

# *Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council*

## **Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 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 N Hallett  
Councillor Mr C Walford

Councillor Mr. D. Schofield  
Councillor Mr. L. Meringolo

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor Mrs J Taylor

## **2021 Annual General Meeting**

### **Election of Officers for 2021-22**

- **Chair:** Councillor Hallett was elected unopposed
- **Vice Chair:** Councillor Walford was elected unopposed.
- **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, as per the existing 3-year agreement.

**Agreement of Council Budget:** The meeting formally agreed the 2021-22 budget.

### **Council Priorities for 2021-22:**

- To deliver services within the agreed budget
- To keep the electorate informed about council activities and decisions.

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## **May 2021 Community Council**

### **05/21/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the March meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Davies and seconded by Councillor Schofield.

### **05/21/02 – Matters arising**

- Water running down Began Road hill – Following a meeting with the owner of Cefn Mably Farm Park by councillors Schofield and Davies, work to remedy the problem has been carried out and water no longer flows down the road.
- Absence of road gritting – as instructed at the April meeting, the Clerk wrote to Newport Council asking for a copy of the assessment that led to the decision not to grit roads in this area. No reply has been received. Councillors agreed to raise this matter again with Newport Council in September when the need for gritting becomes more urgent.

### **05/21/03 – Police matters**

- No report has been received from the Police this month.

### **05/21/04 – Planning**

- No planning applications have been received this month.

### **05/21/05 Roads & Rights of Way**

- There has still been no progress by Caerphilly Council with repairs to Michaelston Bridge, and further damage is now being inflicted. The Clerk will raise the matter with Caerphilly Council.

#### **05/21/06 – Correspondence**

- Newport Council has advised that the vehicles thought to be responsible for fly-tipping in the lane beside the Old Rectory could not be traced, possibly because they were using false number plates. The fly tipping on Penylan Hill was partially cleared by the owners of the rubbish after Facebook publicity, the remainder was cleared by Newport Council who have not shown any enthusiasm for prosecuting those responsible.
- A request for funds has been received from the Village Hall Management Committee to help with the cost of replacing the windows and front door. Councillors Davies and Walford declared their interest in this matter. The community council has budgeted £500pa for village hall maintenance, but this hasn't been spent for a few years. Some concern was expressed about the amount of work needed and the percentage of the council's current budget that would now be required. It was agreed that £1000 should be paid to the village hall which has just been approved as a Community Interest Organisation with charitable status.

#### **05/21/07 – Finance**

- The first precept of £3110 has been received from Newport Council.
- The 2020-21 invoice for £750 for grass cutting has now been received. Payment was approved.

#### **05/21/08 – Meeting reports**

- None.

#### **05/21/09 – Chairman's Business**

- Councillor Walford reported that the wooden posts supporting the notice board on Penylan Hill are rotted. He will arrange for them to be replaced with concrete posts.
- A community litter pick will be arranged for 09.30 on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **04/21/10 – Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held in the village hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.