

# Michaelston-le-Pit and Leckwith Community Council

## Cyngor Cymunedol Llanfihangel y Pwll

### Minutes of Meeting

Held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 at 7pm

#### Present:

Cllr D Jones (Chair)  
Cllr B Gaskell  
Cllr G Marks

Cllr K Oxenham  
Cllr C Robertson  
Cllr N Keeping

#### Not Present:

Cllr K Heath

#### 17. Apologies for Absence

Vale Councillor Andy Robertson.

#### 18. Election of Chairman of the Community Council for the Year 2020-2021

Cllr B Gaskell proposed Cllr D Jones as Chairman of the Community Council for the year 2020-21. Cllr C Robertson seconded and was unanimously APPROVED by Councillor.

#### 19. Election of Vice Chairman for Community Council for the Year 2020-2021

Council UNANIMOUSLY proposed Cllr N Keeping as Vice Chairman of the Community Council - In absentia

#### 20. Acceptance of MLP & Leckwith Community Council's Standing Orders

Council UNANIMOUSLY approved Michaelston-le-Pit & Leckwith Community Council's Standing Orders

#### 21. To confirm Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 30 June 2020

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 30 June 2020, having previously been circulated were UNANIMOUSLY accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

#### 22. Matters arising from Minutes

##### Item 9 – Condition of the Road leading into Michaelston-le-Pit

The Chair confirmed the road is scheduled to be re-surfaced on Thursday, 24 September 2020, between 6pm – midnight

##### Item 15 - Any other Business (the lack of Broadband)

Broadband is making steady progress in the locality having now reached 'The Courtyard' in Michaelston-le-Pit.

#### 23. To confirm Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 July 2020

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 July 2020, having previously been circulated were UNANIMOUSLY accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## 24. Matters arising from Minutes

### Item 3 – Planning Application Number: 2020/00390/EAF – Wenvoe Quarry

Chair confirmed that Councils comments were submitted to Vale of Glamorgan Planning. Questions were raised regarding the volume of water discharged into Bullcroft.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Cemex requesting figures relevant to water discharged into the Bullcroft and details of timeline of events

## 25. Finance

### a) To authorise and confirm the payments of accounts and financial position of council

Clerk provided Council with an update on income and expenditure for the financial year so far. The Accounts as of September 2020 were UNANIMOUSLY accepted and signed by the Chair.

### b) Staff annual increase

Clerk notified Council of the agreed new pay scales for 2020-21, implemented from 1 April 2020 by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services.

### c) Video conferencing subscription

Clerk to present further details on options and cost implications of subscribing to a video conferencing provider.

## 26. Planning

### a) Land at The Lawns, Cwrt Y Ala Road – Application No: 2020/00925/FUL

Council STRONGLY OBJECT to the above application on the following grounds. The land the building is set to serve is too small to support a viable agricultural enterprise. Council also have concerns that the Lawns, an area of special landscape is being blighted by a number of small scale plots which have added buildings of a permanent and temporary nature.

### b) Orchard Cottage – Application No: 2020/00991/FUL

Council have no objections to the above application.

### c) Mole End, Peny Y Turnpike Road, Dinas Powys – Application No: 2020/01016/FUL

Council have no objections to this planning application.

## 27. Michaelston-le-Pit Road – poor visibility at T-junction

Chair raised concerns about the poor visibility at the junction between Michaelston-le-Pit Road and Penyturpike Road (as you look to the left). The splay could be improved if the landowner of the field were prepared to move the fence back a short distance to enable vegetation to be cut back which would give clearer eyesight to the left.

Action: Chair to contact landowner of field and Highways

**28. Fires - causing health hazard**

Residents in Michaelston-le-Pit have noticed several fires producing high flames and large fumes of dark, strong smelling smoke that appear to be coming from the Leckwith direction. As this is potentially a serious health risk, the Chair and or Clerk will contact Shared Regulatory Services to investigate.

**29. Telephone Kiosk & Well**

**Telephone Kiosk** - BT have advised Council it can now proceed with the formal adoption of the Red K6 telephone Kiosk in Michaelston-le-Pit for £1. The overgrown vegetation surrounding the kiosk needs to be cut back. Chair to liaise with Cllr N Keeping on how best to proceed with this work. Council to investigate whether the Community would be interested in installing a defibrillator in Michaelston-le-Pit.

**Actions:**

Clerk to explore cost and maintenance of new and reconditioned defibrillators, including potential housing locations for the next meeting.

7.40pm - Cllr N Keeping Joined the Meeting

**The Well** - The apron surrounding the well is in very poor condition, as a result of being driven over by vehicles. It is in great need of repair, despite being renovated in 2016. Chair suggested consulting with residents to consider how best to avoid further damage and a possible collaboration in its repair.

**30. Matters which the Chairman and other Members may wish to bring before Council**

**31. Any other business**

The following planning applications were received after the Agenda had been distributed to Council:-

**a) Cwrt yr Ala House - Application 2020/01059/FUL**

Proposal: Conversion and minor alteration of existing modern garage/workshop curtilage building into 2 3-bedroom holiday let units.

**Cwrt yr Ala House – Application No. 2020/01060/LBC**

Proposal: Conversion and minor alteration of existing modern garage/workshop curtilage building into 2 no. 3 bedroom holiday let units.

Council unanimously STRONGLY OBJECT to both planning applications. The buildings in question were originally built for a particular purpose i.e. as garage/workshops. Council have grave concerns that these two relatively new builds are to be modified for a completely different purpose. It also raises questions as to where the vehicles/agricultural vehicles and heavy machinery currently stored in the buildings will go and could this lead to another planning application further down the line. Concerns that the applicant is creating a resort.

**b) High Fence, The Dairy, Cwrt yr Ala**

Council would also like Vale of Glamorgan Planning Department to check whether the height of the fence erected to the rear of the old garage to the Dairy at Cwrt yr Ala, (adjacent to the weir) is permissible

**Action:** Clerk to contact Planning Department.

**c) Permission to lay a Waterpipe across Gower Common**

Cllr C Robertson advised Council that Mr M Psalia, of Upper Langcross Farm has approached her, regarding his request to lay a water pipe across Gower Common.

**Action:** Clerk to arrange a meeting between Mr Psalia, the Chair and Cllrs C Robertson and G Marks.

**32. Date of the next meeting – Tuesday, 24 November 2020**

Signature: .....

Date: .....

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