

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on Wednesday 3rd March 2004.

Members Present

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

Apologies for absence

Councillor Mrs A Huckle
Councillor Mr S Tyler

Members of the Public Present

None

Newport County Council Representatives

Community Wardens Roger Fury and Jackie Evans

Agenda Item and Comments

03/21/216 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday February 4th were read, and an error noted. The last minutes failed to record the presence of a member of the public, Father John Dale. Apart from this they were accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr. Gareth Davies and seconded by Cllr. Clifford.

03/21/217 – Matters Arising

Litter Bin – This matter is still pending, and will continue to do so until the relevant department sends Cllr. Boswell a spare bin.

Community Letter – Brought along to the meeting by the Clerk, for Councillors to help put into envelopes and stamp.

Planning - The Clerk will email to Community Councillors a hyper link to Newport Council planning department web pages.

Roads – Flooding on Pound Hill now remedied. It was also noted that drains had been cleared between the Farmers Daughter and Yew Tree Cottage

Baptist Graveyard. Cllr. Phillips to be reminded in the Spring to undertake Baptist Graveyard upkeep

Michaelston Bridge – As of yet the Clerk has not made contact with the Bridge Engineer, but will endeavour to do so by the next meeting. The meeting is to discuss replacement bollards, and road narrowing signs.

Drains - Letter of complaint to Highways Department regarding inefficient drains on Began Road has failed to gain a response from the Council.

Pot holes - Letter of complaint and photographic evidence of serious pot holes on Druidstone Road (between Plough House and Druidstone House), Coal Pit Lane, and the road leading into lower Michaelston has failed to gain a response from the Council. It was noted, however, that two of the areas of pot hole damage had been filled in. Druidstone Road still awaits repair. Clerk to write to Brian Kemp, Head of Highways, complaining of lack of response. Councillor Boswell believes that Michaelston-Y-Fedw is being failed by Newport Council in it's duty to maintain the roads to an adequate standard.

Scrap Metal on Coal Pit Lane. Despite Cllr. Boswell's repeated attempts to get this removed the relevant department has still not responded. The Community Warden has promised to pursue the matter also.

Road Contractors Rubbish – it would appear that this has now been cleared.

Police – The Ranger Service/Community Warden turned up to deliver a talk to the Community Council on its services to the community.

Finance – Cllr. Evans has received quotes for the 6 new signs 600 x 400 signs, and the 6 30mph advisory signs. The Clerk must reclaim off Newport Council the allocated amount by the end of March.

End of Year Accounts 2002/2003. The Clerk and Chairman must submit these by the end of March 2004.

Community Bench – Cllr. Tyler to be reminded in April of its maintenance.

03/21/218 Police & Neighbourhood Watch Matters

The Community Wardens, Roger Fury and Jackie Evans kindly attended the meeting to present a summary of the service that they provide to the community. The service was set up to help those people in Newport who are the victims of Anti Social Behaviour. This can include: excessive noise, abandoned vehicles, environmental issues like fly tipping, neighbour disputes, and problems involving gangs of youths.

The wardens stressed that they are not an alternative to the Police and do not investigate crime. However, any of the above issues can be dealt with effectively by them.

Cllr. Evans asked how often they patrol Michaelston-Y-Fedw. Community Warden Jackie Evans said that 1 in 3 shifts cover this area. It was explained that 8 wardens patrol the whole of Newport during a shift (this being from 1pm to midnight seven days a week). She also explained that priority was given to urban areas, and went on to explain the tensions that exist within certain areas of Newport. The Council agreed that as a semi-rural area we did not suffer the same problems that our urban neighbours

contend with.

Cllr. Davies also asked about the problem of the scrap metal dumped on Coal Pit Lane. The wardens said that they would photograph the area of concern and pass on their evidence to the Cleansing Department. Any such issues, if reported to them, would be acted upon.

The Community Wardens stressed that they could be called upon for advise at any time on **01633 222944**. The Wardens provided leaflets explaining the service that they offer. Cllr. Rowlands suggested passing this on to householders, alongside the community letter which was due to go out week ending March 5th. He also suggested that contact details could be posted on the Michaelston-Y-Fedw web site (www.michaelston-y-fedw.com).

Action: Clerk to post information on community web site.

03/21/219 Planning

No planning applications had been received.

03/21/220 Roads – Hedges – Verges and Bridges

Roads – No new matters have arisen. All currently being dealt with.

Bridges – Currently issue being dealt with.

03/21/221 Correspondence

Various correspondence was received. Of interest was a membership application for One Voice Wales. This organisation will replace GALC (Gwent Association of Local Councils) and is more reasonably priced. However, we do not have to join until the autumn. It was proposed that we should join the organisation at this later date by the Chairman, Cllr. Davies, and seconded by Cllr. Rowlands.

03/21/222 Finance Matters

The signs have been ordered following Cllr. Evans' endeavour to obtain quotes, and can be viewed at the next Community Council meeting.

Action: Cllr. Evans to bring to next meeting, and Clerk to arrange for finance of this project from Newport Council before the end of the financial year.

03/121/223 Meetings Reports

Cllr. Walford notified the council that a meeting had taken place on Monday, March 1st in the Village Hall by an undisclosed number of villagers who had certain issues with the running of the Parish Church. Out of courtesy, Cllr. Walford felt he was not in a

position to disclose the contents of that meeting until he and Cllr. Rowlands had put forward the views of the villagers to the other party involved.

03/21/224 Chairman's Business

There was no further business from the Chairman.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.30pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday April 14th, 2004. Please note that this is a change from the normal date.