

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on Wednesday 1st December, 2004.

Members Present

Councillor Dr C C Rowlands
Councillor Mrs T Clifford
Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mrs A Huckle
Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr D Philips
Councillor Mr W Morgan
Clerk Mrs C Dixon

Apologies for absence

Councillor Mr S Tyler
PC Jim Neesam

Members of the Public Present

None

Agenda Item and Comments

03/21/288 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday November 3rd 2004 were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Councillor Huckle and seconded by Councillor Davies.

03/21/289 – Matters Arising

Tirzah Baptist Graveyard – The Baptist Union have acknowledged ownership of the graveyard. They have agreed to contribute towards the cost of maintaining it.

Action: Clerk to submit a figure based on previous years costs.

Michaelston Bridge - Councillor Davies saw an Engineer Type on the Bridge and went to investigate. The Engineer was looking at the Bridge as part of the Ruperra Castle Development Assessment. He agreed that there is damage from lorries and that signs and bollards to align entry should be erected. However, he was not from the relevant department necessary to push this forward.

Action: Councillors Pursey and Morgan to continue to investigate.

Community Litter Day – As the leader of the Initiative was away on the day (Councillor Tyler), it was decided that the “Litter Pick” would be postponed.

Action: Clerk to stay on after Sunday School and advise people who turn up that the “Pick” is postponed.

Community Newsletter – Following the last Newsletter it was decided that the next Newsletter would go out the first week in February. It was agreed that the Village Hall Committee, the Church and Women’s Institute should be invited to submit items that they want publicising one week prior to distribution.

Action: To be organised at January meeting.

03/21/290 Police & Neighbourhood Watch Matters

PC Jim Neesam spoke to the Clerk and made apologies for absence. PC Neesam is away on a 3-day training course on “how to be a Ward Manager” (even though he has been in the job for 6 months!)

Anyway, he wanted to assure Councillors that he noted the concerns made by Councillors Huckle and Davies with regards the dog nuisance in the lower part of the village.

He can report that an anonymous call was made on the 21st October to Castleton Police Station complaining of a Rottweiler from Holly House running in the road, causing cars to swerve to avoid it. The local police called the Council Dog Wardens who visited the property that day. However, neither dog nor owner were seen. The Wardens have since left two messages for the owner to call them. The owner has not communicated with them.

He also noted Councillor Davies’ concerns for the barking nuisance of the dog from Ty To Maen.

PC Neesam says that he will visit both of these properties and speak to both owners about the behaviour of their dogs. PC Neesam said that he would visit both Councillors Huckle and Davies to discuss further.

On another note. Statistically of 2699 reported crimes for the Pil area from 1st Jan-23rd November 2004 only 14 were attributable to Michaelston y Fedw. Since our last Community Council meeting there have been no significant reported incidents.

Action: PC Neesam to report his findings at next meeting.

Action: Councillor Davies pointed out that the Rottweiler and it’s owner no longer live at Holly House.

03/21/291 Planning

One planning application was received:

CONEX 04/1704

SITE: Heatherton Lodge, Michaelston y Fedw – Sub division of existing dwelling into two dwellings.

DECISION: No Objection.

Action: Clerk to write to Council.

03/21/292 Roads – Hedges – Verges and Bridges

On-going road surface issues and drainage issues addressed in Rolling Action Plan.

03/21/293 Correspondence

Letter received from Mrs Goss at Marshfield Primary School asking for a donation towards the refurbishment of the Junior Toilets, as Newport Council had failed to give the necessary financial support.

Action: Councillors voted unanimously to donate £200.

03/21/294 Finance Matters

Concurrent Expenditure – Estimated expenditure for 2005/06 to be projected and submitted by January 7th 2005.

Welsh Church Accounts Fund – Councillor Morgan suggested that money up to £500 could possibly be claimed by the Village Hall for its upkeep. The contact is Council Chambers, Cwmbran.

Action: Clerk to make contact.

Cheque No 175 – Marshfield Primary School - £200 donation for toilet refurbishment.

Cheque No 176 – Clerks Salary - £48.

03/21/122 Meetings Reports

A Governor's meeting took place at Marshfield Primary School, at which an announcement was made that an Inspection will be held mid-February.

03/21/123 Chairman's Business

No other business.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.40 p.m. The next meeting is to be held on January 5th, 2005 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.