

Michaelstone-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelstone-Y-Fedw village hall on
Wednesday 6th December, 2006

Members Present

Councillor Mrs C Dixon, Vice Chair
Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr L Meringolo
Councillor Mr D Philips
Councillor Mr W Pursey
Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mrs A Huckle
PC McAllister

Apologies for absence

Councillor Dr C Rowlands, Chairman
Councillor Mr S Tyler

Agenda Item and Comments

12/06/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday November 8th 2006 were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr. Walford and seconded by Cllr. Dixon.

12/06/02 – Police Matters

PC McAllister attended the meeting to report to the Council regarding the new police procedures. There are a number of ongoing operations at present.

- The main operation is regarding traffic and vehicle crime, people using vehicles for criminal activity. 153 vehicles were stopped and out of this number 14 had no insurance, 19 had committed driving offences, there was 1 arrest for offensive weapons, 3 for drugs and 4 for theft. The scheme was possible by use of an automatic number plate reader. The police have noticed that the word is getting around the criminal fraternity as there has been a marked drop in the police having to stop vehicles.
- The second operation involves the police working with the Environment Agency to stop illegal tipping in the area. There have been a number of complaints regarding fly tipping. The operation is ongoing for a few hours per night during December and January. They are also looking at small companies who have been dumping rubbish. Cllr Phillips commented that the lane from St Mellons down to the Six Bells pub is a hot spot for fly tipping; sometimes it is so bad that the lane is blocked and traffic cannot even pass. PC McAllister noted this and said he would collate information for the Council.
- The Drink Drive campaign has begun and will run until the 1st January 2007. The public need to be aware that the police are taking action and will be out in force looking for people who have been drinking and are leaving pubs etc. There will be more people being stopped and breathalysed in the mornings.
- PACT Meetings - Police and Community Together. This scheme is being looked into for this ward; it has never been piloted in Gwent but has been tested elsewhere with great success. The idea is that the police take their own meetings on a monthly basis with representatives from the ward attending to bring forward any concerns from the community to the forum.

These matters will then be discussed and prioritised by the police to focus resources on for that month.

- Cllr. Dixon commented that there have been a lot of break-ins in the area recently. People are talking about the crimes but we are not sure if they have been reporting any incidences to the police. As there is no pattern it is difficult to prevent these crimes and in this ward crime has actually reduced from last year. PC McAllister also pointed out that criminal are targeting cars with GPS systems and criminal damage to cars was the biggest crime reported with theft from cars second and theft from out buildings was third. There were 71 reports in total for our area and thankfully none of them were for burglaries in this area.

12/06/03 – Matters Arising

Children's Leisure Area

It was agreed in principal to spend £2000.00 on the Children's Leisure Area.

Action: Councillors Dixon and Huckle to undertake a costing exercise and Cllr. Davies to speak to John Winter regarding contacting a carpenter.

Mailbox

It was agreed that a mailbox could be purchased for the Village Hall.

Action: Clerk to purchase mailbox and Cllr. Walford to install the mailbox once received.

Michaelstone Bridge

This matter is ongoing and to be discussed at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr. Rowlands to update the Council on any developments.

Signs

This matter is still ongoing.

Action: Cllr. Tyler to arrange collection of signs.

12/06/04 – Planning

A letter was received regarding the planning appeal as listed below; the appeal is subject to a forthcoming hearing on the 19th December 2006.

NEWPORT CITY: TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990: PLANNING APPEAL

APPEAL SITE: THE PADDOCKS, COAL PIT LANE, CEFN MABLY ROAD, CASTLETON

APPEAL SUBJECT: CHANGE OF USE TO GYPSY CARAVAN SITE FOR MOBILE HOME, A TOURING CARAVAN AND ERECTION OF KITCHEN/SHOWER

12/06/05 – Correspondence

There were various pieces of correspondence received, the following were noted:

- National Tree Week – a letter from Newport City Council was received to promote national tree week. Cllr. Davies proposed that the Council should look at trees in the area as many are being strangled by ivy. However, as these trees would more than likely be on private property it would be difficult to remove the ivy. Cllr. Huckle thought that a tree planting scheme would be a project that the Council should consider. It was decided that this topic would be put on the agenda for next month's meeting for further discussion.
- Neighbourhood Committees – Newport City Council has sent notification of the Neighbourhood Committee meetings.
Action: Clerk to photocopy and place on the village notice boards.
- Marshfield Parents and Friends Association – a letter was received to ask for a donation for the annual Christmas Fayre. It was agreed that a donation of £30.00 would be given.
Action: Clerk to post cheque.
- Audit Office – this letter was to notify the Community Council that the Audit has not been received.
Action: Cllr. Dixon to contact the Audit Office regarding the missing Audit Return.
- Newport City Council – a request was received for allocations for 2007/08 to be returned by 5th January 2007.
Action: Cllr. Dixon and Cllr. Rowlands and Clerk to meet to plan the budget.

12/06/06 – Finance Matters

Several cheques were written regarding the following:

Filing Cabinet

£117.88 to Cllr. Claire Dixon for purchasing filing cabinet, cheque number 000223

Clerk's Salary

£50.00 Cheque number 000224

St Michael's Parish Community Council

£525.00 to contribute to the grass cutting, cheque number 000225

Marshfield PFA

£30.00 Donation to Christmas Fayre, cheque number 000226

12/06/07 – Chairman's Business

Mill Corner

Cllr. Pursey reported that the meeting to discuss Mill Corner was well attended and we are now awaiting official notification from Newport Council as to their decision.

Action: To discuss progress at the next meeting.

Traffic Calming

Cllr. Pursey attended a meeting regarding the traffic calming signs. As a matter of urgency a SLOW sign in white will be repainted on the road at the bottom end of the village by Cae Gwyn.

Action: Cllr. Pursey to follow up with Highways to see when it will be painted on.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.56pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, January 3rd 2006 at the Village Hall, Michaelstone-Y-Fedw.