

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall, Michaelston Y Fedw
on Wednesday 2nd July 2014.

Members Present

Councillor Mr V Davies, Chair
Councillor Dr C Rowlands, Vice Chair
Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mrs A Huckle
Councillor Mr L Meringolo
Councillor Mr C Walford

Ward Councillors

Councillor Mr R White
Councillor Mr T Suller

Agenda Item and Comments

07/14/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday June 4th 2014 were proposed by Cllr. Rowlands and seconded by Cllr. Davies.

The minutes of the previous extra meeting held on Wednesday June 12th 2014 were proposed by Cllr. Davies and seconded by Cllr. Huckle.

07/14/02 – Police Matters

There were no police matters to report.

07/14/03 – Matters Arising

Council Vacancy

Four applications have been received and were discussed in detail. All Councillors agreed that the vacancy should be filled by someone who lives within the village.

The Councillors voted and, apart from Cllr. V. Davies, all voted for applicant Mr Gareth Morgan. Cllr. V. Davies voted for Mr Nigel Hallett.

Mr Morgan will attend at the next meeting scheduled for September.

Action: Cllr. Meringolo to pass Mr Morgan's email address to the Clerk.

07/14/04 – Planning

CONEX/14/0460

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF 0.5MM WIND TURBINE
SITE: CLEARWELL FARM, PENTRE-POETH ROAD,
NEWPORT, CF3 6XT

Cllr. Walford abstained from the discussion as he carries out work for the applicant there could be a conflict of interest.

This application is for a 60m turbine as opposed to the 37m one that is there already. Cllr. Rowlands and Cllr. Meringolo felt that as there are already two turbines in the village then a third would be unacceptable. It was felt that if this application is granted then more and more applications for wind turbines could be granted in the village. A site visit was suggested and it was felt that public view should be obtained on this proposal before the Council comments.

Action: Clerk to ask for a Holding Objection.

CONEX/14/0531

PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCTION OF A GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PV
GENERATION PROJECT (SOLAR FARM) AND
ASSOCIATED WORKS AFFECTING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF
WAY 399/6 AND 399/7

**SITE: LAND BETWEEN M4 AND CHANNEL VIEW,
CASTLETON, CARDIFF**

This application is a shared boundary with Marshfield, the first question that was raised was “What is the quality of the land?” This site would be visible by all neighbouring properties along the A48, Chanel View and Tyla Lane. Cllr. Davies suggested that a site visit was essential before the Council could comment on the application. Cllr. V. Davies has requested that Newport City Councillor sends all the relevant paperwork. Cllr. Rowlands suggested that this application should not be decided until the Solar Farm at Fairwater Farm has been determined.

Action: Clerk to ask for a Holding Objection.

CONEX/14/0538

**PROPOSAL: REPLACE EXISTING FLAT ROOF ELEMENTS TO
DWELLING WITH PITCHED ROOFS**

**SITE: RESERVOIR HOUSE, MICHAELSTONE ROAD,
MICHAELSTON-Y-FEDW, CARDIFF, CF3 6XS**

There were no objections to this application, all were in favour.

CONEX/14/0337 – FAIRWATER FARM, PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT

Cllr. V. Davies informed the meeting that local residents have set up an action group called “Keep Michaelston Rural”. This group will liaise with the Community Council and are going to hold a public meeting shortly. Cllr. V. Davies recommended that Community Councillors attend this meeting. The group can fund the signs and car stickers etc and distribute them to willing residents to install on their property. Cllr. Walford expressed concerns that the group could be seen in a negative light being anti all renewable energy applications, which would be naive. Cllr. V. Davies assured the Councillors that the group was a positive one and not anti renewables but against the blighting of Michaelston Y Fedw.

Cllr. V. Davies has also spoken to Langstone Community Council about a Solar Farm application in their ward. They believe they have a soil quality issue and would like to meet to share relevant information.

Action: Cllr. V. Davies and Cllr. Rowlands to meet with Langstone and report back.

07/14/05 – Roads, Hedges, Verges and Bridges

Cllr. Rowlands reported that Cefn Llwyd Bridge has been damaged; he has informed Caerphilly Council who have shared ownership with Newport Council. He has asked to meet with the engineers to discuss the possibility of installing poles in the same way as Michaelston Bridge.

07/14/06 – Correspondence

Newport City Council

A letter regarding changes to the Local Development Plan.

07/14/07 – Finance Matters

The following cheques were written:

Clerk's Wages

£55.00 payment for July, cheque no:000405.

07/14/08 – Meeting Reports

Cllr. V. Davies, Cllr. Rowlands and Cllr. Davies attended an action group meeting – see CONEX/14/0337.

07/14/09 – Chairman's Business

Bridge Terrace

Some work has been carried out on the over hanging trees although they have not been trimmed over the road. If the work is not completed the Clerk will contact Newport City Homes again.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.45pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, September 3rd 2014 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.