

# *Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council*

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at Michaelston Village Hall

## **Members Present:**

Councillor D. Schofield  
Councillor L. Meringolo  
Newport City Councillor R. Howells

Councillor C. Rowlands  
Councillor G. Davies

## **Apologies For Absence**

Councillors C. Walford, N. Hallett, L. Cohen

## **01/24/01 Matters Arising**

- The vacancy for youth representatives is to be advertised with a view to appointing them at the next meeting.

## **01/24/02 Planning**

- Councillors Schofield, Davies and Meringolo declared prejudicial Interest in relation to the discussion about the proposed crematorium, and they left the meeting at this point.
- The community council's objection to the proposed crematorium has been sent to Newport Council. City Councillor Howells has been informed that the application will be referred to full Planning Committee and not decided under delegated powers. She has also written to Planning regarding the application. Councillor Rowlands has written to Welsh Assembly Government asking them to call in the application and has asked the A.M. For Newport West to support that. The local protest group has yet to submit their objection letter. Marshfield Community Council has objected regarding potential traffic dangers in Castleton.

## **01/24/03 Police Matters**

- No police report has been received.

## **01/24/04 Roads, Hedges and Verges**

- The road surface outside Fairwater Farm remains in a very poor state. It has not been resurfaced in more than 30 years. The problem has been reported again to Newport Council.
- The lack of road gritting in icy conditions has been raised again with Newport Council by City Councillor Screen.
- Newport Council has responded to City Councillors regarding the request to reduce the local speed limit. They say that a Welsh Government instruction prevents them from reducing the speed limit except under specific circumstances. Councillor Howells has emailed Jayne Bryant A.M. asking her to lobby in favour of allowing local discretion in setting speed limits.
- Caerphilly Council has issued a notice saying that Michaelston Bridge is closed for 21 days from 3/1/24 because of flooding.
- Regular flooding occurs at the junction of Michaelston Road and Mill Lane because of blocked drain gullies. This has been reported to Newport Council. Councillor Howells will ask NCC drainage to visit the site and to liaise with Caerphilly Council regarding flooding at Michaelston Bridge.

## **01/24/05 – Correspondence**

None

## **01/24/06 – Finance**

- The precept request for 2024-5 has been acknowledged by Newport Council.
- Two invoices have been received from Simasy for domain name registration and for website and email hosting. Payment was authorised.

- An invoice has been received from the Village Hall CIO for payment to musicians at the Coronation Event. Payment was authorised.

**01/24/07 – Meeting Reports**

None

**01/24/08 – Chairman's Business**

None

**01/24/09 – Date of next meeting**

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024.