

Michaelston-le-Pit and Leckwith Community Council

Cyngor Cymunedol Llanfihangel y Pwll

Minutes of Meeting

Held virtually via Starleaf on Tuesday, 26 January 2021 at 7pm

Present:

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

Cllr K Oxenham
Cllr C Robertson
Cllr N Keeping

Also Present

Tim Marshall, Natural Resources Wales, David Watts, Roger Pattenden, Diane Aldsworth

33. Apologies for Absence

Andy Robertson (Vale Councillor)

34. Declaration of Interests

Cllr C Robertson (Item 8b)

35. Tim Marshall – Natural Resources Wales – Introduction to Dinas Powys Flood Management

Tim Marshall, NRW Project Executive for investigation into Natural Flood Management (NFM) to help manage flood risk in the community of Dinas Powys and Eastbrook provided an update.

Originally Tim was due to speak about advancing NFM in the Cadoxton catchment, however, the recent flooding in Dinas Powys on 23 December 2020 have delayed NRW's plans as most of Tim's time has been spent dealing with the fall out from this. The devastating effects have prompted an investigation into the causes of the flooding. NRW surveyors are due to begin investigating the Cadoxton River from end to end, later this week. Other agencies are also involved in the investigation. The issue has also been raised with the Minister of Environment.

The flooding has resulted in NRW now having a mandate to investigate NFM plus. i.e. engineering solutions that collectively with NFM could help to alleviate the flood risk.

A statement by Mr Roger Pattenden (one of Four Engineers) previously circulated to Council members outlined the group's interest in NFM Plus. Mr Pattenden advised members that the Four Engineers will also be contributing to Dinas Powys Community Council's Flood Liaison Committee, as will Tim Marshall of NRW. Mr Pattenden has agreed to keep the Community Council informed of any NFM Plus developments.

The Chair thanked Tim Marshall for his contribution. The community council would welcome the opportunity to engage with NRW, particularly in terms of nature friendly initiatives. and receive regular updates on their progress.

36. To confirm Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 24 November 2020

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Starleaf held on Tuesday, 24 November 2020, were taken as read and **UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED** that the minutes be approved.

37. Matters Arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising

38. Casual Vacancy/Co-option

Following the Notice of a Casual Vacancy and subsequent Notice for Co-option, the Chair notified members that Bronia Bendall had expressed an interest in being co-opted as Councillor to Michaelston-le-Pit & Leckwith Community Council. Bronia, a resident of Michaelston-le-Pit, plays an active role in village life. She was also one of the volunteers who helped to repair the apron around the well last year. Bronia works in the public sector and will be able to bring her experiences to the role. The Chair proposed, seconded by Cllr N Keeping, and Council UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that Bronia be co-opted as Councillor. Bronia will attend the next Full Council meeting in March.

Action: Clerk to forward Declaration of Acceptance Form for signing.

39. 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 21 January 2021 were UNANIMOUSLY accepted and signed by the Chair.

b) Approve Budget and Precept for 2021-22

An uplift of 3% was recommended. This is against a tax base of £234 resulting in an increase of £80 per household at Band D, producing a precept of £6422.13. It was unanimously **AGREED** to increase the precept by 3% for the financial year 2021-22. Council approved the proposed budget for 2021-22.

c) Audit Report

The Chair advised members that Michaelston-le-Pit & Leckwith Community Council had been awarded an unqualified audit for the financial year 2010-20.

d) Appointment of Internal Auditor

It was proposed by the Chair and unanimously **AGREED** by Council that the Internal Auditor, used last year, Paul Egan, Clerk, to Llandough Community Council be appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2020-21.

40. Planning

a) Planning Applications received

Comments are summarised in the attached Planning Schedule. Members are being consulted via e-mail and the collective opinion being submitted to Vale of Glamorgan Planning Department. These are summarised in the Planning Schedule. The Planning Schedule was **NOTED**

b) Brynwell Solar Panel Farm

Clerk to arrange virtual meeting with Peter Grubb at Savills to discuss the proposed application.

c) To consider appointing a Planning Committee

Action: Clerk to provide further details for the next Council meeting.

41. Gower Common Maintenance Tender

Clerk to advertise Grass Maintenance Tender for Gower Common.

42. Correspondence – Section 137

Letter from Welsh Government regarding Section 137, advising the maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2021-22 will be £8.41 per elector. The letter was **NOTED**.

43. Matters which the Chairman and other members may wish to bring before Council

Residents in Michaelston-le-Pit have raised concerns about the poor visibility at the T junction of Michaelston-le-Pit Road and Pen-y-turnpike Road.

Action: Clerk to follow up for next Council meeting.

44. Any other Business

Concerns regarding Openreach's proposal to erect telegraph poles/overhead cables
Action: Clerk to contact Openreach for further details.

45. Date of the next meeting – Tuesday, 30th March 2021

Signature: Date:

MICHAELSTON-LE-PIT & LECKWITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL PLANNING SCHEDULE – JANUARY 2020

DATE OF APPLICATION	REF. NO. OF APPLICATION	APPLICANT, LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS OF COMMITTEE
29/12/20	2020/00691/FUL	Location: Foxes Hollow, Michaelston-le-Pit Road Proposal: Private recreational stable block (amended)	Comments Made 10/01/21 NO OBJECTION in principle, but would like a restriction on any application for a change of use to residential
11/12/20	2020/01423/OBS	Location: Leckwith Quays Proposal (2020/02081/MJR) – Highway and bridge works necessary to implement proposed hybrid scheme for up to 250 dwellings and associated highway and bridge works at Leckwith Quays	STRONGLY OBJECT (Submitted: 24/12/20)
01/12/20	2020/01365/FUL	Location: Mole End, Pen-y-turnpike Road, Dinas Powys Proposal: Proposed bungalow refurbishment including ground floor rear extensions and loft conversion with front and rear dormers and balconies to front elevation	NO OBJECTION (Submitted 21/12/20)
01/12/20	2020/01390/FUL	Location: Barn 2, Lower House Barn, Michaelston-le-Pit Proposal: Erect a conservatory to the rear elevation	NO OBJECTION (Submitted 21/12/20)
26/11/20	2020/01302/FUL	Location: Duke Farm, The Green, Leckwith Proposal: Provision relocation of replacement stables and storage barns at Duke Farm, The Green, Leckwith, inclusive of field restoration	NO OBJECTION But do have concerns the size of 2 small stables on a small acreage (Submitted 14/12/20)

APPROVED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DATE LETTER RECEIVED	REF. NO. OF APPLICATION	APPLICANT, LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION	DECISION BY VOG
14/01/21	2020/01059/FUL	Location: Cwrt yr Ala House, Michaelston-le-Pit Road, Michaelston-le-Pit Proposal: Conversion and minor alternation of existing modern garage/workshop curtilage building into 2 no. 3-bedroom holiday let units.	APPROVED 14/01/21
10/12/20	2020/00991/FUL	Location: Orchard Cottage, Leckwith Road Proposal: Amendments to consent 2019/00864/FUL Proposed single storey extension with basement. Amendments to include; increase in length of extension and fenestration alterations	APPROVED 10/12/20

