

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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

Members Present

Councillor Mrs T Clifford
Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mrs A Huckle
Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr D Philips
Clerk Mrs C Dixon
Councillor Mr. W. Percy
Councillor Mr. W. Morgan

Apologies for absence

Councillor Dr C C Rowlands
Councillor Mr S Tyler
PC Needham

Agenda Item and Comments

03/21/280 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday October 6th 2004 were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Councillor Huckle and seconded by Councillor Clifford.

03/21/281 Matters Arising

Litter Bin – Councillor Morgan said that a bin would be fitted by Newport City Council in the next week.

Blocked Drain on Mill Corner and general road complaints – Councillor Percy said that his method of reporting such incidents was the same as the general public i.e. call the Newport Call Centre. In future, when there is a flood he recommended that everyone phones this number to complain: 01633 656656. He recommended that this be posted on Community Notice boards and the Web Site.

Action: Clerk to arrange.

Signs – The Chairman is to collect these from Mr. Robert Evans, and will arrange for their erection in the not too distant future.

Action: Chairman to arrange.

Community Litter Picking Day – Cllr. Pursey asked the Clerk to fill out the relevant

form so that he can support the event to the tune of £100, for the purchase of gloves, bags, litter pickers etc.

Action: Clerk to submit.

A poster for the event to go on the noticeboards was suggested by Councillor Huckle, who volunteered the services of Manon Huckle and other children in the village!

Action: Councillor Huckle to arrange.

Children Crossing Road Sign in lower village – Councillor Pursey suggested that he meet with Councillor Davies to discuss the position of the signs, and the type required.

Action: Councillor Pursey to arrange.

03/21/282 Police & Neighbourhood Watch Matters

PC Neesam was unable to attend the meeting, but gave a verbal report to the Clerk. It is as follows:

1 recorded crime incident for Michaelston on Sunday 24th October 2004.

A car was in a minor collision with the owner of Bridge Houses' car. The Police were called as the driver was acting suspiciously following the crash. The man disappeared and was next seen attempting to break into a car on Bridge Terrace. This car's owner was woken and confronted the individual. He ran back towards Michaelston Bridge where he was promptly arrested by Police, and was later positively ID'd by the lady on Bridge Terrace. It turned out that the car was stolen and on false plates. The individual was charged with attempting to steal the car on Bridge Terrace and was subsequently charged with a catalogue of other offences following a more thorough investigation into the history of the individual.

Councillor Huckle wishes to complain about a Rottweiler dog from Holly House that is off the lead and chasing passing cars. Councillor Huckle also passed on concerns from other residents that the dog could potentially kill sheep in adjacent fields.

Councillor Gareth Davies also pointed out that a dog in Ty To Maen is causing a barking nuisance, as well as being constantly out on the road barking aggressively at passing walkers and horse riders.

Action: Both Councillors hope that PC Neesam can comment on the situation by the next meeting.

03/21/283 Planning

One Planning Application was received:

CONEX 04/1662 – 3 stage extension at Neuadd Wen, Bassaleg.

DECISION: The Community Council object to this extensive planning application on the following grounds:

1. It does not conform to the Newport Development Plan.
2. The large lake would potentially dry up the existing stream.
3. The positioning of the lake at the top of the field would pose a serious flood risk to local farms.

4. The development would not be in keeping with character of the existing cottage and countryside.
5. An additional property “a lakeside lodge” is not an acceptable addition to the landscape.

Action: Clerk to write to Council.

03/21/284 Roads – Hedges – Verges and Bridges

Roads – Councillor Phillips is very concerned about the old telephone pole near Mill Corner which is protruding into the carriageway.

Action: Councillor Phillips to find out who owns “the pole” for Clerk to write and request that the hazard be removed.

03/21/ Correspondence

Vicars invitation to lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service – It was felt that there was no precedent for the laying of a wreath on behalf of the Community Council. However, the Community Council would be represented at the church service by various Councillors.

Planning – A letter has been received from Newport City Council Planning Department stating that The Bund at 5, Oaks has gone to Appeal at the Welsh Assembly, as they (NCC) had failed to determine within the statutory period.

Councillor Huckle reminded the Community Council that the last bund constructed, with access on Coal Pit Lane, caused a huge number of complaints to be directed at the Community Council. She maintained that it was the duty of the Community Council to keep residents informed of planning issues that would impact on the local community. She suggested that a follow-up newsletter should be sent out merely stating this latest position. A vote was taken on the course of action to be taken, the outcome of which follows.

Councillor Davies and Councillor Tyler (view represented by Cllr. Davies in his absence) – wanted to do nothing more regarding the bund.

Councillor Walford – wanted to put the letter regarding the appeal process on all Notice boards.

Councillor Huckle, Clifford and Phillips felt that the letter should be sent to all residents. The latter course of action was carried.

Action: Clerk to forward all correspondence regarding objections to the Appeals Officer by November 14th, and send out notification to all residents of the Appeal process.

A letter was also to be forwarded to Brian Kemp asking for reasons for his approval of the scheme, given the appalling state of the roads, and the likelihood that this scheme would further deteriorate the road surface.

03/21/285 Finance Matters

Clerks Salary - £48

Cheque for June election expenses to Newport City Council £340.67. This follows a £200 reduction following the Community Council’s appeal to the Returning Officer that

the previous amount was deemed to much.

03/121/286 Meetings Reports

There were no reports.

03/21/287 Chairman's Business

No other business.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9pm . The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, December 1st at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.