

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 27th March 2017,
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Robin Lewis
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)
Cllr. Philip Williams (arrived at 7:40pm)

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Paul Sawtell
Cllr. Linda Davies

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk) County Cllr. Roche Davies

1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

1.1. See above - the apologies were accepted.

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 6th February, 2017 (previously circulated).

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 6th February, 2017 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 There was a short update on information relating to Planning Application P/2017/0039 (Minute Ref. 7.1. 6th February, 2017 meeting) from Cllr Jones.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

1) Mochdre CC bank statement £7,488.18 (includes £34.50 SLCC Bursary towards cost of Clerk's attendance at the Conference for Wales on Wednesday 15th March at Cwmbran). Cash book stands at £7,488.18. There are no outstanding cheques.

2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £362.39. Cash book stands at £362.39. There are no outstanding cheques.

4.2. To consider invoices for payment:

1) Clerk's Fee - £856.60 (includes increase in salary from 01/01/17 [see Minute Ref 4.3, 1st August, 2016 meeting]).

2) PAYE Tax - £143.40

3) Upper Bridge Enterprises (Revised website, annual and domain name fees) - £408.00

4) SLCC (for Clerk's attendance at the Conference for Wales, Cwmbran) - £82.80 (£69.00+VAT: 50% Bursary received, see 4.1 above).

5) Reimbursement of Clerk for the cost of a laptop and 2 year insurance for it (purchased with the Clerk's credit card – Council can claim the VAT back) - £424.98 [see Minute Ref 4.4, 1st August, 2016 meeting]).

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

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. 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**. E-mailed to Councillors on 10th February, 2017 to allow time to read and digest prior to discussion at this meeting.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's response on before the deadline.

6.0. Planning Applications (if any)

The Clerk reported that there were no items for discussion under this heading.

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Election on 4th May, 2017 - Return of Nomination papers. The Clerk completed them by the addition of Proposer and Seconder Electoral Role numbers, and will deliver them by hand at Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool on 29th March (appointment has been made for 11:00am).

8.0. Severn Trent

- 8.1. Road Closures in the Mochdre Area on behalf of Severn Trent (installation of new water main) – The response to the Clerk's letter to STWA with the Council's concerns regarding this matter was read out. Councillors expressed further concerns about delays and voted in favour of contacting Steve Coventry (STWA) again to see if any delays were anticipated.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to contact STWA for a further update.

9.0. Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales

- 9.1. Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales Review of Electoral Arrangements for the County of Powys – Among the matters the Commission will consider are the size of the Powys County Council and the number and boundaries of its electoral wards based on the existing pattern of communities and community wards. The review runs from 8th March to 31st May, 2017. Duly noted.

10.0. Highway Matters (if any).

- 10.1. County Cllr Roche Davies brought to the Council's attention that there is to be a meeting, organised by County Cllr Joy Jones, at Alun Griffiths' main site office on Dolfor Road, with those residents who are affected by the Bypass (including some from Bontdulas) on 10th April at 6:30pm. He suggested that it would be a good idea to see what her intentions were regarding this meeting and find out if it is one that the Council should attend.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to contact County Cllr Joy Jones for further information.

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

- 11.1. Boundary Commission Presentation at Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool on 8th March, 2017 – a detailed report was given by Cllr Jean Williams, one of the attendees.
11.2. STWA public drop in session on Wednesday, 8th February 2017 at Mochdre Old School – attendees reported that it was not well attended and was not sufficiently informative.

12.0. Charities/Donations (if any)

- 12.1. Wales Air Ambulance – Request for donation was considered and it was voted unanimously to keep it in mind as the recipient for future fund-raising events in the community, rather than giving a one off donation at this time.

13.0. Community Council Grant Requests (if any).

The Clerk reported that there were no items for discussion under this heading.

14.0. Correspondence.

- 14.1. Public Disclosures re Wind Turbine, Ultrasonic Radiation, Corruption and Conspiracy of Silence – Update on his current situation received from Mr Edmund Hikins via the post – scanned in and e-mailed to Councillors on 17th March, 2017 for information. Duly noted.
14.2. Code of Conduct Training – Letter received from Powys County Council regarding its decision **NOT** to offer Code of Conduct training for Town and Community Councils following the May, 2017 elections and urging Town and Community Councils to attend the Code of Conduct training sessions provided by One Voice Wales. Duly noted.

15.0. To receive questions from Councillors

- 15.1. Cllr Jones asked if a letter of congratulations could be sent to Carrie Jones, Tynybar following her being picked for the Under 15's Welsh Football Team, and also put on the website.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to write accordingly to Carrie and add the news to the website.

16.0.Chairman's Announcements

- 16.1.**It has been brought to the Chairman's attention that there are some concerns in the community regarding the proposed closure of the C2062 for one month in June (from 05/06 to 30/06/17) to enable the Mochdre Bridge, as per the Newtown Bypass construction programme, to be put in place. The Clerk contacted Aled Davies (Construction Manager – Alun Griffiths [Contractors] Ltd) to ascertain more details of what form the proposed closure would take. He advised that he believes that the closure date will be revised to September, 2017, at this present time (he is awaiting confirmation of several factors which could affect the original date). During the four weeks' closure, several work activities will be undertaken, some of which will require a total closure for safety reasons whilst others may be undertaken by partial daytime closure or under controlled conditions allowing access at certain times. Whenever possible, the road will be opened to minimise disruption to the residents and they will always have pedestrian access through the works, which may at times be supervised and /or under certain control measures. The Clerk asked Mr Davies if he would attend an open meeting to inform the local community about what will be happening and he is happy to tie that in with a short session prior to the Council's July or September meeting, once he has definitive dates for the work to commence. Following County Cllr Roche Davies' information at 10.1. above, the Chairman wondered if this matter could be discussed also at the above meeting on April 10th, but this is subject to County Cllr Joy Jones' response to the Clerk's request for further information concerning it.
- 16.2.**County Cllr Roche Davies thanked everyone for their support over the years, and the Chairman thanked him for all his work and wished him well in his retirement.

17.0.Date of next meeting

- 17.1.**Next meeting will be the Annual Meeting (at which newly elected Councillors will sign their Declarations of Acceptance of Office) followed by an Ordinary Meeting on Monday, 15th May, 2017.

Meeting closed at 8:25pm.