

# *Any Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council*

**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at Michaelston Village Hall**

## **Members Present:**

Councillor L. Meringolo  
Councillor C. Rowlands  
Councillor S. Cohen  
Newport City Councillor T. Watkins

Councillor D. Schofield  
Councillor C. Walford  
Councillor G. Davies

## **Apologies For Absence**

Councillor N. Hallett, Councillor L. Cohen

## **05/24/01 Minutes of previous meeting**

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Councillor Rowlands and seconded by Councillor Davies.

## **05/24/02 Matters Arising**

- The Annual Report has been circulated and publicised on the web site.
- Councillor Schofield has contacted Newport Council regarding candidate housing sites that do not appear on the Local Development Plan web site. NCC say that they will be published at the Deposit Stage in the Autumn. Councillor Schofield will ask for details of any sites in our area so that we have time to comment.
- The outlet from the water trough remains blocked. Andrew Brooks of Newport Highways will contact their drainage team to investigate.

## **05/24/03 Planning**

Councillor Rowlands reported that the applicants for the crematorium have contested some of the points raised in the community council's objection.

## **05/24/04 Police Matters**

No monthly police report has been received. Police did attend the ward surgery held last Friday and apologised for being unable to attend this meeting.

## **05/24/05 Roads, Hedges and Verges**

- The road surface outside Fairwater Farm remains in a very poor state. Newport Highways say that temporary repairs had to be made because weather conditions have been too poor for permanent works. The road will be re-inspected and, as soon as conditions allow, the road will be swept and permanent repairs will be made. The Clerk will ask for the continuation of Began Road towards Old St Mellons to be included.
- Flooding at Mill Lane junction – Newport Council have written to the owners of surrounding land telling them to mitigate water and silt run-off from their fields. Drainage gullies are to be inspected and cleaned this week.
- Signs saying "Welcome to Penylan, please drive carefully", erected by the community council about 20 years ago, were recently removed from Penylan by Newport Council workers. The Clerk will write to NCC protesting at this unnecessary action and requesting the return of the community council's property.

## **05/24/06 – Correspondence**

A request was received from the local history group for partial funding towards repair and restoration of historic monuments. Councillors Schofield and Davies declared their interests in this matter. The council agreed to fund 50% of repairs to 2 items in the sum of £1531. Other organisations are funding the remaining 50% and the whole of 3 other items.

#### **05/24/07 – Finance**

- The subscription for Microsoft Office software was too limiting and needs to be increased from £19.99 to £59.99. Payment was authorised.
- The first precept payment of £3,292 has been received.
- All financial transactions now take place through Metro Bank. Closure of the NatWest accounts was authorised.

#### **05/24/08 – Meeting Reports**

Councillor Schofield attended a joint “3 Bridges” meeting with elected representatives from Draethen Community Council, Newport City Council, Caerphilly Borough Council and representatives from council departments. Decisions pertinent to Michaelston-y-Fedw included:

- Debris collecting beneath river bridges causing a danger of flooding. Caerphilly Council will clear the debris.
- Communication of road closures – there is a need to make clear exactly where roads will be closed and for how long, rather than the vague signage that has been deployed recently. Newport and Caerphilly Councils agreed to improve signage and to be more specific about the duration of closures.
- CCTV is being installed in and around Draethen. This will complement CCTV coverage in Michaelston-y-Fedw, and the two councils will work together to realise the full potential of their respective systems.

#### **05/24/08 – Chairman’s Business**

- A vehicle was recently caught on CCTV dumping black bags on the roadside. The contents are possibly waste compost from cannabis growing. Police and Newport Council have been informed.
- Closure of Cefn Mably Bridge is expected in early June for about a week for repairs to a major water main.

#### **05/24/09 – Date of next meeting**

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.