

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on Wednesday 5th May, 2004.

Members Present

Councillor Dr C C Rowlands
Councillor Mrs T Clifford
Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mrs A Huckle
Councillor Mr C Walford
Clerk Mrs C Dixon

Apologies for absence

Councillor Mr S Tyler
Councillor Mr D Philips
Councillor Mr R Evans
PC Jim Neesam

Members of the Public Present

Father John Dale

Agenda Item and Comments

03/21/234 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday April 14th were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr. Rowlands and seconded by Cllr. Davies.

03/21/236 – Matters Arising

A summary of the April Action Plan was discussed.

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.

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

Complaint Letter – Clerk to write to Chief Executive as outlined in April minutes.

Finance – Chairman to arrange team to erect new signs.

Accounts – Chairman and Clerk to re-arrange meeting to complete.

Community Bench – Cllr. Tyler to arrange re-varnishing, Cllr. Walford to arrange chippings to be laid.

Correspondence – Following a letter from Rudry Community Council, the Clerk must write to Newport Council to verify its knowledge and position over the development.

Community Litter Initiative – A weekend in September has been tentatively offered with the intention of offering a free BBQ for the Litter Pickers. Details to be worked out in coming months.

03/21/237 Police & Neighbourhood Watch Matters

Cllr. Rowlands has drawn to the Council's attention an attempted burglary at a property on Began Road during the daytime, and also an attempted car theft in the early hours of the morning.

03/21/238 Planning

There were no planning applications.

03/21/239 Roads – Hedges – Verges and Bridges

Roads – Cllr. Clifford and Cllr. Huckle both complained of the flooding on Mill Corner on the approach into lower Michaelston. It is believed a drain has been blocked causing significant water accumulation in even the briefest of showers.

Action: Clerk to inform Cllr. Boswell of this issue and for him to liaise with Cllr. Clifford on the precise location of the problem.

Roads – A drain appears to be collapsing just outside of Druidstone House.

Action: Clerk to inform Cllr. Boswell.

Roads – The Clerk notified the Council that Mr. Mark Sainsbury had finally received compensation from Newport Council for the significant damage to his wheels/tyres after the vehicle hit a series of major pot holes in the dark. It was noted that Mr. Sainsbury wisely photographed the pot holes, and the damage suffered by the vehicle immediately following the incident.

03/21/240 Correspondence

Summons and Agenda for a Meeting of Newport City Council on Tuesday 27 April 2004. 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.

Action: Clerk to write to Cabinet Member making the above points.

Councillor Election Forms – Unfortunately the forms had been sent to the previous Clerk, and had only been received by the current Clerk a couple of days before this meeting. As a result, the Notice for Elections was posted immediately on the noticeboard outside the village hall, although somewhat late for those wishing to stand. All Councillors stated that they would stand for re-election. The Clerk notified all present that the forms had to be returned by 4pm on May 13th, to the Deputy Returning Officer, Geoff Knowles, at the Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR. Any queries could be directed at Mr. Knowles on 01633 232007.

Action: Cllr. Davies was to deliver Election Packs to those Councillors not present at the meeting for them to forward to the Civic Centre if they wished to stand for re-election.

03/21/241 Finance Matters

Clerks Salary - £48

Cornhill Insurance (Annual Premium) - £213.09

Highway Equipment (Signposts for Village) - £654.24

03/121/242 Meetings Reports

Marshfield School – The Governors Report was delivered to the Parents on April 27th. The issue of catchment area was raised. Cllr. Boswell re-assured those present that if there were to be changes then the parent and governing body would have been consulted by now.

03/21/243 Chairman's Business

There were no issues to be addressed.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.35pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday June 2nd, 2004 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.