

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday 2nd December 2015

Members Present:

Councillor Mr G. Davies
Councillor Dr C. Rowlands
Councillor Mr C. Walford
Councillor Mr G. Morgan
Councillor Mr L. Meringolo
Councillor Mr V. Davies
Councillor Mrs A. Huckle

Ward Councillors Present:

Councillor Mr R. White

Apologies for absence:

Councillor Mr T. Suller

12/15/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on the 4th and 27th November 2015 were proposed by Councillor Walford and seconded by Councillor Rowlands.

12/15/02 – Matters arising

- Caerphilly Council have acknowledged receipt of the request to alter the layby near Michaelston Bridge to deter fly-tipping.
- Caerphilly Council have initiated work to repair Cefn Mably Bridge.
- Difficulties with NatWest bank regarding the account name and on-line access are ongoing. They have paid £50 compensation for the trouble, but they still haven't dealt with the council's requests. Councillor Rowlands is pursuing this.

12/15/03 – Police matters

- The monthly police report was circulated at the meeting.
- Gwent Police & Crime Commissioner wants to meet members of the public to discuss the challenges arising from reduced budgets and thoughts on setting an appropriate precept level. Councillor V. Davies volunteered to attend. Venues and dates to be confirmed.
- The Office of the Gwent Police & Crime Commissioner has published an on-line survey to ask whether Gwent Police and the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner are fair. Clerk will circulate the web address to members.

12/15/04 – Planning

- Fairwater Solar Farm internal access road (planning application number 15/1405). This is described as a "Non-Material Amendment", being dealt with under delegated powers. Councillors do not agree that this is non-material, and believe that it should be referred to Planning Committee. Clerk will write to Newport Council to this effect.
- Flat Holm Farm horse hospital (planning application number 15/1066). This falls within Graig Community Council's area, but Michaelston y Fedw Council may wish to

comment. We will liaise with Graig Community Council. Councillor Walford will initially contact Councillor David Williams.

121/15/05 – Correspondence

- Community Health Councils are looking for volunteer members. Clerk will circulate the contact details.

12/15/06 – Finance

- The final bill for consultancy has been received from Carolyn Jones Planning Services.
- Newport Council have requested the Community Council's bid for next year's precept. The Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk will compile the bid.
- Councillors discussed items that may be included in next year's expenditure. The following items were agreed in principle:
 - A scarecrow competition. Councillor Walford will investigate a similar scheme seen elsewhere
 - A village party for the Queen's birthday
 - Entry into Newport In Bloom, including tuition, demonstrations and provision of hanging basket materials
 - Re-opening of a blocked footpath / bridleway
 - Improvements to the Village Hall car park
 - New road signs, possibly with some set on stone walls
 - Repair of old finger post signs
- The following cheques were written:
 - Cheque No 439 – £20 British Legion for poppy wreath
 - Cheque No 440 – £578.50 C.A. Jones for planning consultancy
 - Cheque No 441 - £55 clerk's wages
 - Cheque No 442 - £499 Keep Us Rural for judicial review

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday January 6th 2016 at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall.