

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 6th January 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
Residents of “Waggoners” and “Nant y Deri”, Began Road also attended.

Councillor Mr. D. Schofield
Councillor Mr. L. Meringolo
City Councillor T Suller

Apologies for Absence: None

01/21/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

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

01/21/02 – Matters arising

- Cefn Llwyd bridge has still not been repaired and Caerphilly Council have not responded to a request for update. The Clerk will contact them again.
- Planning application 20/1178 for glamping pods at Neuadd Wen – Councillor Walford has been unable to contact the nearby resident, so Newport Planning department has been asked to include them as consultees.
- Water running down Began Road hill – Councillor Meringolo has spoken to the landowner who has also made a previous commitment to the Community Council to resolve the problem, but it still persists. This will be discussed with the landowner as part of the meeting about planning permission for the Farm Park.
- Councillor Meringolo reported that the trees at Bridge Terrace, which were the subject of complaints, have now been trimmed.

01/21/03 – Police matters - Nothing to report.

01/21/04 – Planning

- Application 20/1215 Redevelopment / rebuilding of business and retail areas at Cefn Mably Farm Park. Councillors have concerns about this application, including discrepancies regarding the claimed size and height of the building, inaccuracies in the Flood Risk Assessment and a lack of information about dealing with water run-off which could exacerbate the existing flood risk to nearby residents. Barriers around the park may also prevent water from draining across the park into the river. It is claimed that this development and the railway will not increase footfall or visitor traffic, but this seems unlikely and there are concerns over the amount of parking space available. The community council wishes to find a constructive solution to the concerns and will seek a meeting with the applicant. City Councillor Suller will check whether this is to be an agricultural determination.
- The community council has not been consulted about 2 other applications within the council's boundary. The Clerk will take this up with Newport Planning.

01/21/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- No road gritting is being done in this area during icy weather. This has resulted in at least 1 accident, at Penylan. City Councillor Suller will take this up with Newport Council.
- Various road drains in the area are blocked, including Began Road hill and at the junction of Michaelston Road with the private road leading to The Mill House. The Clerk will report these to Newport Council.

01/21/06 – Correspondence - None

01/21/07 – Finance

- Invoices have been received from Simasy Ltd for £180.00 for web hosting, and from Audit Wales for £322.68 for the external audit. Councillors approved payment for these.

01/21/08 – Meeting reports

01/21/09 – Chairman’s Business

Residents are worried by episodes of dangerous driving around the village, often involving off-road motor bikes. There is little that the community council can do directly to stop it, but a recent incident involving a van and a car was captured by several of our CCTV cameras and the footage has been supplied to the Police. The cameras have been funded by MyFi, and further cameras are also being installed.

01/21/10 – Date of next meeting

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

Planning sub-committee meeting 13th January 2021

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Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr N Hallett

Councillor Mr. D. Schofield

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Planning application 20-1215

Following a site meeting with the applicant, this meeting was convened to discuss the application with residents and to decide the community council’s response to the consultation.

The site meeting clarified several points about the shape and size of the new building and there was considerable discussion about the problems of flooding. The flooding is attributed to several causes, namely excess water running down Began Road hill from the applicant’s gateway, the blockage of roadside drains, and the limited size of the outlet where water from the drainage ditch discharges into the river.

The applicant has promised to resolve the problem of water running down the hill within the next few weeks. The community council will contact Newport Council about the blocked drains and Natural Resources Wales about the discharge to the river.

The community council will not object to the planning consent, subject to the applicant carrying out the promised works to stop water running down the road before the end of February. The council’s response to Newport Planning will highlight the problems of flooding and will also request that conditions be applied to the consent precluding the future expansion of car parking at or near the farm park.