

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall, Michaelston Y Fedw
on Wednesday 10th September 2014.

Members Present

Councillor Dr C Rowlands
Councillor Mr G Davies
Councillor Mrs A Huckle
Councillor Mr L Meringolo
Councillor Mr C Walford
Councillor Mr G Morgans

Ward Councillors

Councillor Mr R White
Councillor Mr T Suller

Apologies

Councillor Mr V Davies

Also present Mr G Price from Newport City Council, Head of
Standards and Legal Services.

Several members of the public were also present.

Agenda Item and Comments

With the absence of the Chair, Cllr. Rowlands as the Vice Chair opened the meeting and introduced Mr Price. During the previous week the date of the AGM was brought into question, the Clerk had asked Mr Price to attend the meeting to clarify the situation. Mr Price assured the Council that the meeting was legal although we now need to move our AGM to May to coincide with Council Elections. Therefore to bring the meeting back into line we had to treat the situation as having a casual vacancy and appoint a new chair and vice chair to carry forward the meetings until May when the AGM will be held.

Cllr. Davies read out a letter from Cllr. V. Davies stating that he would not be seeking office at the meeting but would be present at the following meeting as normal.

1. Election of Chair – Cllr. Rowlands nominated Cllr. Davies for the position and Cllr. Walford seconded. Cllr. Davies accepted.
2. Election of Vice Chair – Cllr. Walford nominated Cllr. Meringolo for the position and Cllr. Rowlands seconded. Cllr. Meringolo accepted.

Cllr. Davies thanked the previous Chair Cllr. V. Davies for all his hard work during his term of office especially all the work on the planning applications. This was seconded by Cllr. Rowlands and agreed by all the Councillors. The Council also welcomed Cllr. Morgan onto the Council.

09/14/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday July 2nd 2014 were proposed by Cllr. Rowlands and seconded by Cllr. Huckle.

09/14/02 – Police Matters

There were no police matters to report.

09/14/03 – Matters Arising

09/14/04 – Planning

CONEX/14/0714

PROPOSAL: VARIATION OF CONDITION 07 (IMPLEMENTATION OF BOUNDARY TREATMENT CHANGES), 08 (IMPLEMENTATION OF LANDSCAPING) AND 09 (IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS) OF VARIATION OF CONDITION PLANNING PERMISSION 14/0205 FOR PERMANENT USE OF THE LAND BY GYPSY TRAVELLER FAMILY TO ALLOW A FURTHER SIX MONTHS TO IMPLEMENT THE WORKS REQUIRED BY THE PLANNING CONDITIONS.

SITE: TRAVELLERS PADDOCK, COAL PIT LANE, CARDIFF, CF3 6WQ

There were no objections, although the Council has historically objected to this application previously.

CONEX/14/0337 – FAIRWATER FARM, PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT

Cllr. Davies could not update the meeting on this application until we see a copy of the report prepared by the Planning Consultant. It was agreed that to proceed we would need a meeting with the consultant to formulate the Council's response. It is hoped that the Planning Consultant would be able to speak on our behalf at the Planning Committee meeting. Cllr. Huckle requested that we obtain a formal letter of engagement from the consultant formalising the arrangement.

Action: Cllr. Davies to contact the Consultant and call another meeting.

09/14/05 – 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 met with the engineers to discuss the possibility of installing poles in the same way as Michaelston Bridge. Work has been put in hand for the bridge to be repaired but no decision reached as to the protective poles

Action: this matter is still ongoing.

09/14/06 – Correspondence

One Voice Wales

A copy of the 2014 Training Programme.

Keep Us Rural

The Clerk received a letter from Mr Schofield giving some background information concerning the action group set up against the Solar Farm/Wind Turbine applications. They intend to raise awareness and fight against the developers spoiling the countryside. The Group has raised over £450 for a fighting fund and request a donation from the council for the ongoing work that is needed to continue the fight.

Cllr. Rowlands and Cllr. Davies declared an interest, as they were both members of the action group but have now resigned to avoid a conflict of interest.

All Councillors were in favour of making a donation of £495.00.

Litter Pick

Cllr. Rowlands had received a letter from local resident Mrs J Sainsbury requesting that a Community Litter Pick be arranged. The Council has arranged many litter picks in the past and agreed that it would be very beneficial to have another. The date of the 23rd of November at 12.30pm was agreed with a BBQ to follow.

Action: Clerk to advertise the event and Cllr. Rowlands to organise the BBQ.

The DAI FIB Appeal

A letter was received asking the Council to consider donating to the Dai Fib appeal. This appeal is asking communities in Wales to have defibrillators available in a public place. The Village Hall Committee also discussed this appeal; they have agreed to raise approximately £500, if the Community Council could match that then we would be able to acquire a defibrillator. All were in agreement.

Action: Cllr Davies to liaise with the Village Hall.

09/14/07 – Finance Matters

The completed Audit was presented to the Council and signed by the Chair

The following cheques were written:

Clerk's Wages

£110.00 payment for August and September, cheque no:000406.

Aon UK

£358.04 payment for the Insurance renewal, cheque no:000407

Keep Us Rural

£495.00 donation to the action group, cheque no:000408

09/14/08 – Meeting Reports

No meetings had been attended.

09/14/09 – Chairman’s Business

Right of Access

Currently there is an issue concerning the right of access to the village hall. The meeting asked Mr Price for advice on this matter. The Village Hall does not own the land immediately outside the hall, members of the public have to cross the pub car park in order to gain access. The Church is also in the same situation. Cllr. Walford informed the meeting that Punch Taverns registered an interest in the land in 2002. Mr Price assured the Councillors that the pub cannot override the existing rights of access; the public has had access to the Village Hall and the Church for over twenty years.

Rural Development Programme

Monmouthshire and Newport have come together to develop a programme to deliver change in rural areas. They are looking for suggestions of projects to finance. They are hoping to arrange a presentation at the next Liaison meeting.

Polling Station Review

Cllr. White reported that there is to be a review of the polling stations to assess if there are any issues/problems with current venues.

Cllr. Davies thanked Mr Price for attending the meeting and the helpful advice given.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.30pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, October 1st 2014 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.