

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on Wednesday 7th January, 2004.

Members Present

Councillor Dr C C Rowlands
Councillor Mrs T Clifford
Councillor Mr G Davies (Chairman)
Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr S Tyler
Councillor Mr D Philips
Councillor Mr R Evans
Clerk Mrs C Dixon

Apologies for absence

Councillor Mrs A Huckle
Later Arrival Councillor T Boswell

Members of the Public Present

None

Agenda Item and Comments

03/21/199 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 3rd December were read and accepted as a true record by the committee.

03/21/200 – Matters Arising

Each item on the December Action Plan was discussed, a summary of which follows:

1. Purchase of litter bin - Cllr. Boswell to provide one through council depot.
2. Community letter – Clerk to type and bring to next meeting, for mail fulfilment by Councillors.
3. Hedges – Clerk to write to council regarding the damage to conifers by the M4 bridge.
4. Flooding on Pound Hill – Tony Boswell will be asked to get drains cleared by Newport Council.

5. Bridge – The Clerk is to contact Newport Council Engineer for on-site inspection of bridge (going to Draethen).
Cllr. Boswell will seek replacement bollards at entrance to bridge and a sign for the narrowing of the road.
6. Roads- The possibility of traffic calming will be discussed by Cllr. Boswell and Rosemary Butler AM in the future.
7. Police – Cllr. Boswell to arrange for the Ranger Service to visit to explain their role within the community.
8. Signs – The sourcing and ordering of signs into the village to be organised between Cllr. Evans and Cllr. Walford.

03/21/201 Police & Neighbourhood Watch Matters

There was no Police representation at this meeting.

03/21/202 Planning

There were no planning applications.

03/21/194 Roads – Hedges – Verges and Bridges

Roads- Cllr. Rowlands complained about a combination of blocked and inefficient drains on Began Road which were resulting in surface water collecting on the road during periods of rainfall. Cllr. Rowlands is particularly concerned that if a sudden drop in temperature occurred, the excess water would freeze, causing a potential hazard to road users.

Action: Clerk to write to council asking for action to be taken on drain clearance, and more importantly for drains that are above surface level to be lowered.

Roads- A long stretch of Druidstone Road between Plough House and Druidstone House remains hazardous due to the large number of potholes. Also, at the top of Cole Pit Lane near T-junction, the road is simply falling away due to the deterioration of potholes at the side of the road.

Action: Cllr. Tyler to take digital pictures of affected areas.

Action: Clerk to write a letter of complaint to Highways Dept. with the aforementioned pictures attached.

Roads- Various Councillors also noted that at the end of road laying, the contractors have dumped their excess tar and rubbish at the side of the road, both on Druidstone Road and Began Road.

Action: Tony Boswell to speak to Council Department responsible, and request its removal.

03/21/203 Correspondence

Planning Summary received from Newport Council. Cllr. Walford noted that previous

concerns lodged by the Community Council regarding the planned lighting in the Clubhouse Car Park (proposed Golf Club) had been taken on board by Newport Planning.

Gwent Association of Local Councils – Cllr. Clifford to read.

03/21/204 Finance Matters

Precept Payment - £440.17 has been received and banked. This coming Financial Years Precept and Concurrent Budget needs to be prepared by January 13th. The Community Council would like to budget for wheel chair access into the Village Hall, and for wheel chair facilities in the toilets.

Action: Chairman Cllr. Davies to prepare budget with Clerk.

03/121/205 Meetings Reports

Cllr. Davies attended the Community Council Liaison meeting where he noted two points of interest to our community.

The proposed Golf Course and Clubhouse were discussed. It was confirmed that the two would be built during the same phase of development, and not two significantly different time periods.

The Rhiwperra Castle Development seems to be running into difficulty. Objections have been raised by Newport Council with regards road access issues. Also, CADW are objecting to certain plans which would significantly alter features of listed outbuildings.

03/21/206 Chairman's Business

The bench bought by the Community Council will be in need of maintenance this Spring.

Action: Cllr. Tyler to solicit quotes for its maintenance.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.50 pm. The next meeting is to be held on February 4th, 2004 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.