

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 6th December 2023 at Michaelston Village Hall

Members Present:

Councillor Mr D Schofield
Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mr N Hallett (Chair)
Newport City Councillor Allan Screen

Councillor C Rowlands
Councillor Mrs L Cohen
Councillor L Meringolo
Mr S Cohen (co-opted junior member)

12/23/01 – Declaration of Interests

- Councillors Schofield, Davies and Meringolo declared prejudicial Interest in relation to the discussion about the proposed crematorium, and they left the meeting at this point.

12/23/02 – Planning

- Two residents made representations regarding the crematorium planning application. Councillor Screen was asked whether the application will be called in for discussion by the full Planning Committee rather than being decided under delegated powers. Councillor Screen said that it would go to committee although he could not personally call it in as he is a committee member. He also suggested contacting Senedd member Jayne Bryant for support.

12/23/03– Minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes of the October and November meetings were agreed as correct.

12/23/04 – Matter Arising

- No further information has been received from Newport Council regarding speed limits or from the Police regarding speeding tickets.

12/23/05 – Police matters

- The Police monthly report was circulated at the meeting. This is felt to be of little use and the matter will be raised at the next liaison meeting.

12/23/06– Roads, Hedges and Verges

- The road surface outside Fairwater Farm is again in a poor state after the recent repairs have largely fallen apart. It has been alleged that Newport Council are using an unsuitable grade of aggregate to make repairs. Councillor Screen will take this up with Newport Council.
- The lack of road gritting in icy conditions remains a problem and videos were shown of cars skidding on local roads. Councillor Screen has previously raised this with Newport Council, but they have again refused to grit these roads.
- Road closures and poor traffic management have caused problems recently. Closed roads have been wrongly signposted, and traffic management vehicles accompanying a gully emptier caused more traffic dangers than they prevented.
- City councillors have lobbied Welsh Government to reduce the default rural speed limit of 60mph.

12/23/07 – Correspondence

- An on-line road safety survey is open until 31st January 2024.
- Guidance has been received on co-opting youth members to community councils. A vacancy for a youth member will be advertised.

12/23/08 – Finance

- The budget for 2024-25 was decided and the precept request will be submitted to Newport Council.

- The limit for discretionary spending has been set by Welsh Government at £10.81 per elector.

12/23/09 – Meeting Reports

- There will be a public meeting in the village hall next Monday regarding the planning application for a crematorium. Local residents have also been asked to respond directly to Newport Planning.
- City Councillors will hold a ward surgery in Peterstone on Friday.

12/23/10 - Chairmans Business

- Purchase of flowers for the flower planters has been deferred until the Spring due to the current high cost of plants.

12/23/11 – Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 3rd January 2024.