

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at Michaelston Village Hall

Members Present:

Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mr C Rowlands

Councillor Mr D. Schofield
Councillor Mrs L Cohen
Councillor Mr N Hallett

Apologies for absence

Councillor Mr L Meringolo

2022-23 Annual Meeting

The chairman welcomed all newly elected councillors to the meeting.

- **Election of Chair** - Councillor Hallett was unanimously re-elected
- **Election of Vice Chair** - Councillor 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 2022-23 budget** - The meeting formally agreed the 2022-23 budget
- **To set the council's priorities for 2022-23** (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

May 2022 Monthly meeting

05/22/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the April meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Davies and seconded by Councillor Walford.

05/22/02 – Matters arising

- Road gritting – The representative from Newport Highways has again declined to attend a community council meeting. As frosts are now very unlikely, they are to be asked to remove the “Ice” warning signs from the village.
- Speed warning signs would require planning permission and approval from the highways authority which is unlikely to be given.
- Newly elected city councillors will be asked for their help with the issue of gritting and that of speeding vehicles.

05/22/03 – Police matters

- Police are to be re-invited to attend community council meetings.

05/22/04 – Planning

- No applications received.
- A letter drafted by Councillor Schofield will be sent to Newport Council regarding the LDP update.

05/22/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- A deep pothole near the top of Penylan Hill is to be reported to Newport Council.
- It was noted that Welsh Water will close Cefn Mably Bridge for up to 2 months to allow the repair of a major water main. They claim that they do not need to warn people of

this because it is an emergency, even though the work has been planned for several months.

05/22/06 – Correspondence

- Two free places are available on training webinars. Councillor Rowlands is to be nominated for one of the places.

05/22/07 – Finance

- The first precept payment has been received from Newport Council.
- Because of poor service from the current bank, a move to a different bank will be investigated.
- Audit Wales are now requiring even more evidence that payments made by the council are fully approved by them. This will require additional reporting of the need to make a payment and confirmation that it has been made.

05/22/08 – Meeting Reports

- Councillor Hallett attended the Community Councils Partnership meeting. It was noted that village halls can claim from Newport Council for loss of earnings due to covid closures.

05/22/09 – Chairmans Business

- The village field is to be mown in readiness for the Jubilee celebration event, then weeds will be sprayed in the autumn.
- Letters of thanks are to be sent to retiring city councillors Richard White and Tom Suller.

05/22/10 – Date of next meeting

Because of the Jubilee celebration event, the next meeting will be held on the 8th June 2022 and the newly elected city councillors will be invited to attend.