

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 3rd March 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
Councillor Mr G Morgan

Councillor Mr. D. Schofield
Councillor Mr. L. Meringolo
Councillor Mrs J Taylor

Apologies for Absence:

03/21/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the February meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Schofield and seconded by Councillor Meringolo.

03/21/02 – Matters arising

- Water running down Began Road hill – Councillor Meringolo has previously spoken to the landowner who undertook to divert the water to a nearby drain. This has not been done, despite promises to do so since last September.
- Absence of road gritting – the Clerk raised this with Newport Council using their on-line form, but there has been no response. Councillor Walford pointed out that a fire engine recently struggled to travel up the hill from Bassaleg and along Holly Lane because of the icy conditions. The Clerk will now write formally to Newport Council complaining about the lack of gritting.

03/21/03 – Police matters

- The Clerk has invited the PCSOs to join future Community Council meetings via Zoom, and Councillor Schofield has also invited them, but there has been no response.

03/21/04 – Planning

- Application 20/1215 Redevelopment / rebuilding of business and retail areas at Cefn Mably Farm Park. It is noted that demolition of the existing buildings is well under way, even though planning consent has not yet been granted. Councillors are concerned at the lack of faith being demonstrated by the owner of the park; water continues to run down the hill despite promises to stop it, and road drainage has been blocked at the bottom of the hill. A wider gateway has also been installed opposite the park directly abutting the road in contravention of planning consent 19/0902 for the access road which requires the gate to be set back 10 metres from the road. Drainage for the access road hasn't been installed, nor has the access on Began Road hill been closed off, despite these being required by the end of November 2020 in the planning conditions. The Clerk will write to the owner of the farm park requesting a meeting as soon as possible.

03/21/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- There has been no progress on repairs to Michaelston Bridge by Caerphilly Council.
- Potholes outside Fairwater Farm on Began Road have been very crudely repaired by Newport Council.

03/21/06 – Correspondence

- Draft guidance on the Code of Conduct for councillors has been circulated. This is an invitation to comment which councillors may do individually if they so wish.
- One Voice Wales circulated a reminder of the rule requiring disqualification of councillors who miss 6 consecutive meetings.
- Welsh Government has issued a consultation on its new Litter & Fly-tipping Prevention Plan for Wales. The Clerk will circulate the link to councillors.

- Sustrans Cymru has issued a consultation about updating the Newport Active Travel Map. The Clerk will circulate the link to councillors.

03/21/07 – Finance

- Councillors authorised payment of the £400 invoice for village hall rent. Councillors Davies, Walford and Taylor declared their interest in this.
- Renewal of the internet security software licence at £34.99 was authorised.
- An invoice of £750 for churchyard grass cutting is awaited – this is to be paid before the end of the financial year.
- The Clerk is currently the only person with access to the council's bank account. This may be problematic if the Clerk is unable to do so. It was agreed that Councillor Davies should also apply for access to the account.

03/21/08 – Meeting reports

Councillor Davies reported that numerous CCTV cameras have now been installed and tested, and there has been some reduction in the occurrence of fly-tipping.

03/21/09 – Chairman's Business

Councillor Meringolo pointed out that printed copies of Newport Matters are no longer delivered in the village. It is assumed that this is because much of the village has a Cardiff post code.

03/21/10 – Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th April 2021.