

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at Tynte Chapel, Michaelston Church

Members Present:

Councillor Mr N Hallett
Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr. G Davies

Councillor Mr. D. Schofield
Councillor Mr. L. Meringolo
Councillor Mr G Morgan

Apologies for Absence: None

01/22/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the November meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Davies and seconded by Councillor Walford.

01/22/02 – Matters arising

- The defibrillator has been purchased from Calon Hearts at a price of £903.60, jointly funded by the Community Council and Myfi. It is to be sited in the telephone box once an electrical outlet has been installed.
- The Clerk will arrange the purchase of hedging plants for the boundary of the village hall car park. Councillor Davies has spoken to the maker of the bench regarding repairs, a price quotation is awaited.
- Road gritting – Newport Council have replied to our enquiry saying that gritting of side roads is not a priority and that gritting of streets is only a request and not guaranteed. They may grit a road if requested and if the road is hazardous, e.g. black ice. This is wholly unsatisfactory as the roads through Michaelston-y-Fedw are thoroughfares not side streets, the hills are particularly dangerous in icy weather, and requesting gritting when the ice is already present is too late for effective action. The Clerk will write to both Newport City councillors requesting their help in escalating this issue and Councillor Walford will raise it with Newport's Mayor, Councillor D. Williams.

01/22/03 – Co-option of new councillor

Following advertisement of the vacancy created by Councillor Taylor's resignation, Mrs Louise Cohen of Daintree House was unanimously co-opted to the community council.

01/22/04 – Police matters

- No monthly report has been received

01/22/05 – Planning

- An additional large new caravan has been sited at the travellers' site on Coalpit Lane. The Clerk will notify Newport Planning of this.

01/22/06 Roads & Rights of Way

- Councillor Hallett has met with Caerphilly Council regarding the pronounced dip in the road near Michaelston Bridge and the frequency of flooding in that area. They are to remedy the problem with the road surface, but they consider that the flooding is caused by the way the adjacent land is managed.

01/22/07 – Correspondence

- Draft Statutory Guidance has been received from Welsh Government concerning legislative changes affecting community councils. The contents were noted, and the necessary changes will be implemented.

01/22/08 – Finance

- Two invoices have been received from Simasy, one for £180 for web hosting and one for £50.36 for domain name registration. Payment was approved.

01/22/09 – Meeting Reports

- Councillor Hallett has circulated notes of the Newport Community Councils Liaison Meeting:
 - Surprisingly, NCC claim that there has been no increase in fly-tipping since the booking system at the tip was introduced. Community councillors find this hard to believe.
 - Funding is being made available for carbon literacy training for CCs to be delivered over the few months.
 - There have been a lot of complaints about Newport Council's slow or non-existent response to complaints sent in. Gareth Price (Head of Legal Services) gave assurances that he will escalate any issue on our behalf if we are failing to get a response from NCC.
 - The current Local Development Plan covers the period 2011-2026, having been adopted in 2015, so it is in need of review. Councillor Schofield will circulate the consultation document.

01/22/10 – Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Tynte Chapel on 2nd February 2022.