Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on Wednesday 1st July, 2009.

Members Present

Councillor Dr C Rowlands, Chairman Councillor Mrs C Dixon, Vice Chair Councillor Mr L Meringolo Councillor Mr C Walford Councillor Mr G Davies Councillor Mr D Philips Councillor Mr G Holtam

Marshfield Ward Councillors

Councillor Mr R White

Apologies for absence

Councillor Mrs A Huckle Councillor Mr T Suller

Also present: PC Adrian Walters and Community Support Officer Kim Weare.

Agenda Item and Comments

07/09/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 3rd June 2009 were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr. Davies and seconded by Cllr. Rowlands.

07/09/02 - Police Matters

PC Walters reported to the meeting that the crime rate for this area is 16.5% which is well under the national average of 26-27%. Their most current operation, "Operation Lighthouse" was primarily traffic based; there were several red diesel offenses and also an arrest for fly tipping.

With regard to Pound Lane and the sexual activity that has been going on there, it is a very sensitive issue and a difficult one to resolve. Therefore if anyone witnesses anything they should report it directly to head quarters by calling 101 and a log will be created which will then be seen by PC Walters and Community Support Officer Kim Weare.

It was also noted that many of the Travellers at Coedkernew have now moved on but there are still a few families there. The problem will not be resolved until the Council find a permanent site for them.

07/09/03 – Matters Arising

Access to Village Hall This matter is still ongoing Action: Cllr. Huckle had written to Newport City Council and was awaiting a response.

07/09/04 – Planning

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PROPOSAL:PROPOSED TWO STOREY AND FIRST FLOOR
EXTENSIONS AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS TO
EXISTING PROPERTY TO PROVIDE EXTENDED AND
ENHANCED LIVING ACCOMMODATION.SITE:LITTLE MAES Y CROCHAN DRUIDSTONE ROAD OLD ST
MELLONS CARDIFF CF3 6XE

No objections were raised.

TYLA LANE

The clerk received a letter from the Planning Officer informing the Community Council that the appeal for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes has been withdrawn as the appellant has agreed to comply with the requirements of the Enforcement Notice.

07/09/05 – Roads, Hedges, Verges and Bridges

It was noted that a section of the road just before the pub has been resurfaced and the Councillors now wait to see if the rest of the roads will receive the same treatment.

Tirzah Graveyard – The clerk received a cheque from the Baptist Union for £300 for the annual upkeep of the graveyard. However, accompanying the cheque was a letter informing the Community Council that there are no funds left to maintain the burial ground. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the £300 would cover the costs for the year but an alternative plan for maintenance would have to be arranged. The possibility of arranging for the probation service to cut the grass was suggested.

07/09/06 – Correspondence

One Voice Wales

Information on a National training programme for community and town councils in Wales.

Details of the AGM.

Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations

An invitation to become a member and make a nomination to the Newport Volunteer Achievements Awards.

Planning Services Focus Group

A copy of the minutes from the last meeting.

St. Michael's PCC

A letter was sent to the Clerk asking for retrospective payment for the grass cutting at St. Michael's Church. It was agreed that payment could not be give for previous years as the accounts for those years have been audited and signed off. A contribution of up to £500.00 can be requested but must be done so on an annual basis.

Action: Clerk to reply to the letter stating the above and enclosing a cheque for £500.00

Bio fuel's Power Station in Newport

The clerk received an email from Marshfield Primary School regarding a proposed Bio fuel power station in Newport Docks. The Environmentalists are opposed to it and contact the school who then forwarded it to us. After a discussion it was agreed that this matter was really outside the scope of the Community Council and would be for individuals to oppose.

07/09/07 - Finance Matters

The following cheques were written:

Clerk's Wages

£100.00 cheque no. 000283 payment for June and July.

Internal Audit

£125.00 cheque no. 000284 to Jennifer Richardson for carrying out the internal audit.

Grass Cutting at the Tirzah Baptist Graveyard

£60.00 cheque no. 000 285 to Rhian Lewis-James for payment of Avant-Gardens.

St. Michaels PCC

£500.00 cheque no. 000286 for the grass cutting.

Cllr. Dixon made a request on behalf of Marshfield Primary School for a donation for a new break out classroom. She has invited representatives from all the local Community Councils to possibly make donations of £14 per child from that community. All were agreed that this is something that the Community Council should support. It was also suggested that a similar donation be made to Bassaleg School.

07/09/08 – Meeting Reports

Cllr. Rowlands reported back on the Liaison Meeting that he attended last week. The main topic for discussion was the Ryder cup in October 2010. They are expecting 45,000 visitors per day and there will be a park and ride scheme operating from Tredegar House.

07/09/09 – Chairman's Business

Cllr. Davies wished to inform the Community Councillors that he had spoken to the gazetteer officer from Newport City Council who informed him that in accordance with the "British Standards 7666" we now have street names in Michaelston Y Fedw – Pentrepoeth Road, Michaelston Road etc. This has all been done without any consultation with the residents of the village and apparently there is nothing we can now do about it.

Action: Cllr. Davies to draft a letter to Newport Council on this matter.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.40pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 2nd September AGM 2009 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.