

Michaelston-y-fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on Wednesday 1st October 2003.

Members Present

Councillor Mrs A Huckle
Councillor Mr C Rowlands
Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr S Tyler
Councillor Mr D Phillips
Councillor Mrs T Clifford
Councillor Mr G Davies
Out going Clerk Mr G Tyler
In coming Clerk Mrs C Dixon

Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

Agenda Item and Comments

03/21/170 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 3rd September were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Councillor Walford and seconded by Councillor Huckle.

03/21/171 – Matters Arising

Returning to the matter of the litter bin (previous September minutes ref 03/21/169) Councillor Tyler informed the committee that he had not purchased the aforementioned item, due to an increase in cost. Upon further investigation a strap and a special fixing tool were needed. It was estimated that an additional £11.76 + VAT was required.

Councillor Tyler proposed this additional expenditure, seconded by the Chairman Mr G Davies. The committee also approved this additional expenditure, and the Chair instructed Councillor Tyler to arrange a new cheque to be raised by the Clerk for the difference.

Action: Councillor. Tyler to raise new cheque from Clerk

Due to his absence from the last meeting Councillor Rowlands wanted it noted that he opposed the purchase of the bin because of the problems of where to position it fairly, and the delegation of responsibility for emptying it.

Councillor Tyler reassured Councillor Rowlands that he would take on the responsibility of emptying the bin.

03/21/172 Police & Neighbourhood Watch Matters

Councillor Rowlands brought it to the committee's attention that the Cefn Mably Estate was being regularly targeted by criminal elements. Both Councillors Clifford and Tyler also highlighted problems of missing items from various households in the village over the last several months. The committee agreed that there was a worrying upward trend in thefts.

Councillor Rowlands suggested that a letter should be written to the community informing people of the need for vigilance. Councillor Huckle suggested that information other than Policing issues should be included. It was decided that other areas for inclusion were:

1. What the Community Council had achieved over the last year
2. What the Council intended to do in the future
3. Informing people of the Community Web Site

Action: Councillor Davies agreed to draft a letter along these lines for the next meeting.

Action: Councillor. Rowlands to supply Clerk with Electoral Register and Address Book in preparation of mailshot.

Councillor Walford brought to the Committees attention a Police & Community Forum meeting at Rhiwderin Community Centre. This was noted.

03/21/173 Planning

One planning application was received:

1. 1 Bridge Terrace, Michaelston-Y-Fedw – Renovation of walls and driveway, and provision of turning space at front of property. CONEX/03/1299 – Whilst the Community Council has no objection it noted that it disapproves of retrospective planning applications.

Action: Clerk to write to Council

03/21/174 Roads – Hedges – Verges and Bridges

It is noted that despite the Community Councils vociferous complaints to Newport County Council on the state of the roads in our area, the scheduled re-surfacing work has yet to take place.

Councillor Phillips proposed to tend the Baptist Graveyard in the near future. This was seconded by Councillor Tyler, and carried unanimously.

Action: Councillor Phillips to tend Baptist Graveyard

03/21/175 Correspondence

Various correspondence was received and filed.

03/21/176 Finance Matters

1. Graham Tyler – full and final settlement for admin.costs whilst Clerk – Cheque No: 000149 - £71.05
2. Audit Commission – professional fees – Cheque No:000150 -£58.75
3. Clerks Salary – Claire Dixon – Cheque No: 000151 - £48

Outgoing Clerk Mr Tyler reminded the Community Council that a final precept for the year will be paid on 31st December, and that Newport Council has agreed to provide an additional sum of £630 towards signposts.

The Council noted his comments and Councillors Rowlands and Walford agreed that they were progressing the signs (of which there were 6 in total).

Action: Councillor Rowlands and Councillor Walford to progress

03/121/177 Meetings Reports

AGM was held at Marshfield Primary School at which Councillor Huckle is Vice President and Councillor Rowlands is Reserve Member. Councillor Davies sent his apologies for not attending.

The Scrutiny and Overview Committee presented a report to the Governors. There were no any areas for concern.

03/21/178 Chairman's Business

The Chairman thanked the outgoing Clerk, Mr G Tyler, for all his excellent work over the last four years. The Council unanimously agreed on this.

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday November 12th, 2003 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Michaelston-y-Fedw.