

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday 2nd September 2015

Members Present:

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

Ward Councillors Present:

Councillor Mr R. White
Councillor Mr T. Suller

Apologies for absence:

None received

Prior to commencement of the meeting a presentation was made to Mrs Catherine Sainsbury who is retiring as clerk after 9 years in the role. Councillors expressed their thanks to Mrs Sainsbury for her work as clerk during that time.

09/15/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st July 2015 were proposed by Cllr Rowlands and seconded by Cllr Huckle. Councillor Morgan pointed out that those minutes recorded his apologies for absence when he had in fact attended the meeting.

09/15/02 – Police matters

Councillor Mrs Huckle suffered a burglary at her home recently and there have been other reports of burglaries in the area. Councillors would like the Police to attend council meetings as a way of gaining information about strangers and vehicles noticed in the area and to feed back about police action taken. Councillor White recommended reporting suspicious activity on 101 which should lead to increased police patrols. The clerk will write to the PCSO inviting them to attend meetings.

09/15/03 – Planning

- The solar farm application is now likely to go to the October planning committee. The applicants are a limited company which does not appear on the Companies House register, though permission if granted would belong to the site owner. Cllr Rowlands pointed out that if the company goes out of business then no-one is accountable for restoration of the site or the WEEE liabilities when the permission expires after 25 years. The clerk will write to Gareth Price, Head of Law & Standards regarding the legality of apparently applying for permission under a pseudonym. Councillors G. Davies and T. Suller will speak at the planning meeting.
- *Application 15/0707 Retention of bird and animal sanctuary at Olliwood Farm, Coal Pit Lane* - A site visit was held during the summer by councillors G. Davies, V. Davies and C. Walford. They decided that no objection would be made to this application.

- The members noted an application for a possible wind turbine just outside the council's area, near Cwm Hedd lakes. The clerk will write to the planning officer requesting that an environmental impact assessment be carried out.

09/15/04 – Roads, Hedges, Verges and Bridges

- Councillor Rowlands reported that there is still no progress on the repair of Cefn Mably bridge, apparently because of funding issues. Councillor White suggested that as the bridge is a listed structure it may be helpful to write to Cadw about the problem. The clerk will write to Cadw asking whether they can help.
- Councillor Walford reported that jet patching of some roads has been done recently which is having the effect of widening the roads because they fill in the dips created by vehicles straying into the soft banks and verges. There is an app called "Fill That Hole" for mobile phones which people can use to report potholes and their GPS co-ordinates.

09/15/05 – Correspondence

- Invitations have been circulated for public information exhibitions on the 7th and 8th September regarding the proposed M4 changes. The chairman urged everyone to attend the exhibition.
- Invitation from the Gwent Police Commissioner to a liaison event for community councillors on September 15th.
- Welsh Government consultation on directions for a Boundary Commission review. Councillor G. Davies will respond.
- Welsh Government consultation on protecting community assets. Councillor Rowlands will respond.
- Survey from the Independent Remuneration Panel regarding councillors' claims for expenses and allowances. Clerk will respond that the councillors do not claim any expenses or allowances.
- The One Voice Wales AGM agenda contains a motion to increase subscriptions by 3% next year.

09/15/06 – Finance

- The 2nd precept has been received from Newport Council. A discussion on finance will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- The council's bank account details need to be updated and on-line access is to be requested. The clerk will write to NatWest and Councillor Rowlands will attend a meeting with them if necessary.
- Insurance is due for renewal at a cost of £358.04.
- The following cheques were written:
 - Cheque Nos 432 and 433 – clerks' wages £55 for C. Sainsbury and L. Russell
 - Cheque No 434 – Cllr C. Rowlands £20 for presentation to retiring clerk
 - Cheque No 435 – Aon Insurance £358.04

09/15/07 – Chairman's Business

There is to be a pageant at Ruperra Castle on September 6th

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday October 7th 2015 at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall.