Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on Wednesday 2nd February, 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 S Tyler
Councillor Mr D Philips
Councillor Mr W Morgan
Clerk Mrs C Dixon
PC Jim Neesam

Apologies for absence

Councillor Mr W Percy

Agenda Item and Comments

05/01/010 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday January 5th 2004 were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Councillor Davies and seconded by Councillor Clifford.

05/01/011 – Matters Arising

Litter Bin – The litter bin has been installed, although a lurid orange colour! Father John Dale offered to paint it a calmer green, and also to re-varnish the bench and noticeboard. Both of these offers were gratefully accepted by the Community Council.

Michaelston Bridge – Councillor Davies met with the Inspector who said that it didn't need repair. An email was sent requesting that bollards be installed to prevent future damage. No response as of yet.

Action: Councillor Davies to follow up.

Mill Corner – An Inspector visited the site but informed a local resident that there was no money in the budget to make drainage improvements.

Action: Councillors to bring this up at the next Liaison Meeting.

Rural Roads – Councillor Morgan advised that there is no money in the budget for improvements to our roads. Priority is being made for the major carriageways in Newport. There has been no feed back from the promised inspection of Druidstone Road back in December, and Councillors are now very frustrated at the lack of action by Newport City Council. It was decided that photographs would be taken of pot-holes in our community, along with measurements, and these would be sent to Brian Kemp along with a request for a meeting with Michaelston Community Council.

Action: Councillor Rowlands to photograph Began Road, Clerk to photograph Druidstone Road, and Councillor Huckle to draft a letter.

Pot Hole outside of Cae Gwyn – This was reported by the Clerk via the Council Help line. Despite being advised that an Inspector would visit within 5 working days, this did not happen. When the Clerk phoned for a progress report the help line was unable to help. It would appear that they simply take the call, pass on to the relevant department, and there it stops.

Rural Roads Action Group – Councillor Percy's and Morgan's Group have yet to form, as it requires the support of a number of Labour Councillors. This has to be approved by the Council Leader. Community Councillors asked that they be kept informed of it's progress.

BT Utility Pole – Clerk emailed BT complaining of the Health & Safety Risk of the Utility Pole.

Action: Councillor Phillips to ring 152 and give precise location, and request for removal.

Community Litter Day – This has now moved to March 17th.

Action: Clerk to put in Newsletter.

Audit – The Internal Auditor has approved the accounts for 2003/2004.

Action: Clerk to send off to the Audit Commission.

05/01/012 - Police & Neighbourhood Watch Matters

PC Neesam reported that there had been no recorded crime in the Michaelston area since the last meeting, and that the Marshfield ward had seen a 30% reduction in crime.

Mr O'Sullivan had been warned about the behaviour of his dog, but it was now noted that one of the dogs is no longer at the residence.

05/01/013 - Planning

No planning applications were received, although it was noted that the planning application for a bund at 5 Oaks had been turned down by the National Assembly.

05/01/014 Roads - Hedges - Verges and Bridges

There were no new issues that were not already being addressed.

05/01/015 - Correspondence

Various correspondence was received.

05/01/016 - Finance Matter

A cheque had been received for £100 from Councillor Percy towards the costs of our "green initiatives".

Councillor Morgan has now also offered a donation from his discretionary account towards the cost of a disabled ramp into the village hall.

Action: Councillor Morgan to bring the relevant forms in to the next meeting.

05/01/017 - Meetings Reports

Marshfield Primary School – Governor's met with the Inspector, although the inspection of the school would take place after half term.

05/01/018 - Chairman's Business

The Chairman had nothing specific to report.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.20pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, March 2nd 2005 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.