

## Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September AGM, 2008.

### **Members Present**

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

### **Marshfield Ward Councillors**

Councillor Mr R White

### **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Mr T Suller  
PC Paul Greenwood

## **Agenda Item and Comments**

### **09/08/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2008 were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr. Rowlands and seconded by Cllr. Dixon.

### **09/08/03 – Police Matters**

As PC Greenwood was unable to attend the meeting there were no police matters. However Cllr. Davies discussed the problem of youths hanging about Michaelston Bridge leaving a mess and vandalising the area. Cllr. White advised that he could always ring the Community Safety Warden who would come out and deal with the matter.

Cllr. Walford also commented on the problems at Pound Hill, although there has been an improvement there is still a problem.

### **09/08/03 – Election of Committee**

After a brief discussion it was agreed that Councillor Rowlands would continue as chairman and Councillor Dixon would carry on as the vice chair.

### **09/08/04 – Matters Arising**

#### **River Clean**

Although a representative of Keep Wales Tidy was invited to the meeting he was unable to attend and sent an application form to apply for a grant.

**Action: Cllr. Rowlands to look at the form.**

#### **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 is scheduled for the 28th September 2008, starting at 2pm and followed by a BBQ at the village hall.

**Action: Cllr. Dixon to put details on the web site. Cllr. Rowlands to contact Keep Wales Tidy to advise on protective gloves etc.**

#### **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.**

## **09/08/05 – Planning**

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**PROPOSAL:                   ERECTION OF OFFICE BUILDING.**  
**SITE:                            LAND ADJACENT AND NORTH EAST OF**  
**PRNTREPOETH COTTAGE BEGAN ROAD**

After all Councillors had looked at the plans and discussed the application it was agreed that the Community Council would oppose it due to the size and nature of the development. It is out of character for the village and there is plenty of alternative office space at St. Mellons and Pontprennau.. It is not an agricultural, forestry or horticultural development.

**Action: Clerk to draft a letter in response.**

## **09/08/06 – 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.

## **09/08/07 – Correspondence**

### **Newport City Council**

A letter was received regarding the advertising the adoption of the model code of conduct.

### **Welsh Assembly Government**

Information regarding A Shared Community – final guidance on relationship building measures and charters for unitary authorities and community and town councils.

### **Liaison Meeting**

Information regarding the next liaison meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**Action: Cllr. Rowlands and Cllr. Walford to attend.**

### **Village Hall**

A letter was received from the village hall committee requesting an increase in rent for the use of the hall from £300 a year to £400 a year. It was noted that the village hall receives no subsidy from Newport Council and it is run purely by the volunteers. It was discussed that a larger request for the concurrent expenditure would be beneficial. All Councillors were in agreement for the rent increase.

The second part of the letter was requesting a donation for the new purchase of tables which cost £1471.00. A donation of £700.00 was agreed

**Action: Clerk to contact Joyce Stevens, head of finance, for help in applying for the concurrent expenditure.**

### **Father Malcolm Lane**

An invitation had been presented to attend the licensing of Father Malcolm Lane, the new Priest in charge of St. Michaels Church.

**Action: As the chairman is unable to attend the Vice chair is to attend if possible.**

### **09/08/08 – Finance Matters**

The following cheques were written:

#### **Carole Heritage – Yoga**

£270.00 cheque no. 000262 (August)

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

£100.00 cheque no. 000263 (July and August)

#### **Allianz Insurance**

£318.51 cheque no. 000264, renewal of insurance. (August)

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

£54.32 cheque no. 000265

#### **Internal Audit**

£125.00 to Jennifer Richardson for the Internal Audit cheque no.000266

#### **Carole Heritage – Yoga**

£270.00 cheque no. 000267

#### **Village Hall Committee**

£700.00 a donation towards the purchase of new table's cheque no. 000268

### **09/08/09 – Meeting Reports**

Cllr. Huckle reported to the Council regarding a conference of Bassaleg Governors discussing support for building work at the school. Bassaleg School has 17 demountable classrooms, which is the largest proportion of demountable classrooms in Newport. It is agreed that this is unacceptable and there is to be a new vision for the spending on schools in Newport. Some building work is being started but more will follow, possibly a community school which would be open to the public in the evenings. The school wants the support of the local communities

**Action: All the Councillors agreed that they would support the project.**

Cllr. Walford attended the Neighbourhood Committee Meeting in St. Brides. A film about the impact of the Ryder cup was shown and discussions on the M4 development and the gas pipeline through Marshfield.

## **09/08/10 – Chairman's Business**

### **Speed Signs**

Cllr. Dixon wanted to raise an issue on behalf of Marshfield School. Mrs Goss has noticed that outside Glasllwch School there are several flashing 20 speed limit signs. These signs are desperately needed outside Marshfield and there are 3 or 4 of these signs due to be installed but have not yet materialised.

**Action: Cllr. White to look in to the matter.**

### **Yoga Sessions**

As Cllr. Dixon can no longer organise the village yoga sessions the yoga instructor would like to continue the classes and will arrange them directly with residents. However, this would only be viable if the hall were given rent free as previously done. As it is a community event it was agreed with the chair of the village hall committee that the fee would be waived.

All Councillors agreed that if the classes were run a donation of £200 would be made to the Village Hall Committee for their generosity.

**There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.50pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.**