

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 6th June 2026 at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall.

Present:

Chair Cllr N Hallett Cllr G Davies Cllr C Rowlands Cllr L Meringolo
Cllr D Walford S Cohen

Apologies for Absence: None.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes for 5th May 2026 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr D Schofield and seconded by Cllr G Davies.

Matter Arising:

None.

Police Matters:

A discussion was held regarding issues within the community; no officers attended the meeting.

Planning:

26/0352 Plough House was discussed and noted.

Roads, Hedges, Verges and Bridges:

Roads: The recently announced road resurfacing program by NCC was discussed with great interest. MYFCC wish to thank those involved for agreeing to improve roads in our area.

Gritting: Began Road grit bin by Fairwater farm has not been replaced (A car crashed into it) and a new one by the Telephone Box has not been installed yet. Much discussion on the decision by NCC who refuses responsibility for gritting, despite a School Bus using Began Road. Any MYFCC budget not spent on gritting will be rolled over into the following year in case of a hard winter.

Lawnmower: The meeting agreed that Cllr D Schofield should be reimbursed in full. Ownership, maintenance and insurance need to be researched and addressed in depth by the meeting. Cllr D Schofield kindly agreed to investigate the options and will report in July meeting. £200 left in the budget which could be spent on a strimmer, the meeting agreed with this and gave a few options on where to buy, Cllr D Schofield agreed to purchase.

Correspondence:

All correspondence was noted.

Councillors were reminded that the OVW training was worthwhile and were asked to review their training needs for the next meeting.

Finance:

Audit Submission Update: The Annual Return was circulated for review, signed by Chair and Clerk and is now ready to send WAO. The compilation of several documents is needed as this is an in-depth triennial audit. It was noted that there is no record of the pay rise awarded to the previous Clerk being voted upon, which is something that will be queried in the audit. The matter was discussed back in March/April 2025 at a special sub-meeting of the community council, although minutes were not taken.

Vote: To agree retrospectively that the £300 pay rise given to L Russell in April 2025 was approved. Unanimous.

The Pension Regulator has been updated with the three yearly registration requirements. The £26 litter pick meeting donation has been paid. An up-to-date cashbook was presented at the meeting. Cllr D Schofield is to be reimbursed for the planter donation as agreed in April.

MYF Village Hall Stage Rebuild Donation: Interests were declared by DS, GD & CR, the meeting remained quorate. We require an update on spending from the Committee before further discussions on donations can be discussed. The rebuild is ongoing and looks very impressive.

Meeting Reports:

Litter Pick Meeting: The information gleaned from the meeting was discussed. There will be litter picks arranged to coincide with road closures by the Utility Companies which would make the task safer on the 60mph roads. Cllr D Schofield will talk to our insurance provider on this.

Fly Tipping: Caerphilly Council has been successful in bringing fly tippers to court with fines totalling £6400, which is a significant sum. The meeting thanked Cllr D Schofield for his diligence and hard work in these matters.

Date of next meeting: 7pm Wednesday 1st July 2026 at MyF Village Hall