

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 1st
November 2023 at Michaelston Village Hall**

Members Present:

Councillor Mr D Schofield
Councillor Mr L Meringolo
Councillor Mr G Davies

Councillor N Hallett
Councillor Mr C Walford

Councillor T Watkins
Councillor C Davies Chair of Marshfield Community Council

Apologies for Absence

Councillor L Cohen
Councillor C Rowlands

November 2023 Monthly meeting

11/23/01

- Councillor Cath Davies from Marshfield asked Chair if she could address the meeting with a few points.
- The Marshfield Community Council have drafted a letter regarding the proposed crematorium which covers elements of the traffic, speed, crashes and fatalities, this letter is to be agreed at Community Council meeting next week.
- There have been planning sessions organised with a town planner with dates in December, January and February. Councillor G Davies and Councillor Meringolo have agreed to attend the December meeting, Councillor Hallett has agreed to attend the January meeting and February's attendance is to be confirmed.

11/23/02 – Minutes of the previous meeting

- It wasn't possible to agree the minutes of the previous meeting as there were apologies for absence. It was therefore agreed that this would be carried over to the next meeting.

11/23/03 – Matters Arising

- Councillor Schofield raised the issue of litter picking as NCC won't collect the picked litter in areas with a speed limit above 30mph due to safety concerns. This causes a concern for the residents of Michaelston-y-Fedw as all of the roads are 60mph. It was asked if picked litter bags could be left on a 30mph in a nearby area, however this would then be classed as fly tipping and therefore this was not an option. It was discussed that the Marshfield Magpies, had a similar issue and to date no resolution has been reached. The reason for this is following a member of NCC staff who was involved in a fatal accident and the ruling to not litter pick on roads of speeds more than 30mph is as a direct result of the Health and Safety Executive and the result of the court case and associated fine is still pending.
- A discussion took place regarding the proposals for consideration for other roads to be moved to 20mph now that the implementation date of 17/09/23 has passed. It was noted that in a previous meeting Councillor Screen from NCC had advised that he would raise this matter but to date there have been no new developments. It was agreed by all in attendance that if there is no new information at the next meeting, 06/12/23, then the Community Council will move to take alternative action.
- Councillor Rowlands had requested that in his absence this evening that the view of the NCC councillors in attendance share their views on the proposed crematorium. It was agreed that there is support for the objection from those present, however it was

noted that Councillor Screen would not be included in these discussions given that he is an active member of the Planning Committee Panel.

- Councillor Rowlands had also requested that any information that could be shared from NCC Councillors would be regarding the proposals, however it was noted that the only way to monitor the situation would be through the NCC Planning portal.
- Discussions took place surrounding the reasons for objections and it was asked if it would be possible to obtain data from the speed cameras which are frequently parked on the A48 close to Craig Yr Haul as this could assist with supporting information regarding the speed of vehicles so an understanding of the amount of prosecutions would be of benefit. It was agreed that this information will be sought from Go Safe under a Freedom of Information request.

11/23/04 – Police Report

- No Police Report had been sent prior to the meeting, however anyone wishing to view this information in detail can do so at The full breakdown of these reports can be found at <https://www.police.uk/your-area/gwent-police/marshfield/>
- It was noted that an observational mirror had been stolen from outside Churchill in Michaelston-y-Fedw.

11/23/05 – Planning

- No new planning applications have been received.
- Councillor Schofield advised that the planning application for an agricultural barn at Pen-y-Groes, Pen-y-Lan, had been refused due to an issue related to the trees.

11.23.06 – Roads, Hedges and Verges

- There were no new issues reported.

11/23/07 – Correspondence

- Councillor Davies raised the matter of a Youth Member joining the Community Council as a Welsh Government Paper of 2011 advises that Community Council's have the power to appoint a Youth Member, it was agreed that this would be something that the Community Council would be keen to encourage. It was agreed that further information would be sought from One Voice Wales in relation to clarification surrounding this appointment.
- Councillor Hallett advised that he had received correspondence from a horse-riding member of the community who has requested the erection of signs informing motorists to anticipate horses and riders within the village. Councillor Davies added it maybe more appropriate to have a sign which indicates multiple road users such as horse riders, cyclists and walkers. It was agreed that an email is to be sent to NCC Highways Department to understand if this could be possible.
- Correspondence had been previously circulated to all Community Councillors regarding the Local Replacement Development Consultation and Councillor Hallett encouraged all to follow this up to understand the detail and what the process involves as it also gives information on the proposed next sites under the LDP Local Development Plan as there are some proposed sites which are in close proximity to the village of Michaelston-y-Fedw.

11/23/08 – Finance

- Clerk advised that an invoice had been received from Simasy and was seeking approval for payment to be made for £55.40 for the domain name – this was agreed by all for Clerk to make the payment.
- Councillor Walford advised that an error had occurred with a mix up with cards and a payment had been made in error – it was agreed that the funds would be transferred back to the Community Council's Metro Account from that of the Village Hall account.
- Councillor Schofield asked if the Community Council wanted the planters either side of the telephone box outside the Village Hall planted with winter bedding plants, this was agreed by all, and a receipt will be submitted for this in due course for payment.

11/23/09 – Chairmans Business

- The Clerk advised that due to their full-time work commitments that she was having to unfortunately stand down from the role. It was agreed that the Community Council would need to advertise for a replacement Clerk to be sought. It was also noted that the Clerk has given their apologies for the next meeting, 06/12/2023.

11/23/10 – Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 6th December 2023.