

Michaelston-Y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-Y-Fedw village hall on
Wednesday 5th September, 2007, AGM.

Members Present

Councillor Dr C Rowlands, Chairman

Councillor Mrs C Dixon, Vice Chair

Councillor Mr G Davies

Councillor Mrs A Huckle

Councillor Mr C Walford

Councillor Mr D Philips

Councillor Mr R White

Councillor Mr W Pursey

Councillor Mr L Meringolo

P C Paul Greenwood

Apologies for absence

Councillor Mr S Tyler

Agenda Item and Comments

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday July 4th 2007 were read and accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr. Walford and seconded by Cllr. Meringolo.

09/07/02 – Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Planning Sub-Committee

Cllr. Rowlands was re-elected as chair and Cllr. Dixon was also re-elected as vice chair. It was agreed that the planning sub-committee would consist of any two committee members who are available at the time.

09/07/03 – Police Matters

PC Greenwood reported that since the last meeting there have only been three phone calls, one regarding a mental health patient caught at the Cefn Mably Farm Park late at night, secondly a car stolen in Marshfield and dumped at the Trout lakes. Thirdly, on the 1st September, there was an attempted break in at St. Michael's church.

PC Greenwood also informed the Community Council that Michaelston Y Fedw has the lowest crime figures in Gwent for 2006. Crimes reported in this area have also dropped.

Cllr. Davies wished to note that there are youths congregating by Michaelston Bridge and at Park Wood. They are lighting fires, camping in the fields and leaving rubbish behind. When confronted by residents they have been aggressive and threatened them with knives. PC Greenwood informed Cllr. Davies that he would call round on Sunday and investigate the matter and speak to the youths parents.

09/07/04 – Matters Arising

Children's Leisure Area

Clerk ordered the seating area and an approximate delivery date was given for the 10th September.

09/07/05 – Planning

No Planning applications were received.

In respect of the planning application for Five Oaks, Cllr. Dixon and Cllr. Huckle sent a letter to the Head of Planning at Newport City Council. An acknowledgment letter was received in reply.

Action: Cllr. Dixon to email a copy of the letter to Cllr. White and Cllr. Rowlands.

09/07/06 – Roads, Hedges, Verges and Bridges

Roads

The poor condition of the roads was discussed once again, the jet patching that Newport Council has been doing is not sufficient. Caerphilly Council appears to be able to repair potholes properly so why is it that Newport City Council seem unable to?

09/07/07 – Correspondence

NSPCC/ChildLine – Application for Support

A letter was received asking for a donation from the Community Council to help support ChildLine.

Action: It was agreed that no donation would be sent.

Neighbourhood Committees

A list of dates was received for the Neighbourhood Committee Meetings.

Newport City Council

An invitation for a representative from our Community Council to attend an informal Community Safety Engagement Event to be held on the 27th September at Parc Golf Club Newport.

Action: It was agreed that no representative would attend.

One Voice Wales

A bulletin and two copies of the One Voice Wales magazine were received.

Welsh Assembly Government – M4 Widening

For our information a copy of the final version of the minutes of the First Local Authority Liaison Committee meeting. Cllr. White informed the Community Council that the Cardiff Gate-Eastern Avenue part of the widening won't start until next year but the slip roads will be closed in the nights to allow for the resurfacing of the roads from 8pm until 6am.

Action: Cllr. Dixon to put the information on the village web site.

Manure Storage on Pen-Y-Lan Hill

A reply to our letter dated July 23rd 2007 was received stating that there was no odour nuisance at the present time. All committee members agreed that there was an unacceptable smell.

Action: Clerk to contact the department of Environmental Health to ask what the conditions are regarding the storage and spreading of manure.

Gwent Police Authority

Information about a series of consultation events taking place in October, regarding various issues by the Gwent Police Authority.

Welsh Assembly Government

A consultation document – Relationship building and charters for unitary authorities and community and town councils.

09/07/08 – Finance Matters

- **Presentation of Accounts 2006/07**
- **Posting of Final Accounts for Public Inspection 2005/06**
- **Overview of Present Balance at Bank August 2007**

Due to missing bank statements the presentation of accounts was deferred until next months meeting.

It was agreed that the clerk would apply for on line banking so the statements could be viewed more frequently and that Cllr. Davies, Cllr. Dixon, Cllr. Huckle and Cllr. Rowlands would be signatories for the account.

One cheque was written regarding the following:

Clerk's Salary

£50.00 Cheque number 000243

09/07/09 – Meeting Reports

Liaison Meeting

A copy of the last meetings minutes were received with a date of the 27th September for the next meeting. The clerk had also received, via email, a copy of a letter sent by the clerk of Redwick community council to Newport City Council. It stated that as the issues raised by the community councils were not discussed or even allowed on the agenda then the

“Redwick representative will not be participating in future Liaison Meetings as it is felt that they are a complete waste of taxpayer’s time and money as nothing is achieved at these meetings”

Action: It was agreed that Cllr. Walford and Cllr. Rowlands would attend the next meeting and reassess the situation thereafter.

09/07/10 – Chairman’s Business

River Clean

Cllr. Rowlands spoke to Jeff Tucker regarding the River Clean, he also did some research on the Keep Wales Tidy web site which stated that there is the possibility of grants and training to help with community litter picking and river cleans.

Action: Cllr. Rowlands to contact Keep Wales Tidy and enquire about a possible grant.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.45pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, October 3rd 2007 at the Village Hall, Michaelston-Y-Fedw.