

# *Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council*

## **Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2018**

### **Members Present:**

Councillor Mr. N. Hallett  
Councillor Mr G. Davies  
Councillor Mr C. Walford  
Councillor Mr. D. Schofield  
Councillor Mr. G. Morgan  
Councillor Mrs. J. Taylor  
City Councillor Mr. T. Suller  
City Councillor Mr. R. White

### **Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor Mr. L. Meringolo

### **12/18/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting**

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

### **12/18/02 – Matters arising**

- Road safety on A48. No further progress since Councillor Hallett met with Marshfield Community Council last month. A further meeting is expected after Marshfield CC's next meeting on Tuesday. It was noted that traffic seems to be coping with the temporary 30mph speed limit, bolstering the idea that a permanent 30 or 40pmh limit would be workable.
- The water running across the road near Reservoir House appears to have been stopped.

### **12/18/03 – Police matters**

- The monthly police report hasn't yet been received. It will be circulated to councillors by email when received.
- The Gwent Police & Crime Commissioner has written to say that he is considering asking for an increase in the police precept of £1 per month for a Band D property. An on-line consultation will be running until the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – the Clerk will put a link on the community council web page.

### **12/18/04 – Planning**

- No new applications received.
- It was noted that the waste disposal operations at Croescarneinon Farm seem to be coming to an end.

### **12/18/05 Roads & Rights of Way**

- Nothing to report.

### **12/18/06 – Correspondence**

- Welsh Government is planning to develop a package of resources to help local councils increase their use of the Welsh language.
- HMRC will be carrying out an Employer Compliance Review of this community council in January.

### **12/18/07 – Finance**

- Newport Council has decided to withdraw the Concurrent Grant from all community councils from 2019. This grant currently amounts to about 25% of this community

council's income, with the remainder coming from the Council Tax Precept. Councillor Hallett will attend the Newport Community Councils Liaison Meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> to join other community councils in protesting at the lack of consultation or warning before making this change.

Councillors drafted a budget for 2019-20 on the assumption that this funding will be withdrawn. This budget will be finalised at the January meeting when a decision will be made as to whether to seek an increase in the precept to compensate for the loss of the grant.

- Income and expenditure for the current year was reviewed and is proceeding as expected.
- Councillors resolved to increase the Clerk's salary from £660 to £1000pa to comply with National Minimum Wage legislation.

#### **12/18/09 – Other Business**

- After considerable delay, Newport Council has now replaced the damaged roadside grit bins, as requested by the community council.
- A community litter pick will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019.