

**Cyngor Cymuned MOCHDRE gyda PHENSTRYWAID
MOCHDRE with PENSTROWED Community Council**

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 6th February 2017,
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Robin Lewis
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Paul Sawtell
Cllr. Philip Williams
Cllr. Linda Davies

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)
Mr Grant Ward

County Cllr. Roche Davies

1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

1.1. See above - the apology was accepted. The Chairman and Vice Chairman had indicated that they would be late. The Chair was taken in the interim by Cllr Gordon Jones. The Vice Chairman arrived at 7:25pm but the Chairman was unable to get to the meeting in time so gave apologies.

1.2. **Declarations of Members' Interests** – There were no Declarations of Member's Interest made.

Name of Councillor	Item	Personal	Prejudicial

2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th December, 2016 (previously circulated).

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 12th December, 2016 were a true record of what there and then transpired and were duly signed as such by the Chairman.

3.0. Information from the Minutes.

- 3.1 Removal of Vanessa Skinner's car – Cllr Philip Williams reported that the car had at last been removed by PCC's Enforcement Officer after giving the requisite notice (prior to this Cllr Williams had managed to contact Mrs Skinner's daughter to give the family the chance to remove it, but despite having intimated that this would be the case, nothing was done).
- 3.2 Update on the progress of the revised website – A hit counter has been added and the Clerk is to receive the first instalment of training via Skype on 8th February (the new Umbraco platform is completely different to use than the previous Microsoft Sharepoint one). Duly noted.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £7,849.03 (includes £1,933.00 final instalment of Precept). Cash book stands at £7,682.43. There are two outstanding cheques, for £88.60 and £78.00. Duly noted.
- 2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £862.39. Cash book stands at £862.39. There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted.

4.2. To consider invoices for payment:

- 1) External Audit Fee - £163.75 as per invoice from Wales Audit Office.
- 2) One Voice Wales Annual Membership Renewal (see 16.4. below) - £65.00
- 3) **From No. 2 Account** (P & L), donation to refurbishment of Pentre Chapel (see 15.1. below) – £500.00.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amounts.

5.0. One Voice Wales

- 5.1. Details of Training Courses received. Duly noted.

6.0. National Assembly

- 6.1. Consultation on the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance – Responses by **2nd March, 2017**.

The Council felt that this was a full and comprehensive paper.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's comments before the deadline.

- 6.2. Leaflet from Mark Drakeford to support the Council in its efforts to raise awareness and encourage participation in the local government elections in May, 2017 – Request to publish it on the website was unanimously agreed.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to publish the leaflet on the website once she was able, following her training.

It was at this point in the meeting that Cllr Gordon Jones vacated the Chair, which was then taken by Vice Chairman Cllr Robin Lewis for the rest of the meeting.

- 6.3. Town and Community Councils Survey – Researching the services provided and assets managed by Town and Community Councils (responses by 30th March, 2017). This was not regarded as applicable to the Council but was duly noted.

- 6.4. Consultation on the Trade Union (Wales) Bill – Responses by 17th February, 2017. This was not regarded as applicable to the Council but was duly noted.

- 6.5. Consultation on the “Reform of school governance: regulatory framework” – Responses by **17th February, 2017**. Following discussion of this item, various points were raised.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's comments before the deadline.

7.0. Planning Applications

- 7.1. Application Ref: **P/2017/0039** Grid ref: 306488.57/285160.1 for Conversion of agricultural barn to create a new dwelling and to include installation of package treatment plant and alterations to existing access at Gwrhyd, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys. There was much discussion of this application during which Mr Grant Ward was invited to provide details/extra information (the Clerk had received [by hard copy and e-mail just prior to the meeting] a copy of the letter that Mr Ward had sent to Powys County Council Planning Department raising various points). The Council made the following observations:
The GP6 Response in the Design and Access Statement states that in Section A the proposal is number iv in the hierarchy as a residential unit. Thus with Policy GP6 - Conversion of Buildings in the Countryside Part B Section 5 in mind, which states:

B. Proposals for the conversion or re-use of existing buildings in the countryside that have complied with part A of this policy will be permitted where they also comply with the following criteria:

5. The conversion, its curtilage and associated development (e.g. **access**, landscaping, storage, sewage disposal) **shall not have an unacceptable adverse effect** on the character and appearance of the landscape and surrounding environment, or **on the amenities of neighbouring dwellings or uses**.

the Council supported the application, subject to the following conditions being met:

- 1) A guarantee that the proposed new access to the property be installed first and used throughout the rest of the build process to ensure that the disturbance to the dogs in the kennels is kept to a minimum.
- 2) The outer edge of the stone pier is the actual boundary of Mr and Mrs Grant's property and the proposed new building encroaches upon this at first floor level. Thus a mutually acceptable solution must be found to resolve this problem before any building can take place.
- 3) It needs to be established that the existing well which currently supports the Gwrhyd's needs can also support the needs of another dwelling. Otherwise the proposed new dwelling might require a private bore hole.
- 4) The electricity supply line to the Gwrhyd comes in along the roof of the existing barn onto the Gwrhyd's gable end that it is proposed to build against. There must be a guarantee that the supply line will be suitably resited (at Mr Jaundrell's cost) to ensure the safe continuance of this supply.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's observations to the Planning Office before the deadline.

Before the next Planning Application was discussed, Cllr Linda Davies declared a personal interest with regard to it and took no part in the discussion concerning it.

7.2. Application Ref: **P/2017/0081** Grid ref: 307371.19/287813.8 for Reserved Matters: Erection of an affordable dwelling, formation of vehicle access, installation of septic tank and associated works at Land at Kincoed, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys. After discussion the Council agreed to support the application provided the following condition was met:

1) That the floorspace should be a maximum gross area of 130 square metres, as per HP10 (Affordability Criteria).

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's observation to the Planning Office before the deadline.

8.0. Powys County Council

8.1. Electoral Services – Invitation has been accepted by the Clerk to attend a Clerks Briefing Session, as part of the preparations for the May election, at 6:30pm on 2nd March, 2017 at Welshpool. Duly noted.

8.2. Electoral Services – Details of LGA 1972 Section 69 County of Powys (Community Electoral Arrangements) Variation Order 2016 public notice.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to post the notice on local noticeboards.

8.3. Payroll Support to Community Councils – Details from Powys County Council about its being able to support Community Councils with their payroll processes if required. For information only and duly noted.

8.4. Road Closures in the Mochdre Area on behalf of Severn Trent (installation of new water main) – Schedule of closures received.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to write to STWA with the Council's concerns regarding this matter.

9.0. Severn Trent

9.1. Details of the phases for essential work re. installation of new water main (from Amey on behalf of Severn Trent) received, plus a copy of the letter sent to residents. There will be a public drop in session on Wednesday, 8th February 2017 at Mochdre Old School between 4:00 and 7:00pm to enable residents' queries to be answered.

ACTION: As many Councillors as are able will attend the drop-in session and give the Council's concerns in person.

10.0. Boundary Commission

10.1. Local Democracy and Government Boundary Commission Review of Local Authorities in Wales – The review of Powys will begin in March. Before the commencement of the review, the Boundary Commission invites the Chair or a representative from the Community Council to a presentation at 6:30pm in the Chamber, Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool on 8th March, 2017.

ACTION: Councillors Linda Davies and Jean Williams will attend and the Clerk is to advise the Boundary Commission accordingly.

11.0. Highway Matters.

11.1. Update regarding questions raised by Councillors at the last meeting (see Minute Refs 18.1, and 18.2.12th December 2016 meeting). Rhydyrcwrt Bank has now been swept. The Gelli Lane job to re-instate the ditch has been booked in by Danny Jarman to be done.

11.2. The green bin at Hyde Park Pitch is to be replaced with a new one.

11.3. Proposed temporary traffic regulation orders (TTRO's) required to facilitate the ongoing Bypass construction works – Details received from Chris Lloyd and also

11.4. Traffic management arrangements for proposed temporary traffic regulation orders (TTRO's) – Details to be posted on noticeboards.

ACTION: The Clerk is to post said orders on relevant noticeboards.

12.0. SLCC

12.1. Conference for Wales – 10:00am to 4:00pm, Wednesday 15th March, 2017 at Cwmbbran (£69.00 + VAT if booked before 15th February, 2017). Clerk would like to attend (bursary should be available and can travel with Montgomery Town Clerk) and the Council was in unanimous agreement that she should attend.

ACTION: The Clerk is to book onto the course before the "early bird deadline" to take advantage of the reduced rate and also submit a Bursary Application.

13.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended (if any)

13.1. 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales Initial Proposals by the Boundary Commission – Meeting with Glyn Davies on 5th January, 2017 – Cllr Philip Williams reported that the meeting was not well attended. He noted that the required number for each constituency was a "done deal" but the actual boundaries of those constituencies have still yet to be decided.

13.2. Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting on 24th January, 2017 at Abermule – Cllrs Jean Williams and Linda Davies attended. Stuart Taylor, a representative of the Post Office talked about working with banks to take over their counter work; parliamentary boundaries were also discussed and also Councils working together in partnership with regard to transfer of assets (which will require raised precepts to cover costs). The new Police Commissioner will be giving a presentation at a future Area Committee meeting. The next meeting will be on 19th April.

14.0. Charities/Donations (if any)

14.1. Macmillan Cancer Support - Request for funding. The Council did not wish to donate at this time.

14.2. Tenovus Cancer Care - Request for funding. The Council did not wish to donate at this time.

15.0. Community Council Grant Requests

15.1. Request from Pentre Chapel members for a donation towards essential maintenance costs. It was unanimously agreed that a donation of £500.00 be made out of the Council's No. 2 account rather than from Community Council Grant reserves [see 4.2.3) above].

16.0. Correspondence – to receive items of general correspondence for information.

16.1. Notification received from Sarah Ward (RES) that the turbine deliveries are now complete. Duly noted.

16.2. Montgomery County Music Festival – 6th May, 2017. Request for a donation in support of the Festival. The Council did not wish to donate at this time.

16.3. Mark Drakeford's launch of a consultation on the White Paper "Reforming Local Government – Resilient and Renewed". Closing date for responses is **11th April, 2017**. It was agreed to hold over this item until the next meeting to allow Councillors time to read and digest the White Paper.

16.4. Membership of One Voice Wales 2017/18 – Invitation to renew the Council's membership at a cost of £65.00. There was unanimous agreement that the membership should be renewed [see 4.2. 2) above].

17.0. To receive questions from Councillors

There were no questions from Councillors.

18.0. Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's announcements.

19.0. Date of next meeting

19.1. Next meeting will be on Monday, 27th March, 2017.

Meeting closed at 9:05pm.