

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 5th June 2024 at Michaelston Village Hall

Members Present:

Councillor L. Meringolo	Councillor D. Schofield
Councillor C. Rowlands	Councillor C. Walford
Councillor S. Cohen	Councillor G. Davies
Councillor N. Hallett	Councillor L. Cohen
Newport City Councillor A. Screen	

Apologies For Absence

None

The meeting began with a video discussion with Pam Jordan of Natural Resources Wales regarding fly-tipping and the options available for combatting it and prosecuting those responsible.

Annual General Meeting

- **Election of Chair:** Councillor N. Hallett was unanimously re-elected
- **Election of Vice Chair:** Councillor C. Walford was unanimously re-elected
- **Planning Sub-Committee:** It was agreed that any three councillors can form a quorum for decisions on planning applications.
- **Internal Auditor:** It was agreed that Small Office Solutions should be re-appointed as internal auditors.
- **Confirmation of the 2024-2025 budget** - The meeting formally confirmed the 2024-25 budget.
- **To set the council's priorities for 2024-25** (required by the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021)
 - To deliver services within the agreed budget
 - To keep the electorate informed about council activities and decisions
 - To help the church, the village hall and the wider community to promote the health and well-being of the community

June Monthly Meeting

06/24/01 Minutes of previous meeting

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

06/24/02 Matters Arising

- Several of the promises recently made by Newport Council regarding roads and drainage have not been fulfilled.
- NCC have denied knowledge of who removed the "Welcome to Penylan" road signs. The possibility of buying and erecting new signs will be investigated. City Councillor Screen will check on the legality of erecting signs on highway verges.

06/24/03 Planning

It is believed that the application for the crematorium will be considered at the next NCC Planning Committee.

06/24/04 Police Matters

The monthly police report has been circulated.

06/24/05 Roads, Hedges and Verges

- Some potholes on Began Road have been filled, although the road has not been swept as promised.
- Flooding at Mill Lane junction – Drainage gullies have not been cleared as promised.
- There are some deep potholes on Penylan Road. Councillor Screen recommends reporting these using the My Newport phone app.
- A local bridlepath is blocked by overgrowth. Clearance will be requested.

06/24/06 – Correspondence

- Details of Newport Council's consultation on the draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy have been circulated.
- Newport Council Planning Department's information on "What Constitutes a Material Amendment" has been circulated.
- All local councils are now in a Pre-Election Period when political activity and support for political parties is prohibited.

06/24/07 – Finance

- The Audit Wales Annual Return was approved and signed by the Chair and the Clerk
- The council's NatWest bank accounts have now been closed. All financial transactions now take place through Metro Bank.
- The community council's Dropbox storage is full. The Clerk was authorised to arrange for upgraded or alternative data backup.

06/24/08 – Meeting Reports

- City Councillor Screen reported that Ward Councillor Rhian Howells is now a Cabinet Member of Newport City Council.
- Speed restrictions for Michaelston-y-Fedw are now expected to be considered in late summer or autumn.

06/24/08 – Chairman's Business

None

06/24/09 – Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 3rd July 2024.