

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on
Wednesday 4th November, 2009.

Members Present

Councillor Dr C Rowlands, Chairman
Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mr D Philips
Councillor Mr G Holtam
Councillor Mrs A Huckle
Councillor Mrs C Dixon – minutes

Marshfield Ward Councillors

Apologies for absence

Clerk – Mrs C Sainsbury

Agenda Item and Comments

04/11/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday October 7th 2009 were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr. Davies and seconded by Cllr. Rowlands.

04/11/02 – Police Matters

There were no police in attendance, and there were no reports of any activity in the area.

04/11/03 – Matters Arising

The matter of bridges will continue to be on the agenda until Cllr Rowlands is able to liaise with Caerphilly Council bridge engineer Mr J Hicks.

04/11/04 – Planning

CONEX/09/0882 Proposed Golf Course, Fairwater Farm, Michaelstone y Fedw

Following on from the public meeting in October when Sir Stanley Thomas and his team presented their proposal for the development of the golf course, the community council resolved to discuss a formal response to the planning application. It was noted that community councillors had sought views from the community. The following major points were made:

- a. Unacceptable increase in the volume of traffic through the community, along roads that currently struggle to cope in peak rush hour. Current roads, including Coal Pit Lane and Druidstone Road, offer single lane highway only. An estimated 200 traffic movements on a single weekend day would not enhance itself to a semi-rural community.
- b. The worry on the future status of the land should the application be granted but the business venture proved non-viable. Assurances would need to be given that the land would revert to agricultural and not transfer to brown site.
- c. Grave concern was expressed that with the concessionary build of a club house, future building applications may be made in due course by the applicant on land not directly converted to golfing greens. It was noted that the land directly adjacent to Druidstone Road had originally been part of the planning application but had since been left out. Assurances would need to be given that fringe development would not be allowed.
- d. It was agreed that there was no added value for the village in this development. In fact an exclusive facility was being proposed to the exclusion of the residents.
- e. Concern was also raised on the landscaping of the proposed tunnel linking the two parts of the golf course. It was agreed that it should blend in with the natural geography and should not detract from the current landscape.
- f. Concerns were also raised on the impact of existing footpaths and public rights of way on the course.

It was agreed that a letter containing these points should be penned to Newport Planning Department. However, Cllr Philips re-iterated his view that he was all for development and that he did not agree with the majority view that this was not a positive addition to our community.

09/11/05 – Roads, Hedges, Verges and Bridges

It was noted that after many, many years of lobbying the Highways Department, Druidstone Road has finally been re-surfaced. However, it was noted that cars are now speeding on the smooth surface.

09/11/06 – Correspondence

In the absence of the Clerk, it was not known if there was any correspondence. This item would be carried over to the next meeting.

09/11/07 – Finance Matters

None

09/11/08 – Meeting Reports

There were no meetings to report.

09/11/09 – Chairman's Business

None

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.35pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 2nd December 2009 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.