

## Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall, Michaelston Y Fedw  
on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

### **Members Present**

Councillor Mr G Davies – Chair  
Councillor Mr L Meringolo – Vice Chair  
Councillor Dr C Rowlands  
Councillor Mr G Morgan  
Councillor Mr V Davies

### **Ward Councillors**

Councillor Mr R White  
Councillor Mr T Suller

### **Apologies**

Councillor Mr C Walford  
Councillor Mrs A Huckle

Also present were two members of the public.

## **Agenda Item and Comments**

### **02/15/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 were proposed by Cllr. Rowlands and seconded by Cllr. Meringolo.

### **0215/02 – Police Matters**

There was a brief discussion on Neighbourhood Watch. It was agreed that this would be difficult in Michaelston due to the community being over such a widespread area.

### **02/15/03 – Matters Arising**

Cllr. Walford has drafted a letter concerning the renaming of Penylan.  
**Action: Clerk to send the letter to the Gazetteer once forwarded from Cllr. Walford.**

### **02/15/04 – Planning**

#### **CONEX/14/1222**

**PROPOSAL: DEMOLITION OF EXISITING DWELLING AND  
ERECTION OF NEW DETACHED DWELLING**

**SITE: LITTLE MAES Y CROCHAN, DRUIDSTONE  
ROAD, OLD ST MELLONS**

No objections, a positive improvement on the current building.

**Fairwater Farm** – no updates as yet, a letter was received from Carolyn Jones stating that Newport Council are still awaiting supplementary information. Cllr. V. Davies reported that the Landowner has informed him that the applicant company is due to go into liquidation. If this is the case and a new company takes over the project then a new application would need to be submitted.

**Clearwell Farm** –Cllr. Davies wrote to the Ruperra Trust regarding this application, as the Ruperra has a CADW listed significant view.

They are now writing to Newport Council to inform them of this and the fact that a Wind Turbine would spoil the view.

There was a lengthy discussion on the Holiday Cottages at Clearwell Farm. There is currently an application for a change of use from short-term holiday lets to long-term lets. Surely this application needs to be determined before the Wind Turbine application can be considered? There was also a debate over the current tenants receiving financial remuneration due to the existing turbine?

**Action: The Chairman to contact Carolyn Jones and Jacquie King.**

### **02/15/05 – Roads, Hedges, Verges and Bridges**

Cefn Llwyd Bridge has still not been repaired; Cllr. Rowlands spoke to the bridge engineer from Caerphilly Council this week and they are still awaiting the results from the survey carried out on the bridge. As the damage is getting worse they are going to send out another engineer with a view to carrying out emergency repair works.

**Action: Cllr. White to look into whose responsibility are the bridges.**

Cllr. Meringolo discussed the recurring problem of water running down Pentrepoeth Road into the village. The Drains need unblocking and many of the drains are above the surface of the road and therefore do not work.

**Action: Cllr. Meringolo to continue with this issue.**

### **02/15/06 – Correspondence**

#### **Carolyn Jones**

An update concerning the planning applications.

#### **Newport City Council**

Information regarding the LDP – the plan has now been adopted.

### **02/15/07 – Finance Matters**

The following cheques were written:

#### **Clerk's Wages**

£55.00 payment for February, cheque no:000419.

#### **M-Y-F VHC**

£400.00 payment for rent, cheque no:000420.

#### **One Voice Wales**

£34.00 membership renewal, cheque no:000421

## **02/15/08 – Meeting Reports**

No meetings had been attended but Cllr. V. Davies reported back on the Community evening held at the pub. Members of the Community commented on the cancelled Litter Pick and the lack of litterbins and litter signs throughout the village.

**Action: Litter Pick arranged for the 29<sup>th</sup> March, details to be discussed at the next meeting.**

## **02/15/09 – Chairman's Business**

### **Defibrillator**

Cllr. Davies, Cllr. Walford are to arrange the installation as soon as possible now the box to house it has arrived.

### **Broadband Speed**

A member of the public, who lives at Pandy Farm on Began Road, attended the meeting to discuss the issue of Broadband Speed. As someone who runs a business from home use of the Internet is paramount. Due to the distance from the exchange the Broadband Speed is very poor which is impacting upon his business. BT Openreach owns the cables and therefore there is no option but to go through them. To site a new digital exchange box this side of the motorway the approximate cost would be £25,000. The other option would be for a leased line where occupants would share the cost and the speed of the Broadband. Although the Council were very sympathetic to the situation it felt that members of Michaelston Y Fedw would not be keen to share the costs as Super Fast Broadband is scheduled for the village in 2016.

### **Street Furniture**

Cllr. V. Davies raised the issue of the appalling state of the street furniture in the village.

**Action: to be added to next months agenda.**

**There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.50pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.**