

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on Wednesday 1st September, 2004.

Members Present

Councillor Mrs T Clifford
Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr S Tyler
Councillor Mr A Morgan (Marshfield Ward)
Clerk Mrs C Dixon

Apologies for absence

Councillor Mrs A Huckle
Councillor Mr D Philips
Councillor Dr C C Rowlands
PC Neesam

Agenda Item and Comments

03/21/263– Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday July 7th 2004 were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr. Davies and seconded by Cllr. Clifford. However, it was noted that the July meeting had been the AGM, and not this present one.

03/21/264 – Matters Arising

Tirzah Baptist Graveyard – The UK and Welsh Baptist Unions have all stated that this church yard is not theirs. They state that it is under the control of private trustees, of which they have no record. Cllr. Clifford will try one last source to identify the trustees.

Roads – Brian Kemp replied to our various letters of complaints of the terrible condition of the roads in our community (although this only followed our letter to the Managing Director of Newport Council complaining of his (Brian Kemp's) lack of response to our complaints. The Community Council view his letter as wholly unsatisfactory, and will continue it's pressure on Newport Council to repair the roads.

Action: Clerk to post his letter on the Community Notice boards, and Community Web Site for information to local residents.

03/21/265 Police & Neighbourhood Watch Matters

2 recorded crimes in Michaelston Area since the last meeting. The theft of a car, which was recovered 2 days later, and the theft of a purse from Cefn Mably Farm Park. The area has been very quiet.

03/21/266 Planning

One planning application was received:

CONEX 04/1334 – Conversion of barn living accommodation at Maes y Crochan

DECISION: There was no objection to this application, although it was felt that the immediate neighbours needed to be consulted and their views taken into consideration.

Action: Clerk to write to Council.

03/21/267 Roads – Hedges – Verges and Bridges

All outstanding issues from previous meetings (see past minutes) regarding this topic were explained to Cllr. Morgan.

Action: Cllr. Morgan to:

- **Arrange meeting with Bridge Engineer re: Michaelston Bridge**
- **Attempt to resolve issues of flooding at Mill Corner, and the collapsed drain outside of Druidstone House.**
- **Lobby cabinet members on the poor state of roads within the community, and ask for a forward plan of repairs.**

03/21/268 Correspondence

Removal of BT Payphone at Penylan – BT have written to explain that with the increase in mobile phones, only 30,000 of its 72,000 payphones are profitable. BT is aware of its social obligations to those dependent on payphones. However, it proposes that Michaelston-y-Fedw's overall level of provision (2 pay phones the other being at Bridge Terrace) exceeds customer need. BT, therefore propose to remove the payphone at this location. Whilst the Council felt that these boxes had an historical value, and that it was disappointed that they would be removed, they felt that BT had justified its removal.

Action: Clerk to write to BT outlining the Council's disappointment at its removal, and requesting them to re-consider.

One Voice Wales - Notification of the AGM on the 23rd October at Llandrindod Wells between 10.30am – 4pm. None of those present were able to attend due to work

commitments.

Action: Those Councillors who did not attend this meeting to let the Clerk know if they can attend.

03/21/269 Finance Matters

Accounts for year ending 31st March 2003 – The accounts have been verified by the Audit Commission. The accounts can be inspected from 1/9/04 – 15/9/04 by contacting the Clerk between 6-8pm. The Clerk summarised the audit findings:

- Bank to be requested to pay interest gross, and the tax deducted previously to be reclaimed.
- VAT on payments should be recovered on an annual basis.
- PAYE records should be maintained.

Action: Clerk to ensure that findings are actioned.

Accounts for year ending 31st March 2004 – The clerk had drawn up the accounts for this period. The Council unanimously approved them.

Action: The Clerk to submit the accounts to the Internal Auditor.

The Clerk also advised the Council that Bank Statements were still being sent to the previous Clerk despite letter requests and phone calls to the Bank requesting that a change be made.

Action: Clerk to draft letter from Chairman, and signed by all bank account signatories requesting that the Clerk be sent the statements.

Cheque No: 168 - £48 – Clerk's salary.

Cheque No: 169 - £7.92 – Reimbursal to Clerk of postage expenses from March – August '04

03/121/270 Meetings Reports

None

03/21/271 Chairman's Business

None

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.15pm. The next meeting is to be held on OCTOBER 6th 2004, at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.