

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday 7th October 2015

Members Present:

Councillor Mr G. Davies
Councillor Dr C. Rowlands
Councillor Mr V. Davies
Councillor Mr C. Walford
Councillor Mr G. Morgan
Councillor Mrs A. Huckle

Ward Councillors Present:

Councillor Mr R. White
Councillor Mr T. Suller

Also present were 4 members of the public and Messrs P. Tyle and D. Lynskey from Michaelston Solar Ltd.

Apologies for absence:

Councillor Mr L. Meringolo

10/15/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd September 2015 were proposed by Cllr Rowlands and seconded by Cllr Huckle.

10/15/02 – Police matters

Two PCSOs attended the meeting to present their report. There has been an increase in crime in the ward this month, particularly car crime including the theft of catalytic convertors. The only reported crime in Michaelston-y-Fedw was a burglary.

10/15/03 – Planning

- Newport planners have recommended approval of the Fairwater Farm solar farm. This will be considered by planning committee on Wednesday 14th October. Messrs Tyle and Lynskey of Fairwater Solar Ltd presented their proposal to enter a Section 106 agreement under which £87,000 would be paid to Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council via Newport Council. However Newport Council have reportedly said they are not willing to do this. Councillors and members of the public questioned the representatives about company viability and transparency and expressed doubts as to whether they could actually pay that amount. They also questioned why Michaelston Solar would pay this money when the council is not willing to withdraw its objections to the scheme. Michaelston Solar said they are not asking for anything in return, it is a payment in recognition of the inconvenience that will be caused. They will try to find a way of making a legally binding commitment to pay.

Councillor Rowlands asked for it to be noted that he will not take any part in discussions about how to use the money if it is forthcoming.

10/15/04 – Roads, Hedges, Verges and Bridges

- Councillor Rowlands reported that there is still no progress on the repair of Cefn Mably bridge.
- Councillor V. Davies has discussed the matter of repairs to road signs with Newport Council but lack of funds will probably delay any remedial action.
- The clerk will write to Newport Council asking for the white lines at the bottom of Began Road hill to be repainted.
- It was noted that Councillor Lorenzo's discussion with Mr R Edwards about water running down Began Rd hill has resulted in the water flow being stopped.

10/15/05 – Correspondence

- Notices were received concerning the Welsh Government's surveys on national retail planning policy and on the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.

10/15/06 – Finance

- The clerk has written to NatWest requesting changes to the bank accounts but no acknowledgement has been received.
- The following cheques were written:
 - Cheque Nos 436 – clerks' wages £55

10/15/07 – Chairman's Business

None

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday November 4th 2015 at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall.