

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 31st July, 2017, 7:00pm
at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Robin Lewis
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)
Cllr. Philip Williams
Cllr. Martin Turley
Cllr. Ian Williams

APOLOGIES:

None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

A talk was given by Adrian Osborne (Assistant Director, Powys Teaching Health Board) reference the closure of Fan Gorau Inpatient Assessment Unit, from 7:00pm to 7:40pm (see attached report), and the Chairman ended it by holding a one minute silence in memory of James Corfield.

1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

- 1.1. There were no apologies for absence.
- 1.2. **Declarations of Members' Interests** - There were no Declarations of Member's Interest made.
- 1.3. **Co-Option Vacancies** – There were no candidates for co-option and the Council decided not to re-advertise at this time.
- 1.4. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office** – There were no candidates for co-option, so not applicable.

2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th June, 2017 (previously circulated).

- 2.1. That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 26th June, 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. Update concerning the recent water mains renewal work by STWA, which caused damage to gutters and ditches on the road which goes through the ford and on up towards the turn for Cae Colley. Cllr Lewis had managed to point out the problems to the Site Manager for Amey/STWA at a chance meeting and they will be added to the snagging list for any remedial works that need to be addressed at the end of the works. Duly noted.
- 3.2. Update concerning the water leak opposite the Dolau Inn - This was reported to STWA by the Clerk and has now been repaired by STWA. Duly noted.
- 3.3. Update concerning the caravan which has seemingly appeared on Kincoed land - Cllr Lewis has investigated this matter and has not found a caravan at this location. Duly noted.
- 3.4. Council's response concerning the Planning Application for The Oak was that the caravan on site used for temporary accommodation during the building work must be used as a shed only, after completion of the work. Duly noted - the Council would like to ascertain whether the building work is now complete and awaits possible input from County Cllr Karl Lewis concerning this at the next meeting.
- 3.5. Further update concerning the painting of the post box at Stepside. The Clerk had made a request to Royal Mail for this to be done on 12/06/17, and it was repainted on 17/07/17 – along with others in the community. Duly noted.

4.0. **Finance**

4.1. **Update on Bank Balances:**

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £6,507.57 (includes bursary of £34.50 towards cost of Clerk's attendance at SLCC/OVW Conference). Cash book stands at £6,379.57. There is one outstanding cheque for £128.00.
- 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 (if any).**

- 1) SLCC (Data Protection 2017 Webinar on 5th July) - £30.00
- 2) SLCC (SLCC/OVW Joint Conference on 12th July) - £82.80 (Bursary received towards this).

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

4.3. **Quarterly Statement up to 30th June, 2017** – Given to Councillors for their information, duly noted.

5.0. **Bank Mandate**

5.1. New Councillors duly completed the revised Mandate.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to further complete and submit this to the Bank.

6.0. **Planning Applications.**

- 6.1. Application Ref: **P/2017/0723**, Grid Ref: 306403.59/289609.21 for Outline: Erection of rural enterprise dwelling, alterations to vehicular access and septic tank drainage at Cefn Hir, Newtown Powys. After discussion Councillors fully supported this application and were happy for it to proceed to determination. **ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's observations on to the Planning Officer by the 1st August.
- 6.2. Application Ref: **P/2017/0676**, Grid Ref: 306680.71/286554.6 for Full: Erection of a replacement dwelling and all associated works to include the demolition of an outbuilding at Wergliodd-Gam, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys. After discussion Councillors fully supported this application and were happy for it to proceed to determination. **ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's observations on to the Planning Officer by the 1st August.

7.0. **One Voice Wales**

- 7.1. Newtown Town Council Clerk Ed Humphreys intends to run both Code of Conduct and New Councillor Induction training back to back here in Newtown (through OVW) and will advise the Clerk as soon as he has a date. Duly noted.

8.0. **Highway Matters**

- 8.1. Response received from Aled Davies (Construction Manager – Alun Griffiths [Contractors] Ltd) with reference to the Council's request for the date of the Mochdre Bridge installation was read out and duly noted. Mr Davies states the current beam installation date is, and the preparation works will commence on, 13/11/17. This will be followed by the addition of the decking in between the steel beams, which will receive the reinforcement and the concrete deck itself. During the period between 13/11/17 and 20/12/17 Mochdre Road will have various vehicle restrictions, but pedestrian access will be maintained at all times, albeit marshalled during lifting operations/certain activities. Following discussion, the Council raised a series of points to be passed on to Mr Davies, and was unanimously in favour of a Public Meeting being arranged in mid October so that Mr Davies could give full details/dates of the proposed works and address residents' concerns. **ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's series of points on to Mr Davies and arrange a mutually convenient date and time for a meeting with him, residents and the Council.
- 8.2. Wooden bridge on the bridleway by Reservoir House – the house owner is saying both that this bridge is unsafe and that the bridleway cannot be used. A full report was given by Cllr Jean Williams and the matter is undergoing further investigation by individuals within the community.
- 8.3. Response following the Council's report about the bridge at Rhydycwrt being damaged by a car transporter on the evening of 15th May, 2017 was read out and duly noted. Following discussion, the Council felt that the response was a bit vague and wanted to know if the plans it mentions had now been formalised. The Council also felt that this incident had strengthened the case recently put by Mr and Mrs Dunwell regarding the bridge and safety issues. **ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to ask Danny Jarman if plans had now been formalised.

9.0. SLCC

- 9.1. National Conference on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October at Jury's Inn Hinckley Island Hotel. Early Bird Rate for the full conference is £330 + £48 VAT if booked before 8th September. There was a majority vote by the Council that the Clerk should attend this event.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to book before the 8th September.

10.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

- 10.1. Montgomeryshire Broadband Summit on Monday, 17th July, 2017 at 10:30am at the Elephant and Castle Hotel, Newtown – A full report was given by attendees and duly noted. Following on from this, the Clerk has compiled a Community Broadband Questionnaire (to find out what the broadband reception in the community area is currently like for presentation to Edward Hunt of Openreach). This was discussed by the Council which voted unanimously in favour of putting this out into the community by the most cost effective method possible (rather than by post).
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to place drop boxes for completed questionnaires at the Dolau Pub and Mochdre Old School (c/w printed forms); to make the questionnaire available on the website (to also investigate the possibility of using "surveymonkey" for this) and e-mail it where possible to contacts within the community (Councillors to assist with this).
- 10.2. SLCC Data Protection Webinar – The Clerk's report was duly noted.
- 10.3. SLCC/OVW Joint Conference – The Clerk's report was duly noted.

11.0. Charities/Donations (if any)

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

12.0. Community Council Grant Requests (if any)

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

13.0. Correspondence

- 13.1. Annual Accounts received from External Auditor, Grant Thornton (on 27/07/17) – The Auditor General for Wales has issued the Council with an unqualified audit report. The cost of the audit will be £186.00 (invoice from the Wales Audit Office is awaited). The Council voted unanimously that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit be completed and displayed for 14 days before 30th September.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to complete the Notice and display it on Community noticeboards and the website for the required 14 days.

14.0. To receive questions from Councillors

- 14.1. There is a water leak running down the road by the Rock.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to report said leak to STWA.

15.0. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that there were no items under this heading.

16.0. Date of next meeting

- 16.1. Next meeting will be on Monday, 11th September, 2017.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm.