

# *Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council*

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Michaelston Village Hall

## **Members Present:**

Councillor N Hallett  
Councillor Mr C Walford  
Councillor Mr G Davies

Councillor C Rowlands  
Councillor Mr D Schofield  
Councillor Mrs L Cohen

## **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Mr L Meringolo

## **June 2023 Monthly meeting**

### **06/23/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting**

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

### **65/23/02 – Matters arising**

- Potholes – no new information has been received regarding re-surfacing and due to the good weather and no rain the pothole situation has not worsened.
- 20mph – The Sub Committee established had been put on hold pending a meeting with Newport City Council. However, Councillor Screen from NCC advised that the plans for the 20mph speed limit were still going ahead and therefore it was agreed that the Sub Committee would now move forward and initiate publicity to highlight the concerns regarding this. Councillor Screen agreed to support the Sub Committee, Councillor Hallett will speak to Marshfield Community Council in addition and will update at

### **06/23/03 – Police matters**

- No Police attended the meeting this evening however the Police report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting this evening. The full breakdown of these reports can be found at <https://www.police.uk/your-area/gwent-police/marshfield/> which Councillor Schofield had advised at the May meeting.
- NCC Councillor Screen advised that he had attended a productive meeting with the Police and that a further meeting was scheduled for August at Pill Police Station and that further details would follow once available.

### **06/23/04 – Planning**

- An application had been received earlier this week and a subsequent email received today regarding the application number 20/0558 in relation to Little Maes-y-Crochan, it was agreed that the 2 emails were somewhat confusing as the one refers to the application being delegated and the other refers to committee. It was agreed that the Clerk would follow this up for clarification and advise accordingly.
- The Planning complaint that the Community Council had submitted following last month's meeting had been rejected and a further email sent on 15.05.23 asking for this to be reconsidered. To date no response has been received, Action for the Clerk to follow this up and ask for a timescale on a decision.

### **06/23/05 – Correspondence**

- 2 invoices from last financial year have been received from Small Office Solutions – agreement for the Clerk to pay these was received.

### **05/23/06 – Finance**

- It was confirmed that the signatory for Metro Bank has now been resolved.
- The outgoing Clerk, Mr Lawrence Russell attended the meeting this evening for the External Auditors Report to be signed off by himself and the Chair, Councillor Hallett which was successfully completed.

### **06/23/07 – Meeting Reports**

- Councillor Hallett advised that he had attended a meeting with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and that a future meeting will be scheduled for late summer. It was requested that at this future meeting a question be put to NRW, that should a request be received to install a bridge from the local farm park to an adjacent plot of land, what would the response be? It was discussed that the land in question has previously been turned down for planning by Caerphilly County Borough Council for use as a car park but that planning permission would be given for the storage of agricultural vehicles.
- NCC Councillor Screen advised that due to the recent new appointment of the Mayor for Newport he would be standing on the Planning Committee this year and he informed the meeting on the following proposals.
  1. There are plans for Microsoft to move to the old radiator factory on the LG site to house a data centre, Councillor Davies asked if there would be funding opportunities to the local area if these plans were approved. NCC Councillor Screen advised that there could be potential for this, and that Microsoft would be arranging meetings locally and information would be shared once available.
  2. The decision for the proposal of a solar farm on the Gwent Levels have been delayed and updates will be given once available.
  3. The semiconductor plant, Safran, currently based in Ringland who currently employ around 750 staff is planning to move to Imperial Park.
  4. NCC Councillor Screen informed the meeting that there are future plans to hold a Ward Meeting with NCC Councillors on 17.07.23 at Peterstone Village Hall for residents to discuss the performance against targets set by Newport City Council.
  5. NCC Councillor Screen informed the meeting that Airbus have an Employee Volunteer Scheme, where they encourage their staff to volunteer in local communities, NCC Councillor Screen asked if Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council would have any volunteering opportunities that could benefit from the scheme.
  6. NCC Councillor Screen advised that the decision to move to 3 weekly refuse collections was moving forward as over 40% of refuse currently collected could be recycled and the move is aimed at encouraging residents to recycle more effectively. It was raised that during the engagement and consultation for these plans that 53% of residents had opposed the plans, yet despite this, the decision has been made to move forward with the plans.

### **06/23/08 – Chairmans Business**

- Councillor Hallett suggested that the community would benefit from a newsletter that would be circulated to those living in the community giving information about the Community Council as well as other local issues. Information and events. Discussions as to how this could be circulated were discussed and Councillor Hallett advised that he would be happy to take this role on with more information to follow.
- Future dates for diaries:
  1. Church yard clear up – 01.07.23
  2. Litter pick -21.10.23
- Councillor Davies advised that he had received a request from NCC Councillor Screen for the Village Hall to be used for a meeting in September and that consideration would need to be given by the Village Hall Committee as to whether a charge would need to be incurred for future meetings, NCC Councillor Screen agreed with this.
- Councillor Walford raised that the Community Council should consider looking at the wages paid to the Community Council Clerk as these had not changed for several years. It was also highlighted that consideration should be given to increasing the

precept in line with inflation given that Council Tax rates have also increased. It was agreed that these points should be on the agenda and discussed at the next meeting when there will be the quarterly budget review.

**06/23/09 – Date of next meeting**

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July