road. The community council supports this application.

01/21/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- Caerphilly Council have acknowledged the report of damage to Michaelston Bridge.

02/21/06 – Correspondence - None

02/21/07 – Finance

- The pads on the village hall defibrillator have a 2 year life and they were last replaced 2 years ago. Councillors agreed to replace the pads at a cost of £43.80.

02/21/08 – Meeting reports

02/21/09 – Chairman's Business

There have been 2 break-ins recently in the village. There is little that the community council can do about this other than encourage people to be vigilant. The "Neighbourhood Watch" group in WhatsApp has become popular for this.

02/21/10 – Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021.