

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on Wednesday 6th October, 2004.

Members Present

Councillor Dr C C Rowlands
Councillor Mrs T Clifford
Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mrs A Huckle
Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr S Tyler
Councillor Mr D Philips
Clerk Mrs C Dixon
Councillor Mr W Pursey
PC Neesam
PC Parker

Agenda Item and Comments

03/21/272– Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday September 1st 2004 were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Councillor Davies and seconded by Councillor Rowlands/

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday September 29th 2004 were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Councillor Huckle and seconded by Councillor Rowlands.

03/21/273 – Matters Arising

Tirzah Baptist Graveyard – Councillor Clifford has recovered several letters from trustees of the graveyard. It would appear that the graveyard is indeed the responsibility of the Baptist Union Corporation, despite their letter saying that it was nothing to do with them. It would appear they banked a cheque from the last trustee for £426.21 on 13th November 1996 when responsibility for its upkeep transferred to the Baptist Union.
Action: Clerk to write again to the BU, copying letters, and questioning their responsibility for its upkeep.

Michaelston Bridge – Blocked drains at Mill Corner – Collapsed drain on Druidstone Road – Rolling Plan of Road Repairs – Await Councillor Bill Morgan to action from September meeting.

Action: Clerk to email specific tasks Cllr. Morgan as a reminder.

Response from Brian Kemp on Rural Roads – The Clerk presented a response letter that the Councillors had requested to be written. It detailed our total disagreement with his letter concerning the state of our roads.

Action: Clerk to send Brian Kemp letter.

Community Litter Picking Day – Sunday 5th December was picked as the day for clearing the verges. Meet in the Village Hall at Noon. Councillor Bill Pursey has promised £100 contribution for the purchase of gloves, bags and mechanical litter pickers. The Community Council will provide a free barbecue to those members of the community who participate in the event. It is hoped that children would be encouraged by their parents to help out (although closely supervised on the roads by their parents).

Action: Clerk to email reminder to Cllr. Pursey.

Bank – Nat West continue to send statements to the retired Clerk despite several attempts advising them of the change.

Action: Cllr. Rowlands to visit the branch to try and rectify this situation.

03/21/274 Police & Neighbourhood Watch Matters

There has been no recorded crime in the area since the last meeting. PC Neesam and the Castleton team are now patrolling regularly between 11pm – 2am, and this higher profile could be delivering the desired result.

Roadwork's on A48/Castleton – PC Neesam did not know when the road works were due to start.

Increased patrols at Marshfield School during 3.30pm pick up. Parents are continually parking on double-yellow lines which is posing a nuisance to local residents and a hazard.

Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr. Tyler noted that the agenda always contained the item Neighbourhood Watch Matters and questioned whether one should be set up. However, Cllr. Davies pointed out that this had been tried over the years, but the layout of the community (i.e. houses spread apart by some distance) did not lend itself to this kind of initiative. It was agreed that this scheme works on housing estates as there are many houses and roads joined together.

Action: Clerk to remove “Neighbourhood Watch Matters” from all future agendas.

03/21/274 Planning

There were no new planning applications, although CONEX: 04/0857 – Construction of Noise Attenuation Bund at 5 Oaks, Michaelston-y-Fedw and the Ruperra Castle Development were discussed. It was felt that the Community Council should continue with its Newsletters when important issues needed to be highlighted.

Action: Newsletter to Community approved and Clerk to send out.

03/21/275 Roads – Hedges – Verges and Bridges

Roads – It was unanimously agreed that the letter to Brian Kemp should be sent outlining our total disagreement with his assertion that our local roads were acceptable.

Action: Letter of reply agreed by Councillors, Clerk to send out.

Signs – It was decided that the “Welcome..” signs should be located near the following: 2 in Penylan, 1 by Yew Tree Cottage, 1 on Michaelston Bridge, 1 at Reservoir House, 1 near Druidstone House.

Action: Chairman to arrange a team to put up signs.

Other Road Signs – Cllr. Huckle proposed that “Children Crossing” warning signs be placed on the bend before Bridge Terrace, as cars do not appear to slow down. This is a real hazard for children getting on/off the Marshfield and Bassaleg school buses.

Action: Cllr. Pursey agreed to look into the Highways Department providing these.

03/21/276 Correspondence

Letter from Michaelston Parochial Church Council – A request for contribution to the upkeep of the graveyard was made.

Action: A cheque for £500 was made, and increase of £50 from the previous year.

2004 Community Election Expenses – An invoice for £540.67 has been forwarded to us by Deputy Returning Officer. Councillors are shocked that half of our Precept is being spent on the Election. They query the proportion of our Community Council Elections, to the European and City Elections. They believe we are being charged for the entire lot.

Action: Clerk to raise queries with the Deputy Returning Officer.

Liaison Meeting with Community Councils – Notifying that the next meeting will now take place on December 9th, and inviting agenda items.

Action: Clerk to forward two points (1) Ruperra Castle Development and it's implications for Michaelston y Fedw; (2) Rural roads and the lack of communication with MYF Community Council.

Neighbourhood Committees – Notification of dates and venues.

Action: Clerk to photocopy and put on Notice Boards.

03/21/277 Finance Matters

Clerks Salary - £48

Michaelston Parochial Church Council - £500.

03/121/278 Meetings Reports

Governors Meeting at Marshfield School – New Chair is Cllr. Alison Huckle and Vice Chair is Cllr. Gareth Davies.

03/21/279 Chairman's Business

None.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, November 3rd, 2004 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.