

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 7th January 2026 at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall

Members Present

Councillor N. Hallett

Councillor S. Cohen

Councillor L. Meringolo

Councillor D. Schofield

Councillor G. Davies

City Councillor T. Watkins

Apologies For Absence: Councillor L. Cohen, Councillor C. Rowlands

01/26/01 Minutes of previous meeting

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

01/26/02 Matters Arising

- The training plan update is now complete; copies were circulated to members.

01/26/03 Police Matters

- Three PCSOs attended the meeting. There was a wide-ranging discussion covering several subject areas, including road conditions and increased night patrols in certain areas. Gwent Police have launched a new *Neighbourhood Matters* portal which provides information and alerts about nearby incidents. Residents can sign up at <https://www.gwentneighbourhoodmatters.co.uk>

01/26/04 Planning

Nothing to report.

01/26/05 Roads, Hedges and Bridges

- The surface of Began Road continues to deteriorate with numerous large potholes. Residents are encouraged to lodge individual complaints to Newport Council in an effort to get the surface 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>. A detailed survey of the road will shortly be undertaken by community council members and will be sent to Newport Council.
- Despite numerous requests from the community council, and at least 2 overturned vehicles recently, Newport Council Highways Department refuses to carry road gritting in Michaelston-y-Few. Again, the community council encourages residents to complain directly to Newport Council using the above methods. City Councillor Watkins will request a meeting with Newport Highways Department. Meanwhile the community council has agreed to pay for some gritting by a local contractor, but the funds available are very limited.

01/26/06 Correspondence

- Applications are invited to join the Newport Local Access Forum.
- There will be a meeting of the Newport Climate Champions Network on the 21st January.

01/26/07 Finance

- Payment was authorised for 2 invoices for domain name registration and web site hosting.
- In response to a request from the council's bank, a mandate was signed by the Chair and the Clerk to update the signatories on the council's bank account.

01/26/09 Meeting Reports

- Councillor Schofield attended a meeting with Newport Council regarding the use of CCTV evidence to prosecute fly-tippers. The evidence can be used to prosecute, but the need to make a statement is potentially dangerous.
- The recent Newport Community Councils liaison meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.
- Councillor Hallett will attend the One Voice Wales AGM.

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