

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on Wednesday 4th February 2004.

Members Present

Councillor Dr C C Rowlands
Councillor Mrs T Clifford
Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mr D Philips
Councillor Mr R Evans
Clerk Mrs C Dixon
Councillor Mr A Boswell

Apologies for absence

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

Members of the Public Present

None

Agenda Item and Comments

03/21/207– Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday January 7th were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr. Rowlands and seconded by Cllr. Clifford.

03/21/208 – Matters Arising

Litter Bin – Despite Cllr. Boswells continued efforts to get one from the Council Depot, one has yet to be supplied.

Community Letter – This has been finalised and will be sent out at the beginning of March once the current Electoral Role is supplied by Newport Council.

Roads, Hedges and Verges - The Baptist Graveyard continues to need attention, and Cllr. Phillips will endeavour to clear it in the Spring.

Damaged Conifers. A complaint was lodged to Newport Council with regards to the damaged conifers near 5 Oaks, Druidstone Road. The Council have said that they were

not responsible, and suggested it might be the land owner who had carried it out. Cllr. Rowlands suggested that it could have been an over zealous attempt by the Council Road Layers to clear the trees from the road, and that we should be vigilant should they return in future.

Pound Hill. Cllr. Boswell has lodged a complaint with the Highways Department with regards to the flooding on Pound Hill, although he awaits a response.

Michaelston Bridge. A meeting has yet to be scheduled between the Bridge Engineer and members of the Council. The Clerk will now try and make contact via e-mail, as phone contact is proving difficult.

Traffic Calming. Cllr. Boswell has advised that Council Policy dictates that at least 2 fatalities must have occurred on the stretch of road before traffic calming provisions are made. Therefore, this is no longer an option for the Community Council to pursue.

Drains on Began Road. The Clerk has written a letter of complaint to the Highways Department about the ineffective drains, which are causing excessive water during heavy rain. A reply is awaited.

Pot holes on Druidstone Road, Coalpit Lane, and road from Cefn Mably Pub to Michaelston Bridge. Cllr. Tyler has taken photographs and the Clerk will submit these to the Highways Department, along with a letter of complaint.

Road Layers Rubbish – Excess tarmac has been left at the side of the road following road laying activity in the area. Cllr. Boswell will ask for it to be cleared.

Police - The Community Ranger failed to turn up for the second time. The Clerk will invite him back for the meeting in March.

Finance – Cllr. Evans obtained a quote for the 6 entry signs into the village, which will read “Welcome to Michaelston-Y-Fedw, Please Drive Carefully”. However, it was agreed that additional 30 mph advisory signs should be clipped on to main sign.

Precept and Concurrent Budget – The Chairman and Clerk submitted the 2004/05 budget to Newport Council.

Community Bench – Cllr. Tyler will obtain a quote for re-varnishing in the Spring. In addition, it was agreed that more gravel should be laid underneath it as shorter people found it difficult to touch the ground with their feet.

03/21/209 Police & Neighbourhood Watch Matters

Cllr. Clifford has observed on several occasions, a small, dark car full of youngsters parked in Bridge Terrace or on the road adjacent to it. The car has raced off when challenged. It is distinguishable by a loud exhaust, and a small number plate that is very difficult to read.

Action: Cllr. Boswell urged people to try and get the number plate and to report it to the Police.

03/21/210 Planning

No applications were received.

Action: Cllr. Boswell advised Clerk of a page on the Newport Council web site summarising planning applications. The Clerk will send all Councillors on email the relevant hyperlink, and bring along to Council meetings a hard copy.

03/21/211 Roads – Hedges – Verges and Bridges

Roads – Scrap metal has been dumped in a field entrance at the bottom of Coalpit Lane, parts of which are on the carriageway, making it a danger to vehicles using the road.

Action: Cllr. Boswell will report it to the Highways Department.

Roads – The pot hole on the final left hand bend at the top of Coal Pit Lane has been filled. However, the hole is so big that the tarmac has simply sunk into the middle and merely rounded off the edges of the once jagged hole. The road at this point would appear to be eroding dangerously into the muddy verge.

Action: Clerk to write to Highways Department asking for action.

03/21/212 Correspondence

Several pieces of correspondence were received, although there was nothing of significance to discuss.

03/21/213 Finance Matters

An Audit Commission Request for the 2002/03 accounts was submitted.

Action: Chairman and Clerk to submit by 31 March 2004.

03/121/214 Meetings Reports

None

03/21/215 Chairman's Business

None

**There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.40pm.
The next meeting is to be held on 3rd March, 2004 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-
Y-Fedw.**