

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday 4th November 2015

Members Present:

Councillor Mr G. Davies
Councillor Dr C. Rowlands
Councillor Mr C. Walford
Councillor Mr G. Morgan
Councillor Mr L. Meringolo

Ward Councillors Present:

Councillor Mr R. White

Apologies for absence:

Councillor Mr V. Davies
Councillor Mrs A. Huckle
Councillor Mr T. Suller

11/15/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd September 2015 were proposed by Councillor Walford and seconded by Councillor Morgan.

11/15/02 – Matters arising

Fairwater Farm solar installation: After a site visit and a further meeting the application has been approved by Newport Planning Committee. Cardiff Council had approved the application under delegated powers but it is now to be referred back to the planning committee. *Keep Us Rural* may seek a judicial review of the decision and may seek financial support for the action. Councillor Morgan pointed out that a judicial review would only consider the legality of the process, not the decision itself. The community council would need a written application for any financial support and would want to consider the matter carefully.

11/15/03 – Police matters

The monthly police report had been circulated to councillors. Councillor G. Davies has reported suspicious activity by the occupants of a red Citroen car around the village recently. The people involved are already known to the police.

11/15/04 – Planning

Councillor Rowlands queried whether planning permission has been granted for the new building being erected next to the road at Cefn Mably Farm Park. Its appearance is very intrusive because of its size and position. Councillor White will check on this.

11/15/05 – Roads, Hedges, Verges and Bridges

- Councillor Rowlands reported that there is still no progress on the repair of Cefn Mably bridge.
- The clerk has written to Newport Council asking for the white lines at the bottom of Began Road hill to be repainted.

11/15/06 – Correspondence

- *Groundwork Wales* are using money raised by the 5p levy on Tesco carrier bags to offer financial support for projects. Details will be forwarded to the Village Hall committee.
- *Grow Wild* are offering free seed packs of wild flowers. The clerk will apply for a pack.
- The *Welsh Government update for Community and Town Councils* has been received. Copies will be circulated to councillors.
- The Ramblers Association *Paths for People* has been received. Copies will be circulated to councillors.

11/15/07 – Finance

- Councillor Rowlands complained to NatWest Bank about the lack of response to our request for changes to the account, and then complained again about their lack of response to his first complaint. Forms for requesting on-line access have now been received and NatWest say that they have changed the name on the account. On-line access is to be requested for the clerk and the account signatories.
- The newly appointed external auditors have said that they will focus on budgets and monitoring at the next audit. Budget planning will therefore be a priority for the next community council meeting.
- The clerk is to request a final bill from Carolyn Jones Planning Services.
- The following cheques were written:
 - Cheque No 437 – clerks' wages £55
 - Cheque No 438 – Mazars LLP for external audit £210

11/15/08 – Chairman's Business

- Councillors suggested promoting some community activities:
 - A scarecrow competition
 - Michaelston In Bloom, which could tie in with *Grow Wild*
 - A village party, similar to the Jubilee party, to celebrate the longest reigning monarchAll of these were agreed in principle.
- Much of the material of the Michaelston y Fedw web site is out of date. We will ask the various contributors to update their pages. Councillor Rowlands will liaise with the church.
- Councillor G. Davies asked that we contact Caerphilly Council about fly-tipping in the areas around Michaelston Bridge. The clerk will request that the spaces used by vehicles for fly-tipping should be blocked to prevent access.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday December 2nd 2015 at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall.