

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on Wednesday 4th October, 2006

Members Present

Councillor Mr D Philips
Councillor Mr W Percy
Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr S Tyler
Councillor Mr L Merengilo
Councillor Mrs C Dixon
Councillor Mrs A Huckle

Apologies for absence

Councillor Dr C Rowlands

Agenda Item and Comments

11/06/01 – Visit by Mike McGow, Newport City Council, Parks Department

This visit was arranged to discuss the viability of a play area for local children. It has been noted by the Community Council that there has never been any investment in an area for the children of the village.

Mike McGow looked at the grassed area at the top of the village hall car park. He recommended a 'leisure area' where wooden children's seating could be erected, with wood chippings as a base (could be supplied free of charge by contacting Peter Willis of Grounds Maintenance, Newport CC). This would not require planning permission, and as the seating falls below the height requirement for swings, slides etc there would not be the need for prohibitively expensive safety flooring.

Mike McGow suggested that this would be the best option, but recommended involving the children in deciding what kind of seating they would like. Once the Community Council has carried out a costing exercise he suggested contacting Ffion Lloyd, Head of Continuing Learning and Leisure, who may be able to part finance the project.

Action: Councillors Dixon and Huckle to undertake a costing exercise

11/06/02 – Annual Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Chairman Cllr. Chris Walford did not wish to stand for another year.

For Chairman 2006/2007 - Cllr. Claire Dixon proposed Cllr. Chris Rowlands in his absence (knowing that he had no objection to being proposed). This was seconded by

Cllr. Steve Tyler, and was unanimously agreed by those present.

For Vice-Chairperson – Cllr. Chris Walford proposed Cllr. Claire Dixon. This was seconded by Cllr. David Phillips, and was unanimously agreed by those present.

The out-going Chairman was thanked for the work that he had undertaken over the past year.

11/06/03 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday September 6th 2006 were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Councillor Philips and seconded by Councillor Dixon.

11/06/04 – Matters Arising

Michaelston Bridge – Mr Mark Sainsbury had asked Councillor Claire Dixon to raise the issue of the continuing deterioration on the bridge. It was agreed by all present that we seem to be going around in circles with Newport City Council/Caerphilly CBC on the issue. A three pronged attack was agreed:

Action: Councillor Steve Tyler to contact CADW and speak to them about prevention measures ie signage and bollards. The bridge is currently listed.

Action: Councillor Dr Chris Rowlands to speak to his very helpful contact, who helped get Llwyn Celyn Bridge repaired, and establish what help he can bring in resolving this issue of repair and prevention.

Action: Councillor Claire Dixon to find out helpful bridge contact from several years ago, and pass to Councillor Gareth Davies to contact.

Signs – These have already been re-ordered and need picking up.

Action: Councillor Steve Tyler to arrange

Mill Corner – Flooding continues to be a problem, although the Community Council seems to be drawing a blank with Newport City Council in resolving the problem.

Action: Councillor Lorenzo Meringola will investigate from his Newport City Council contact their position of this on-going problem.

“Children Crossing” Road signs on approach to Bridge Terrace - Cllr. Percy said that this has not moved forward since the last meeting.

Action: Clerk to write to Steve Bowen of Highways Department requesting an on-site visit with Councillor Gareth Davies.

Ruperra Castle Development – Councillor Dr Chris Rowlands wanted it brought to the Councils attention (in his absence) that a letter from Newport City Council had been sent to Caerphilly CBC supporting our concern about the increased traffic from this proposed development, and the impact of heavy construction traffic on the Michaelston

Bridge. Newport CC specifically asked that the following be considered when Caerphilly CBC make their decision on approving the planning application:

“.....In view of the shared concerns over traffic impact, especially through Michaelston-y-Fedw and Michaelston Bridge (7.5 tonne weight limit), it is requested that if your authority is minded to approve this application then suitably worded conditions be included on the decision notice. These conditions should require improvements to the rear access lane, the submission of a construction traffic management plan (which identifies a suitable route onto the site for large lorries avoiding Michaelston Bridge), and clearly defined operating hours in terms of construction work and delivery times (e.g. between 8 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday, and 9am to 3 pm on a Saturday, with no working on a Sunday).”

Public Footpath by Cefn Mably Farm Park - Councillor Bill Percy updated the meeting. The path has been blocked by the owners for some time. The owners have now been formally requested to unblock the access to walkers.

10/06/05 - Police & Neighbourhood Watch Matters

There was no Police attendance so this could not be discussed. However, it was noted by several members that they had heard of various break-ins in the area, targeting sheds and garages.

10/06/06 – Planning

There were no planning applications received.

10/06/07 Roads – Hedges – Verges and Bridges

Roads – A complaint has again been received on the state of the road along Coal Pit Lane and Druidstone Road, resulting from the construction of the Bund at Five Oaks. It was agreed that there was no ‘wheel washing’ in evidence.

Action: Clerk to contact Planning Officer about the enforcement of the conditions.

10/06/08 – Correspondence

Remembrance Service – A letter had been received from Father John Dale inviting a member of the Community Council to lay a wreath at the forthcoming Remembrance Day Service in St. Michael’s Church. Councillor Claire Dixon will lay a wreath on behalf of the Community Council at the Service, to remember all those in our community who had given their lives during the course of the two world wars.

Action: Clerk to order a poppy wreath, and bring to the next meeting.

10/06/09 - Finance Matters

As no End of Year accounts were presented the matter of finances could not be discussed. It was agreed that this was a task that was always undertaken by the Clerk, and should remain so. Further costs need not be incurred by getting an external bookkeeper to do the task.

Action: Clerk to finalise the accounts by next meeting

10/06/10 - Meetings Reports

Marshfield Primary School Governors Meeting. Councillor Gareth Davies' term as Minority Representative was now at an end. His position on the Governing Body will now pass to one of the other Community Council members.

10/06/11 - Chairman's Business

No business reported.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.20pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, November 8th 2006 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.