

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 11th September, 2017,
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Robin Lewis
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Philip Williams
Cllr. Ian Williams

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Russell Williams

ABSENT:

Cllr. Martin Turley

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Karl Lewis

1.0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

1.1. See above.

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

2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 31st July, 2017 (previously circulated).

2.1. That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 31st July, 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 water leak by the Rock. STWA has raised a job number for this, but as yet there has been no noticeable improvement in the leak.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to chase STWA for further information.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

1) Mochdre CC bank statement £6,379.57. Cash book stands at £6,379.57. There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted.

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

4.2. To consider invoices for payment.

1) Mochdre and Penstrowed YFC Annual Grant - £50.00

2) Clerk's quarterly salary - £872.00

3) HMRC (PAYE Tax) - £128.00

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

5.0. Draft Annual Budget Discussions

5.1. The draft Annual Budget for 1st April, 2018 to 31st March, 2019 was presented for discussion. Councillors were provided with a copy of the draft budget for 2018 - 2019, and budget figures for the two preceding years as a comparison.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council voted unanimously in favour of approving the draft Annual Budget and in favour of a request for a Precept of £6,700.00 being made at the appropriate time.

6.0. One Voice Wales

6.1. New Councillor Induction Training at Trefeglwys Village Memorial Hall, Caersws on Tuesday, 3rd October (6:30 to 9:00pm). Cllr Ian Williams has been booked on to the course (bursary applied for). Duly noted.

6.2. Code of Conduct Training at Newtown on Wednesday, 4th October (6:30 to 9:00pm). Cllr Ian Williams has been booked on to the course. Duly noted.

7.0. National Assembly

- 7.1. Welsh Revenue Authority Criminal Powers to investigate Devolved Tax Offences Consultation – This was discussed by Councillors at some length. (Responses are required by 2nd October, 2017).
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's response before the required deadline.
- 7.2. School Organisation Code – This was fully discussed by Councillors. (Responses are required by 30th September, 2017).
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's response before the required deadline and e-mail a copy of the list comprising classes "village in the sparsest context" and "other sparsest context" of the detailed classifications primary schools mentioned in the consultation Appendix to Councillors for their information.
- 7.3. Electoral Reform in Local Government in Wales Consultation – This was discussed at some length by Councillors. (Responses required by 10th October, 2017).
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's response before the required deadline.

8.0. Planning Applications.

- 8.1. Pre-Planning Application (for a major development as per Town and Country Planning [Development Management Procedure] [Wales] [Amendment] Order 2016) Ref No.R092 – For Residential Development of approximately 135 Houses at Land adjacent to Glanhafren Hall (from Douglas Hughes Architects). Information forwarded to Councillors on its receipt on 24/08/17. Following discussion, Councillors unanimously voted to object to this application on the same basis as recent planning applications P/2016/0796 and P/2016/0797 for 60 and 30 houses respectively at Penstrowed, citing Policy HP5 – Residential Developments
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's response before the required deadline.

9.0. Powys County Council

- 9.1. Standards Sub-Committee – Result of election for Town and Community Council representatives on this committee has been received. Duly noted.
- 9.2. Powys Well-Being Plan – This was discussed by Councillors. (Views required by 17th October, 2017).
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's response before the required deadline.

10.0.Highway Matters

- 10.1.A public meeting has been organised by the Clerk with Aled Davies (Construction Manager – Alun Griffiths [Contractors] Ltd), members of his team, residents and Councillors on Tuesday, 24th October at 6:30pm at Mochdre Old School, reference information about the Mochdre Bridge installation in November. Duly noted.
- 10.2.The response received from Clive Jones concerning the actions to be taken following damage to the bridge at Rhydycwrt by a car transporter on the evening of 15th May, 2017 was read out and discussed. County Cllr Karl Lewis stated that he, Russell George (AM) and Liam Kirkpatrick are in the process of working on the possibility of getting the embankment cut back at the side of the road and having a reinforced concrete barrier put in place, and he will keep the Council informed of developments.

11.0.Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

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

12.0.Charities/Donations (if any)

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

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.NALC Legal Briefing L04-17 July 2017 – Reform of Data Protection Legislation – General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Bill: Data Security Policy – For discussion/adoption.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to hold this item over until the next meeting.
- 14.2.Autism (Wales) Bill – Consultation on what details should be included. Comments by 20th November, 2017.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to hold this item over until the next meeting and e-mail to Councillors in the interim.
- 14.3.SP Energy Networks – Partnership Opportunities. Following discussion the Council was in full agreement that it was happy to receive information from them to put on the Council website and also to receive posters to be displayed on Community Noticeboards. The Council was also happy to join the SP Energy

Networks trusted partner network, provided it is a free service.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to contact SP Energy Networks accordingly.

14.4.P & L Community Trust cheque for £1,306.65 has been received and paid into the Council's No.2 Account. Duly noted.

14.5.Community Broadband Questionnaires – There had been a small number completed and returned, for analysis. Duly noted.

14.6.Request from R.A.B.I. for a donation – This was turned down by the Council as a recent charity event in the community had already raised a generous donation to this cause.

14.7.STWA survey for completion following recent work done in Mochdre. The Council agreed that initially the work was done well and the workforce was tidy and co-operative, but there were still ditches which needed to be made good at the end of the project (it was understood that these were going to be added to the snagging list at the end of the project, but as at the time of this meeting, had not been done).

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to respond to the survey accordingly.

15.0.To receive questions from Councillors

There were no items under this heading.

16.0.Chairman's Announcements

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

17.0.Date of next meeting

17.1.Next meeting will be on Monday, 30th October, 2017.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.