

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 4th November 2023 at Michaelston Village Hall

Members Present:

Councillor Mr D Schofield
Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr G Davies

Councillor C Rowlands
Councillor Mrs L Cohen

Newport City Councillor Rhian Howells

Apologies for absence

Councillor N Hallett
Councillor Mr L Meringolo

October 2023 Monthly meeting

10/23/01 – Declaration of Interests

- Councillor Schofield and Councillor Davies declared Prejudicial Interest in relation to the Agenda item relating to the proposed crematorium, as they are Directors of Myfi, and will leave the meeting at this point.

10/23/02 – Minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes of the May meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Davies and seconded by Councillor Rowlands.

10/23/03 – Police matters

- 2 Police Officers attended the meeting this evening and advised that PCSO Michelle Pearson had moved on and that Sam Whatley would be the Officer for our ward. They also advised that there was a new Sergeant, Chris Johnson who has started within the last month but who has worked previously in Pill as a Response Officer.
- The Police advised that as a result of their Operation Absorb, which had been targeting vehicles along the Coast Road suspected of carrying unlicensed waste and rouge traders had resulted in a vehicle being seized.
- A Police Report had been sent previously, and 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/pu/your-area/gwent-police/marshfield/>
- The Police were asked if there had been any reports of drivers being charged with driving over 20mph, but to date there have been no reports of prosecution.

10/23/04 – Matters arising

- Councillor Rowlands reported that the potholes for which he had given the report numbers, have now been repaired, albeit not well and there is still an amount of gravel / debris left on the road side especially near the entrance to Fairwater Farm which could be dangerous to cyclists.
- NCC Councillor Rhian Howells advised that they had had zero attendance at the most recent Ward Surgery which had been held at the Village Hall in Michaelston-y-Fedw. Suggestions were made as to how to advertise these moving forwards.

10/23/05 – Planning

For this Agenda item Councillors Schofield and Davies left the room.

- Details of the proposed crematorium, Castleton Park, were shared with NCC Councillor Rhian Howells. A Public Exhibition had been held on Thursday 28th September at the Coach and Horses in Castleton which gave an opportunity for local residents to share their views and ask questions of the developers. As a result of these proposals a Local Action Group has come together to take the matter forwards

and they plan to meet on Monday 9th October at 8pm at the Village Hall. It was agreed that the Community Council will draft a letter outlining the concerns raised by local residents. These include the increase of traffic from a number of directions, not just Coal Pit Lane, as indicated in the plans, but also from other surrounding areas, that the lanes are predominantly one way traffic and heavy agricultural vehicles, there is no bus route, pavements or safe walking route to the proposed site and that the proposed land is Grade 3A.

- It was also agreed that the Clerk would share the information regarding the proposals with neighbouring Community Councils, including Marshfield, Graig, Machen Rudry and Draethen as these proposals could have an impact with increased traffic within these communities.

10.23.06– Roads, Hedges and Verges

- There were no new issues reported.

10/23/07 – Correspondence

- Clerk advised that there had been responses from Newport City Council and Caerphilly County Borough Council following the request for information regarding the reporting of Buddleia, Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed, both Councils have advised that concerns relating to public roads and land need to be reported via their websites.

10/23/08 – Finance

- Clerk advised that the second precept had been received into the Metro account.
- Clerk advised that the Community Council's insurance had been renewed with Zurich Insurance.
- Correspondence from Councillor Hallett in his absence, advised that he had had an email from Natural Resources Wales who have confirmed that there is no planning application in from Rhys Edwards regarding the bridge over the river and that they are checking whether he has broken any smaller rules by erecting smaller units by the river.

10/23/09 – Chairmans Business

- No matters were raised under this Agenda item.

10/23/10 – Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 1st November 2023.