

# **Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council**

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2005.

## **Members Present**

Councillor Dr C C Rowlands  
Councillor Mrs T Clifford  
Councillor Mr G Davies  
Councillor Mr S Tyler  
Councillor Mr D Philips  
Councillor Mr W Percy  
Clerk Mrs C Dixon  
PC Jim Neesam  
PC Adrian Walters  
Councillor Mr C Walford

## **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Mr W Morgan  
Councillor Mrs A Huckle

## **Members of Public Present**

Father John Dale

## **Agenda Item and Comments**

### **05/01/038 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday April 6th were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Councillor Davies and seconded by Councillor Rowlands.

### **05/01/039 – Matters Arising**

**Roads** – Cae Gwyn pot hole, has now been filled, including the man-hole cover.....thank you Newport County Council!

On-going issues that require attention.

**Action: Councillor Huckle to write to Head of Higways.**

**Ruperra Castle Development** – This has been put up for sale. It was not known what impact this would now have for development purposes as neither Newport or Caerphilly have reported anything further.

**BT Pole** – Still hasn't been removed.

**Action: Cllr. Phillips to ring BT yet again!**

**Church Fund** – The Community Council are not qualified to apply for financial assistance towards the renovation of the village hall. The application will have to be submitted by the Village Hall Committee.

**Action: Cllr. Rowlands to present it at the next Village Hall meeting.**

### **05/01/040 - Police Matters**

PC Neesam reported that there was only one recorded crime for the period, the theft of the Rectory sign on the 14<sup>th</sup> April, although it has not been determined who stole it.

Since the last meeting PC Neesam has kept a watchful eye on scrambler bikers in the area. One such rider was stopped on Began Road and a seizure notice was issued. The situation will continue to be monitored.

Councillor Rowlands also mentioned the theft of drainage pipes from the owners of Pentrepoeth Cottage. A van apparently pulled up, cut the drainage pipes into transportable pieces, and then drove off. Despite it being witnessed, individuals failed to notify the owners or the Police.

The travellers at LG have also been served with Eviction Notices and have now moved on. PC Neesam said that there was no increase in crime in the area due to their presence.

Councillor Tyler also mentioned the problem of horse and carts racing on Newport Road. PC Neesam, although aware of it said that they needed to be caught obstructing the highway. Again, members of the public need to report it immediately if it is happening, in order for the Police to respond.

PC Neesam announced that he has been promoted to Sergeant and will no longer be our Ward Manager. The post will be advertised and we will be notified in due course of a replacement. Councillor Percy congratulated PC Neesam, and Councillor Davies thanked him for all his work with the community, and this was endorsed by all present at the meeting. PC Walters can be contacted in PC Neesam's absence.

### **05/01/041 – Planning**

**CONEX: 05/0390 Variation of standard condition (to extend time period for commencement of development) of planning permission 00/3966 for erection of garage/granny flat annex, single storey link and pool extension and formation of ornamental ponds. 5 Oaks, Druidstone Road, Old St Mellons, Newport.**

**Decision: No objection**

- \* The Chairman, Councillor Chris Walford, has been approached by Mr Hopkins regarding the 3 detached properties opposite the rectory (formally owned by the

Pendlebury's). Mr Hopkins is seeking to finish off the third property, which was started many years ago but never completed. Newport Planning Department have no record of the planning application, and it would appear that the Community Council do not have any record either. Mr Hopkins is seeking permission to finish off, but without proof cannot proceed. It was recognised by all that there must have been planning permission as two were completed over thirty years ago, and the third also started. However, the Community Council was in no position to offer any written evidence of the planning application having gone through. The Chairman will ring Newport Planning outlining local knowledge of the building of the properties.

**Action: The Chairman to speak to Newport Planning office.**

### **05/01/042 Roads – Hedges – Verges and Bridges**

Roads – The pot holes in the road between Plough House and Druidstone House have been filled, although still not satisfactorily. It was felt that the Community Council were not being listened to by Newport Highways Department, and that a proactive approach to the Welsh Assembly, Local MP and the Ombudsman was required. Councillor Tyler suggested a smaller sub-committee be formed to drive through this major issue. Councillors Clifford, Walford and Tyler volunteered to form committee, and asked that Councillor Huckle also attend.

**Action: Cllr. Huckle to still send her letter to the Head of Highways**

**Action: Clerk to organise first meeting of sub-committee, and ask Cllr. Huckle to attend.**

### **05/01/043 - Correspondence**

Various correspondence was received.

### **05/01/044 - Finance Matters**

Clerks Salary - £48

Allianz Cornhill Insurance – £265.59

Catering for Litter Pick Day - £27.64

Helping Hands Equipment - £52.88

### **05/01/045 - Meetings Reports**

**Community Litter Pick** - 24 bags of rubbish were collected on this very wet day. However, the event was attended by 30 adults and children, all of whom enjoyed the day. It was decided to hold this “green” event annually.

**Newport City Council Full Council Meeting** – Councillor Pursey extended an invitation to all of the Community Council members to attend this 6 weekly meeting, the next one being in June.

**05/01/046 - Chairman's Business**

**There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.55 pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, June 8th 2005 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.**