

Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall Wednesday 3rd February 2016

Members Present:

Councillor Mr G. Davies
Councillor Dr C. Rowlands
Councillor Mr C. Walford
Councillor Mr L. Meringolo
Councillor Mr V. Davies

Ward Councillors Present:

Councillor Mr R. White
Councillor Mr T. Suller

Apologies for absence:

Councillor Mr G. Morgan
Councillor Mrs A. Huckle

02/16/01 – Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on the 6th January and the 25th January 2016 were proposed as correct by Councillor Rowlands and seconded by Councillor Walford.

02/16/02 – Matters arising

- Difficulties with NatWest bank regarding the account name and on-line access remain ongoing. Forms to remove Mr J Sainsbury's name from the account were sent on the 27th December but NatWest deny receiving them. New forms were requested but have not been received. These matters have been going on since September 2015 with repeated broken promises by NatWest. Councillors decided to open a new account with another bank and to close the NatWest accounts. The clerk will take advice from One Voice Wales regarding recommended banks for community councils.

02/16/03 – Police matters

- Monthly police reports for January and February have been received. PCSOs attended the meeting.
- Anti-social behaviour is increasing though the problems are fairly minor.
- There have been some daytime burglaries, including one where a safe was stolen and a car with false number plates was used. Rural burglaries are increasing and members are encouraged to report any suspicious activity.
- The detection rate in this ward last month was 18.1% and the previous month was 17.5%

02/16/04 – Planning

- A revised application 15/1459 for a retirement dwelling at Ty Hir Newydd, Michaelston Road. Council's previous comments still apply, but it is pleasing to note that the applicants have responded to neighbours' concerns.

02/16/05 – Roads, Hedges, Verges & Bridges

- Began Road is to be closed for several weeks during work by Western Power Distribution. Ward Councillor R. White will query this with Newport Council as no-one has been consulted or notified, and it appears that Cardiff Council have decided to close a road that lies within the Newport boundary.
- Water running down Began Road hill remains a problem. Councillor Meringolo will speak to the proprietors of Cefn Mably Farm Park to request that they resolve this.
- There are numerous large potholes on Began Road hill near the entrance to Fairwater Farm. Councillor Rowlands has reported this to Newport Council but no action has been taken. Ward councillors will raise this with Newport Council.
- Several road signs have gone missing or been damaged. Councillor V. Davies has repeatedly raised this with Newport Council but there has been no action. The clerk will ask Newport council for direct-dial phone numbers that councillors can use to report problems directly.

02/16/06 – Correspondence

- Advice regarding beacons for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations will be passed to Mr D. Phillips.
- Gwent Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs asked for financial support for their activities. Councillors agreed to make a donation of £50.
- The Standards Committee of Newport Council have written to remind community councils of their duties in respect of the Code of Conduct, Register of Members' Interests and the requirement to publish certain information on a web site. The clerk will attend to these matters. Members agreed to adopt Newport Council's Local Resolution Protocol for dealing with low-level complaints about alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct.
- Information was received about possible options for obtaining Superfast Broadband. Councillor Rowlands and Mr D. Schofield will resume their previous investigations into this.
- One Voice Wales requested input to their response to the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill. Councillor Rowlands will deal with this.
- One Voice Wales membership renewal is due at a cost of £35. Members agreed to renew the membership.

02/16/07 – Finance

- An invoice for £400 for hire of the hall has been received from the Village Hall Committee. Councillors agreed to pay this.
- The following cheques were written:
 - Cheque No 446 - £55 clerk's wages
 - Cheque No 447 – Village Hall Committee

02/16/08 – Other Business

- Councillors agreed to join the Society of Local Council Clerks for a joining fee of £5 plus £48 pa, and to purchase The Clerk's Manual for £50.50.
- The village notice board was repaired but is not being used, and the community web site is not being updated. The clerk will ensure that council meeting dates are displayed on the notice board and a meeting of all interested parties will be called to discuss how to improve the use of the web site.

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday March 2nd 2016 at Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall.