

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on Wednesday 2nd June, 2004.

Members Present

Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr D Philips
Councillor Mr R Evans
Clerk Mrs C Dixon
PC Jim Neesam
Councillor Tony Boswell

Apologies for absence

Councillor Dr C C Rowlands
Councillor Mrs T Clifford
Councillor Mrs A Huckle
Councillor Mr S Tyler

Members of the Public Present

None

Agenda Item and Comments

03/21/244 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

03/21/245 – Matters Arising

Litter Bin – Cllr. Boswell continues in his efforts to find one.

Roads, Hedges & Verges – Cllr. Phillips to find out the number and contact for the Baptist Union, Clerk to write to them outlining their shared responsibilities for the maintenance of the Baptist Graveyard.

Michaelston Bridge – The Chairman will arrange a convenient date between Councillors and Bridge Engineer

Complaint Letter – Clerk to compose letter to Chief Executive as outlined in April minutes, but will get it signed by Chairman, Cllr. Davies. It was thought that this would be more appropriate given the gravity of the complaint.

Drains – Cllr. Boswell will pursue the blocked drain at Mill Corner, and the collapsing drain near Druidstone House.

Finance – The Audit of the Community Council accounts has been verified by Jennifer Richardson. The form and Accounts can now be forwarded to the Audit Commission. It was agreed that Jennifer Richardson would draw up the 2003/04 accounts.

Signposts – Discuss the positioning at the July meeting.

Community Bench – Re-varnishing of bench to be discussed at July meeting.

Ruppera Castle Development – Await response from the Head of Planning at Newport Council to verify his department's knowledge of the development, and the impact it will have on the local community.

Jet Patcher - Summons and Agenda for a Meeting of Newport City Council on Tuesday 27 April 2004. At the last meeting Cllr. Huckle drew attention to the section on Highway Maintenance in the Rural Wards. She pointed out that the Cabinet Member for Transport had stated that the rural wards received a fair share of the maintenance budget, and that the Jet Patcher was used virtually exclusively in the rural wards. Cllr. Huckle was scornful of this statement citing the continuous poor state of Michaelston roads, and pointed out that in this area the Jet Patcher was used both intermittently and with little effect. The Clerk has written to the Cabinet Member regarding this and awaits a response.

Correspondence – Election Forms were given out to all who required them.

03/21/246 Police & Neighbourhood Watch Matters

PC Jim Neesam notified the Community Council of the successful detection rate figures (90%). This was due to the capture of those responsible for the spate of burglaries on Began Road over the last couple of months. The culprits were apprehended following a burglary in St. Brides. A traffic patrol vehicle was in the area at the time and was able to give chase, and eventually apprehend those inside the vehicle. Property from the burglaries has also been recovered.

03/21/247 Planning

Two planning application were received:

CONEX: 04/0744 – Erection of two storey side extension Cefn Wood, Home Farm, Cefn Mably.

DECISION: No objection

CONEX: 04/0762 Conversion of single dwelling into 2 flats (1 & 3) at

Druidstone House, Druidstone Road, Old St Mellons, Cardiff

DECISION: No objection

Action: Clerk to write to Council.

03/21/248 Roads – Hedges – Verges and Bridges

Roads – No new business

Bridges – No new business

03/21/249 Correspondence

One Voice Wales have written to us asking for subscription to be forwarded.

Action: Clerk to send cheque to One Voice Wales.

03/21/250 Finance Matters

Audit Verification has been carried out by Jennifer Richardson. The Chairman signed the forms.

Action: Clerk to forward documentation to Audit Commission, and post notice of their availability for Public Inspection.

Clerk to ask Jennifer Richardson for her invoice for carrying out the work.

03/121/251 Meetings Reports

Cllr. Walford attended the Marshfield Ward Neighbourhood Committee meeting held in Michaelston-y-Fedw village Hall on Wednesday 26th May. The continuing problem of blocked drains within our community was raised. Newport Council have agreed to look for the original plans of drains in the area. Once located they could be uncovered/unblocked.

Action: Progress to be monitored by Community Council.

03/21/252 Chairman's Business

Cllr. Evans noted that the Spring at the bottom of the village (outside Cae Gwyn) has stopped. Cllr. Phillips pointed out that his two wells were also at a very low level, and explained that it was more than likely due to the dry weather conditions since last summer, and not any other factor.

Action: Community Council to monitor.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9 pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, July 7th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.