

# *Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council*

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Michaelston Village Hall

## **Members Present:**

Councillor N Hallett  
Councillor Mr C Walford  
Councillor Mr G Davies

Councillor C Rowlands  
Councillor Mr D Schofield  
Councillor Mr L Meringolo  
Newport City Councillor Rhian Howells

## **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Mrs L Cohen

## **July 2023 Monthly meeting**

### **07/23/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the May meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Rowlands and seconded by Councillor Davies.

### **07/23/02 – Matters arising**

- Councillor Hallett updated the meeting with regards to his attendance at the meeting with Natural Resources Wales and the developments at Cefn Mably Farm Park. Councillor Hallett advised that there would need to be flood risk activity, planning permission and a permit would be required.

### **07/23/03 – Police matters**

- No Police attended the meeting this evening however the Police report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting this evening. The full breakdown of these reports can be found at <https://www.police.uk/your-area/gwent-police/marshfield/>
- Councillor Hallett advised that he had also recently attended the Chairman's Meeting where the lack of Police attending Community Council meetings had been raised and that a meeting with the Superintendent had been requested.

### **07/23/04 – Planning**

- No planning applications have been received.

### **07.23.05 – Roads, Hedges and Verges**

- Councillor Rowlands raised concerns regarding the ongoing deterioration of Began Road due to potholes. NCC Councillor Rhian Howells advised that the individual potholes need to be identified and the most efficient way of doing this is via the Newport City Council (NCC) app or online, officers will then inspect the pothole within one week to determine the priority. Councillor Howells advised that if the outcome is not satisfactory then the information can be forwarded to her via email.
- 20mph speed limit – Councillor Hallett advised that he had been made aware of villages in England where there had been success in applications made for 20mph to be applied, which confirms that this can be achieved. Councillors requested for a meeting to be arranged for the end of October with the Highways Department to pursue this once the commencement date had passed for the introduction of 20mph throughout Newport City Centre.
- Councillor Schofield enquired whether road sweeping could be done due to the build up of gravel on some of the roads as this causes a potential hazard for cyclists. NCC Rhian Howells, advised that this would need to be requested as above via the app or online.

### **07/23/06 – Correspondence**

- Clerk advised of a request from Mr D Phillips from Clearwell Farm to be sent a copy of the complaint letter to NCC. Agreed and clerk to forward.
- Letter received from Mr J Ashton from Neuadd Wen regarding concerns that have been raised the partial blockage of an adopted highway and the upkeep of local footpaths. Councillor Walford advised that he had gone to meet with Mr Ashworth to discuss his concerns. It was agreed that the Council would wait for the outcome of the concerns raised to NCC and requested that the Clerk obtain the reference relating to the concern.

### **07/23/07 – Finance**

- Quarterly Budget was reviewed, and it was agreed unanimously that an increase of 20% was to be applied to the Clerk's annual salary as this had not been done for several years. It was agreed that the additional funds (£200 per year) would be made available by adjusting the donations from £500 to £300. It was agreed that this would be reviewed in 6 months' time.

### **07/23/08 – Chairmans Business**

- Councillor Schofield raised that should there be future Freedom of Information requests that the Clerk can respond without the need for agreement from the Councillors.
- There is a church yard clean up on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – 9:30am.
- NCC Councillor Rhian Howells advised that there would be a Ward Meeting held on 31 July 2023 at Peterstone Community Hall which would be followed by the Councillors Ward Surgery. The agenda will include the budget, performance against the budget, how wards will be affected by the budget, planning enforcement and highways issues. An email will be sent from NCC Councillor Allan Screen nearer the time.
- Councillor Davies raised a concern which had been passed to him from a member of the community who had recently enquired about having their cesspit emptied. NCC had stated that there would be an additional charge now levied for traffic management arrangements to ensure safe working. This raised several questions regarding other workers such as the refuse men and royal mail as these currently deliver services without such traffic management in place.
- NCC Rhian Howells requested that Michaelston-y-Fedw village events be shared with the NCC Councillors for them to attend and be a presence. Councillor Davies advised that he would add NCC Councillor Rhian Howells to the mail chimp delivery system to ensure notification of future events.

### **06/23/09 – Date of next meeting**

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.