

# *Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council*

**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Michaelston Village Hall**

## **Members Present:**

Councillor Mr C. Walford  
Councillor Mr G. Davies  
Councillor Mr L. Meringolo

Councillor Mr D. Schofield (via Zoom)  
Councillor Mrs L. Cohen  
Newport Councillor Mr A. Screen

## **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Mr N. Hallett, Councillor Mr C Rowlands, Newport Councillor T. Watkins,  
Newport Councillor R. Howells

## **09/22/01 – Police matters**

- CSOs Michelle Pearson and Clare Montgomery-Brown attended the meeting. They want to improve contact with this area and will be holding monthly surgeries at the village hall. The next surgery will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 11am. They are aware of the problems with motorcycles on Sunday mornings, it is a widespread problem and there are difficulties in apprehending the culprits. They will seek approval for an operation to stop the riders and they asked that a diary be kept so that they can get resources in place at the right time. Regarding cars speeding through the village, the local limit is 60mph so they cannot stop drivers unless the limit is reduced. The community council has already applied to Newport Council for a lower limit but only an automated acknowledgement has been received so far, accompanied by a standard letter describing the difficulties of imposing a speed limit. City Councillor Screen will raise the matter with the Highways department.

## **09/22/02 Planning application 22/0493 Cefn Mably Farm Park**

- The applicant Mr Rhys Edwards attended the meeting and described the landscaping proposal aimed at reducing the intrusion to neighbouring properties. The community council has already commented on the application, but Mr Edwards has been told that the application has now been called in for scrutiny by the planning committee. The reasons for this are unknown; City Councillor Screen will make enquiries.

## **09/22/03 – Minutes of the previous meeting**

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

## **09/22/04 – Matters arising**

- The move to Metro Bank is still to be actioned.
- There are still about 20 oak saplings available for people to plant.
- The new Statutory Guidance and the Finance and Governance toolkit were reviewed at length since the previous meeting. The Clerk reported on the items requiring attention. Most of those impose an administrative burden which seems wholly inappropriate for a council of this size, and the process of reviewing the two long documents took a considerable amount of time. The Clerk is to write to Welsh Government protesting at the imposition of unnecessary bureaucracy on small councils.

## **09/22/05 – Planning**

- Nothing further to report.

## **09/22/06 – Roads, Hedges & Rights of Way**

- Some of the new hedge planted in February has died because of the drought. Councillors authorised the purchase of 50 more hedge plants.

## **09/22/07 – Correspondence**

- The Community Engagement Officer for the Newport Transporter Bridge project has asked to attend a council meeting to explain the project. The Clerk will contact him.

- Welsh Government has launched an on-line consultation “A Fairer Council Tax”. The link will be circulated.

**09/22/08 – Finance**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> precept payment will be received this week. Although many of the community council’s payments are made during February and March, it now looks likely that there will be an underspend against the budget for this financial year. Councillors know that there are matters needing attention so these will be listed and prioritised.
- The new legal requirement to provide remote access to all council meetings will require the purchase of a webcam, microphones and ancillary equipment.

**09/22/09 – Meeting Reports**

- Councillor Hallett’s notes of the Community Council’s Partnership Meeting have already been circulated.

**09/22/10 – Chairmans Business**

- It seems that an application has been made for a large solar farm near Holly House Lane, but there is no trace on the Newport Planning website. Councillors will try to find out what is proposed.

**09/22/11 – Date of next meeting**

- The next meeting will be held on the 5th of October 2022.