

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on
Wednesday 1st October, 2008.

Members Present

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

Marshfield Ward Councillors

Councillor Mr R White
Councillor Mr T Suller

Apologies for absence

Councillor Mr L Meringolo
Councillor Mrs A Huckle

PC Paul Greenwood

Agenda Item and Comments

Pre meeting talk by Tom Board – Keep Wales Tidy

Mr. Board informed the Community Council about the Tidy Towns Project, trying to support as many community based environment projects as possible. There are grants available for £500 per year for purchasing tools, training, catering etc. He does a lot of work with schools and volunteered to come along to the village fete and give demonstrations of “bodging”, green carving. It was discussed that the River Clean was a project that would benefit the community. It was decided that this idea would be discussed further.

Pre meeting talk by Craig Sulway – Play Development Officer

This project was started on the 1st April 2008 and covers the areas of Monmouthshire, Torfaen and Newport. They are currently undertaking an audit of play facilities in these areas. For example, open access play and play schemes and giving support to new groups. It was agreed that there is nothing available for the children in Michaelston Y Fedw.

There are types of funding available, small grants of approximately £250 for start up costs aimed at voluntary groups and also a play forum for support and advice. A consultation evening was suggested as a way forward to gather ideas and suggestions as to what the children would want.

10/08/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 3rd September 2008 were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr. Walford and seconded by Cllr. Rowlands.

10/08/02 – Police Matters

As PC Greenwood was unable to attend the meeting there were no police matters.

Cllr. Walford also commented on the problems at Pound Hill, although there has been an improvement there is still a problem. It was noted that the Police were present at Pound Hill at the weekend.

10/08/03 – 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.

Litter Pick

The litter pick took place on Sunday the 28th September and it was a very disappointing turn out. However, despite the low numbers it was a success as 16 bags of rubbish was collected. Only £49 of the £100 donation was spent so it was agreed that the rest of the money would be used on another litter pick later in the year.

Bus Shelter

After a general discussion it was agreed that the residents at Bridge Terrace would need to be in agreement for the bus shelter to go ahead. The cost of a wooden shelter proved to be very expensive so enquiries are to be made into having a shelter built by a local carpenter.

Action: Clerk to contact Tracy McAdam from the transport office to come and have a site visit and quote. Cllr. Meringolo to speak to the residents at Bridge Terrace and make enquiries with the carpenter.

10/08/04 – Planning

Five Oaks

An email was received in response to an enquiry regarding the enforcement notice at Five Oaks.

there is to be an Inquiry on the use of Five Oaks as a lorry park etc on 13 January 2009. No Notice has been issued in relation to the tipping as part of the site includes Welsh Assembly land, but this should be resolved when the M4 widening is completed, including sound bund. Until the Inquiry Mr Simonz can operate from the site and should the Inspector uphold the appeal he will obviously be able to continue.

Apparently we have received no third party representations in relation to the Five Oaks Inquiry, which is unusual in that we had received a number of complaints in relation to the site. Mr Simonz will probably produce a number of witnesses to testify that the use at the site has been continuous for in excess of 10 years and therefore is lawful. It would be very useful if anyone in the community would be willing to attend and testify to the contrary to assist the Council's case.

There was a general discussion regarding the email and a question was raised as to whether Mr Simonz has an operator's license for the past ten years? If he has been using the site for ten years then he must have had a license.

Action: Clerk to reply to the email from Neil Gunther.

10/08/05 – Roads, Hedges, Verges and Bridges

The state of the roads was discussed and it was noted that Mill Corner is still in a dreadful condition.

10/08/06 – Correspondence

Newport City Council

A letter was received regarding the local development plan 2011-2026, a call for major candidate sites.

One Voice Wales

Information regarding the annual general meeting on the 11th October.

10/08/07 – Finance Matters

The following cheques were written:

Clerk's Wages

£52.93 cheque no. 000269

Litter pick

£49.44 cheque no. 000270

10/08/08 – Meeting Reports

No one had attended any meetings.

10/08/09 – Chairman's Business

Councillor White informed the council of the BT project to adopt red telephone boxes. There is still a red payphone on top of Pen Y Lan hill and it was agreed that for £1 the Community Council could adopt the payphone and keep it as a landmark.

Action: Clerk to look into the matter.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.35pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 12th November 2008 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.