

# **Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council**

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2003.

## **Members Present**

Councillor Dr C C Rowlands  
Councillor Mrs T Clifford  
Councillor Mr A Evans  
Councillor Mr G Davies  
Clerk Mrs C Dixon  
PC Andy Griffiths

## **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Mrs A Huckle  
Councillor Mr C Walford  
Councillor Mr S Tyler

## **Members of the Public Present**

Father John Dale – Michaelston-Y-Fedw Priest in Charge

## **Agenda Item and Comments**

### **03/21/179 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 1st October were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Councillor Rowlands and seconded by Councillor Clifford.

### **03/21/180 – Matters Arising**

A summary of the October Action Plan:

1. Litter Bin – Cllr. Tyler to arrange a cheque with Clerk before next meeting.
2. Letter to Community – drafted and presented to Committee by Chair.
3. Electoral Register – provided by Cllr Rowlands to Clerk.
4. Planning CONEX/03/1299 – letter sent by Clerk.
5. Roads, Hedges, Verges – Baptist Graveyard upkeep. Await report from Cllr. Phillips at next meeting.
6. Finance – Discussion of sign posts for the village to be carried forward to the next meeting. Cllr. Evans has recommended a source of supply – Highways and Industrial.

**Action: Cllr. Tyler and Cllr. Phillips to report progress at next meeting.**

### **03/21/181 Police & Neighbourhood Watch Matters**

PC Andy Griffiths – PC 124 – attended from the Pill Area (this covers Duffryn, Castleton, Marshfield). He can be contacted on 01633 245318.

PC Griffiths commented that his focus in the area was on Crime Prevention and in particular, Antisocial Behaviour, a current problem in Marshfield. He believes that problems can be tackled more easily with good intelligence provided by the local community. He believes that wider powers of enforcement i.e. Antisocial Behaviour Orders can work in our community. He urged the community to report incidents, particularly the taking of car number plates of those causing a nuisance on our roads.

Councillor Evans pointed out that vehicle and scrambler bikes are a continuous nuisance in Michaelston-Y-Fedw. He suggested that due to the low Police presence in our area, a private security firm could be employed by residents to patrol our country lanes during the night. At this point, PC Griffiths brought to the Council's attention the "Ranger" scheme operated by Newport County Council, which offers patrols in certain areas.

**Action: Clerk to contact Cllr Tony Boswell for information on the service and to invite a Ranger to the next Community Council meeting.**

### **03/21/1182 Planning**

One planning application was received:

1. Cefn Mably Farm Park, Began Road - Retention of residential caravan in conjunction with the operation of Cefn Mably Farm Park. CONEX/03/1425. The council strongly discourages retrospective planning applications like this, and objects to the presence and size of this caravan.

**Action: Clerk to write to Council.**

### **03/21/183 Roads – Hedges – Verges and Bridges**

Roads – Notice given of road re-surfacing in our area, starting on Began Road for week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr. Evans raised the access concerns of the Landlord of the Cefn Mably Pub. However, the Council (in their opinion) believe it would not be affected, as there would be access from at least one direction.

Hedges – Generally the maintenance of hedges is carried out regularly. However, Cllr Evans brought it to the Council's attention that the quality of cutting was extremely questionable in the case of the row of conifers near to Five Oaks, Druidstone Road. All agreed that the severity of the cut had possibly damaged the trees beyond reasonable re-growth.

Bridge – The Bridge bordering Caerphilly Boundary continues to be a problem. Chairman noted that whilst Caerphilly Council had laid a red warning sign on the road, advising motorists of the narrowing of the road over the bridge, it continued to be hit on a regular basis. Chairman suggested that bollards needed to be placed on the approach

to the bridge. Cllr. Rowlands advised the Clerk that correspondence on the history of the bridge should be on file.

**Action: Clerk to write to contact provided by Father. John Dale, noting the damage to the conifers, and copying to Cllr. Tony Boswell.**

**Action: Chairman to advise the Clerk on the name of the Bridge Engineer at Caerphilly Council. Clerk to arrange an on-site meeting with Chairman, Tony Boswell and the Engineer at the bridge to discuss the erection of bollards from the Caerphilly side.**

### **03/21/184 Correspondence**

Various correspondences was received and filed. Of particular importance:

1. Letter from Sue Essex – AM – Minister of Finance, Local Government and Public Services. Two Proposals required the Councils consideration:
  - a. Changing the date of the town and community council elections from 6<sup>th</sup> May 2004, to the date of the European elections on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2004.
  - b. Assembly to lobby Electoral Commission to select Wales as a pilot region to operate an all-postal ballot for the above elections on 10<sup>th</sup> June.
2. Letter from Rosemary Butler – AM – advising of the release of a report on long term plans (next 20 years) for SE Wales “Spatial Plan”.
3. Newport Countryside Walks
4. List of Neighbourhood Committee dates

**Action: Clerk to write to Sue Essex in support of both proposals.**

**Action: Chairman to consider “Spatial Report” and advise Council of relevant issues.**

**Action: Clerk to provide information to various Councillors on Points 3 & 4 above, for posting on the community notice boards.**

### **03/21/185 Finance Matters**

1. Clerks Salary – Claire Dixon – Cheque No: 000152 - £48.  
The Clerk was advised by Council to make a quarterly claim for office expenses including paper, envelopes, toner cartridge, and a nominal amount for phone calls.
2. Gwent Association for Local Councils – Cheque No: 000153 - £87.  
Annual NALC Affiliation Fees.
3. Michaelston-Y-Fedw PCC – Cheque No: 000154 - £450.  
Contribution to the maintenance of the Church Yard of St. Michaels.

**Action: Clerk to arrange payment.**

### **03/121/186 Meetings Reports**

Cllr. Rowlands attended a meeting at Marshfield Primary School. The school is developing individual learning programmes in English and Maths for those children who are either falling behind or forging ahead of the “normal” pace of their class. The aim is to give every child the educational support they require.

### **03/21/187 Scheduled Visit by Rosemary Butler AM.**

The Chairman reminded the Council that Rosemary Butler AM would be attending the meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003 to observe the operation of the Community Council. The Chairman suggested that there should be no pre-set questions, and that the evening should naturally evolve. All agreed.

### **03/21/188 Chairman’s Business**

There was not further business to discuss.

**There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.30 pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday December 3rd, 2003 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.**

**The Clerk makes her apologies now, as she will not be able to attend the meeting. The Clerk will ensure that Finance Matters will be brought to the Committees attention for action on the night.**