

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday 6th January 2016

Members Present:

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

Ward Councillors Present:

Councillor Mr R. White

Apologies for absence:

Councillor Mr T. Suller
Councillor Mr V. Davies

01/16/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on the 2nd December 2015 were proposed by Councillor Walford and seconded by Councillor Meringolo.

01/16/02 – Matters arising

- Caerphilly Council have initiated work to repair Cefn Mably Bridge. A statutory notice to close the road has been issued and bids for the work have been requested.
- Difficulties with NatWest bank regarding the account name and on-line access remain ongoing. NatWest have accepted the validity of our complaints. A form to remove Mr J Sainsbury's name from the account has been re-submitted.

01/16/03 – Police matters

- No monthly police report has been received.
- Members discussed the possibility of installing CCTV cameras on the roadside elevation of the village hall. The technicalities and likely costs need further investigation.

01/16/04 – Planning

- Application 15/1474 for extension of time at Cefn Eglwys, Michaelston Road. No objection to this application.
- Application 15/1459 Retirement dwelling at Ty Hir Newydd, Michaelston Road. The council supports renewal via small scale residential development in accordance with local planning policy. Even though this planning application is within what is described as "open countryside" it was felt that this development should be permitted as it would allow a small increase in village size, as the village is in danger of becoming moribund. However, some residents in the immediate vicinity think a single storey dwelling would be more in-keeping with the surrounding houses.

01/16/05 – Correspondence

- The Parish Church Council has written to request 50% of the cost of grass cutting for 2014 and 2015. The Community Council is not supposed to make retrospective payments for previous financial years and so cannot directly pay for 2014. Councillors agreed to pay £1,000 which is 74% of the 2015 cost, on the understanding that this does not set a precedent.

12/15/06 – Finance

- An invoice for £180 has been received from Simasy Ltd for web hosting. Councillors agreed to pay this.
- The budget for 2016-17 has been compiled and the precept request has been submitted to Newport Council. The precept per household is the same as last year.
- The 3rd precept payment for 2015-16 has been received.
- The following cheques were written:
 - Cheque No 443 – £180 to Simasy Ltd for web hosting
 - Cheque No 444 - £55 clerk's wages
 - Cheque No 445 – Parish Church Council for grass cutting

The meeting concluded at 8.35pm.

Minutes of supplementary meeting held on Monday 25th January 2016

Members Present:

Councillor Mr G. Davies
Councillor Dr C. Rowlands
Councillor Mr C. Walford
Councillor Mr G. Morgan
Councillor Mr L. Meringolo
Councillor Mrs A. Huckle
Councillor Mr V. Davies

The meeting was called to discuss a request from *Keep Us Rural* for financial support for an appeal against the judicial review of the Fairwater Farm planning application.

The council has no specific legal authority to make such contributions, and discretionary spending is subject to an overall legal limit of £7.36 per elector per year (a total of £1,243). Approximately half that amount has already been spent, including £499 to KUR, so the council is unable to make any significant further contribution towards KUR's costs in this financial year.

Councillors did however express their moral support for KUR's actions.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday February 3rd 2016 at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall.