

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday 6th September 2017

Members Present:

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

Prior to the formal meeting, councillors listened to a presentation by Mr Julian Hayman of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board. The presentation outlined the way that local health boards are adapting to cope with the modern challenges of ageing populations with complex illnesses, staff recruitment and retention issues, and old buildings which are becoming unfit for purpose.

Apologies for absence

None

09/17/01 – Minutes of the previous meetings

- The minutes of the 5th July meeting were proposed as correct by Councillor Schofield and seconded by Councillor Hallett.

09/17/02 – Matters arising

- Village Hall car park – ongoing

09/17/03 – Police matters

- No police report has been received. It will be circulated to councillors when it arrives.

09/17/04 – Planning

- The application for a proposed waste transfer station at Pentrepoeth Road was refused by Newport Planning Committee.
- Fairwater Solar Farm – there has been no contact since the June email correspondence between the Clerk and DLA Piper LLP (solicitors for the solar farm's new owners). The Clerk will email DLA Piper to request an update.

09/17/05 Roads & Rights of Way

- No response has been received to the request for Newport Council to reinstate the direction sign to Michaelston-y-Fedw at the bottom of Began Road hill, and for the installation of a weight and width limit sign on Michaelston Bridge. The Clerk will ask Newport Council for an update.
- Replacement "Welcome To Michaelston-y-Fedw" signs made of non-valuable materials can be obtained for about £40 each. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- The blocked bridle path has been cleared by Newport Council.
- Some local hedges are still over-hanging the roads, forcing cyclists into the middle of the road. Councillor Davies will speak to the landowner concerned.

09/17/06 – Correspondence

- The council must now appoint a Data Protection Officer and take care to comply with the laws on data privacy. Councillor Davies will take on the role of DPO.
- Responses to the letters delivered to all households revealed the following:
 - Concern about the late-night car rally that will pass through the village during the 16th-17th September. The council has not been consulted about this and has no powers to stop it, but the event will be monitored and if it causes problems then objections to future events may be raised.
 - Complaint about dirty road signs that aren't easy to read. Councillor Taylor volunteered to clean the signs.
 - Considerable interest in the community broadband scheme.

We still don't have email addresses for 43 properties. Councillors will ask those who haven't responded to the letters whether they wish to be included in council communications.

09/17/07 – Finance

- The 2016-17 audit submission has been returned by the External Auditor, with a complaint that the sum of £15 from 2015-16 has been recorded in the wrong box on the form and that assets had not been properly recorded. The form was corrected and signed by the Clerk and the Chair, and councillors approved the revised form for re-submission.
- The council's financial position was reviewed. As the bridle path has been cleared by Newport Council, the money budgeted for that work can be used elsewhere.
- A request for a grant of £499 was received from the community broadband scheme. Councillors Davies, Walford, Schofield and Taylor declared their interest in this matter. The council unanimously approved the grant.
- Insurance is due for renewal. A discount of 5% is available if the council commits to using the same company for the next 3 years. This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.