

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on
Wednesday 3rd April, 2008.

Members Present

Councillor Dr C Rowlands, Chairman
Councillor Mrs C Dixon, Vice Chair
Councillor Mr L Meringolo
Councillor Mr S Tyler

Marshfield Ward Councillors

Councillor Mr R White
Councillor Mr W Pursey

Apologies for absence

Councillor Mrs A Huckle
Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mr D Philips
Councillor Mr C Walford
P C Paul Greenwood

Agenda Item and Comments

04/08/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2008 were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr. Meringolo and seconded by Cllr. Rowlands.

04/08/02 – Police Matters

As PC Greenwood was unable to attend the meeting there were no police matters to report and the Community Councillors had no issues that they wished to raise.

04/08/03 – Matters Arising

River Clean

The preliminary assessment for the river clean has been postponed due to inclement weather.

Action: Cllr. Rowlands to arrange another date when the weather improves.

Access to Village Hall

This matter is still ongoing. Cllr. Rowlands passed on several documents to Cllr. Huckle regarding this matter when it was raised previously in 2001.

Action: Cllr. Huckle written to Newport City Council and awaiting a response.

04/08/04 – Planning

No planning applications were received.

04/08/05 – Roads, Hedges, Verges and Bridges

There were no issues regarding the above.

04/08/06 – Correspondence

One Voice Wales

Clarification dates of local elections and leaflets about town and community councils.

Scope

A letter asking for help in a house to house collection.

Sports Council Wales

An application form for the Community Chest Scheme, a grant for a project to encourage people to be more active.

Action: Cllr. Dixon and the Clerk to discuss.

04/08/07 – Finance Matters

The Clerk received an email from Jennifer Richardson on behalf of the church asking retrospectively for a grant for the grass cutting and applying early for this year. It was agreed that the Community Council are sympathetic to this oversight and would pay last years but this year's could not be paid until later on in the financial year.

The following cheques were written:

Clerk's Salary

£57.01 Cheque no 000258,

04/08/08 – Meeting Reports

Liaison Meeting

Councillor Rowlands attended the liaison meeting and reported back to the Community Council. The two items that Michaelston Y Fedw requested were on the agenda: Planning Enforcement and the state of rural roads. However, due to no one from the planning department being present planning enforcement was not discussed. It was agreed that it would be carried over to the next meeting. On the matter of rural roads a specification sheet was presented as to the requirements of a pothole to warrant repair. It was claimed most urgent potholes should be repaired within 24hrs and the least urgent in 21 days. It was admitted that the Council cannot cope with the state of the roads and there is no money to keep up with the repairs. Cllr. Rowlands had asked how much money was being spent on paying insurance claims as a result of the state of the roads, the answer was half a million pounds. It was agreed that all the Community Council can do is to keep reporting the potholes and keep complaining about the state of the roads.

The concurrent expenditure of Community Council's was also discussed; we have received a 1.8% increase above last year, resulting in £1200 for 2008/09. But how is the amount calculated? It was agreed that a working party is going to be set up allowing only one Councillor per Community Council to look at how the money is allocated and spent.

04/08/09 – Chairman's Business

Litter Pick

It was agreed that the litter pick would go ahead in April as in the previous year and that a newsletter was needed to inform the community of this and the proposed river clean. Cllr. White very kindly donated £100 from Newport City Council towards the cost of the litter pick.

Action: Clerk and Cllr. Dixon to arrange a date.

At the end of the meeting Cllr. Pursey announced his retirement and that this was his last meeting for Michaelston Y Fedw Community Council. The Community Council wished to thank Cllr. Pursey for all his time and support.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.15pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 7th May 2008 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.