

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 30th October, 2017,
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams

Cllr. Robin Lewis

Cllr. Gordon Jones

Cllr. Philip Williams

Cllr. Ian Williams

Cllr. Russell Williams

Cllr. Martin Turley

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

Mr R. Beardall (Applicant - P/2017/0956)

APOLOGIES:

None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

County Cllr. Karl Lewis

Mr A. Morris (Applicant - P/2017/1113)

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 11th September, 2017 (previously circulated).

2.1. That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 11th September, 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 close to the Rock. STWA states that it has established that the leak is from a pipe located in a privately owned field and it is therefore the owner's responsibility to get it fixed (STWA has been unable to establish who the owner is). The Council agreed that the pipe was on Kincoed Land.

ACTION: Clerk is to notify STWA accordingly.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

1) Mochdre CC bank statement £7,416.77. Cash book stands at £7,366.77. There is one outstanding cheque for £50.00. Duly noted.

2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £1,669.04. Cash book stands at £1,669.04. There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted.

4.2. To consider invoices for payment.

1) E. S. Morgan (Internal Auditor Fee 2016 – 2017) - £50.00

2) Mochdre Church (Room Hire [01/04/16 to 31/03/17]) – £91.00

3) Mochdre Old School (Annual Upkeep Grant) - £250.00

4) Mochdre Parish Church Annual Grant - £150.00

5) Penstrowed Parish Church Annual Grant - £150.00

6) Pentre Chapel Annual Grant - £150.00

7) SLCC Enterprises Ltd (Clerk's attendance at National Conference) - £378.00 (£330.00 + VAT £48.00)

8) OVW New Councillor Induction Training at Trefeglwys (Cllr Ian Williams) - £20.00

9) OVW Code of Conduct Training at Newtown (Cllr Ian Williams) - £30.00

10) Wales Audit Office – Audit of Accounts 2016/2017 - £186.00

11) Penstrowed Parish Church – Room Hire for OVW Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting on 3rd October - £15.00

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

4.3. Budget Statement for 2nd Quarter (ending 30th September, 2017) for Councillors' information. Duly noted.

5.0. **One Voice Wales**

5.1. NALC Legal Briefing L04-17 July 2017 – Reform of Data Protection Legislation – General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Bill: Data Security Policy – Following discussion the Policy was adopted by the Council.

6.0. **National Assembly**

6.1. Autism (Wales) Bill – Consultation on what details should be included. The Council discussed this at some length. (Comments required by 20th November, 2017).

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

6.2. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual report. Section 13 Community and Town Councils – The revised proposals were duly discussed. (Consultation period ends on 29th November, 2017).

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

6.3. Taking forward Wales' Sustainable Management of Natural Resources Consultation – Proposal 10 in particular, relating to footpaths in Wales. E-mailed to Councillors on 4th October. This was duly discussed by Councillors.

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

6.4. Welsh Tax Policy Report - E-mailed to Councillors on 4th October. Duly noted.

6.5. Review of the Community and Town Council Sector - E-mailed to Councillors on 4th October. Following discussion it was agreed to hold this item over until the next meeting.

6.6. Guidance for Principal Councils on the Review of Communities – E-mailed to Councillors on 4th October for information – duly noted.

6.7. Consultation on the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill – Deadline for submissions is 1st December, 2017. E-mailed to Councillors on 13th October. This was duly discussed by Councillors.

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

AT THIS POINT County Cllr Karl Lewis vacated the meeting whilst the following Planning Applications were being discussed (due to his position of Vice Chair of the Planning, Taxi Licensing & Rights of Way Committee).

7.0. **Planning Applications.**

7.1. Application Ref: **P/2017/0956** Grid Ref: 307410.28/287842 for Full: Proposed erection of 1 no eco-dwelling at Land at Kincoed Farm, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys. An extension to the time for observations has been granted by the Planning Officer, until 31st October. This was discussed at some length, with some invited input from Mr Beardall, following which a vote was taken and there was a majority in favour of objecting to the application. The Council felt that the applicant wanted the proposed dwelling in order to supplement the farm's income streams rather than to address a housing need, and it added to the Council's worry that a "mini housing estate" is being created in this area.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's response to the Planning Officer before the agreed deadline.

7.2. Application Ref: **P/2017/1112** Grid Ref: 308200.64/289379.51 for Outline: Erection of an eco-friendly dwelling (all matters reserved) at Site Next to Manteg, Stepside, Newtown, Powys. E-mailed to Councillors on 11th October.

AND

7.3. Application Ref: **P/2017/1113** Grid Ref: 307784.28/289299.23 for Outline: Erection of an eco-friendly dwelling (all matters reserved) at Site next to Woodside, Stepside, Newtown, Powys. E-mailed to Councillors on 11th October. During discussion there was some invited input from Mr Morris.

The above two applications were discussed and the Council fully supported both applications, but with the proviso that both are for Local Needs.

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

AT THIS POINT County Cllr Karl Lewis re-entered the meeting.

8.0. **Boundary Commission for Wales**

8.1. The 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales Revised Proposals – This was discussed at some length. Representation period ends on 11th December, 2017.

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

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. Progress update was received from County Cllr Karl Williams regarding proposed actions to road at Rhydydwrt. He has had a meeting with Danny Jarman, who suggested changing the design of the bridge (he is awaiting costing information for this); he will be meeting Liam Kirkpatrick on the 8th November and is hoping to get him to visit the area as he needs to see the problems first hand.

10.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

- 10.1. Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting held at Penstrowed on 3rd October – Cllr Jean Williams and the Clerk gave a full report. Next meeting is on Tuesday, 23rd January, 2018 at Abermule.
- 10.2. New Councillor Induction and Code of Conduct training sessions held on 3rd and 4th October – feedback from Cllr Ian Williams was that the Induction training was good and worthwhile; the Code of Conduct training was also good and thought provoking but in the Case Studies section trainees were not provided with all the information they needed in order to make informed decisions.
- 10.3. Public Meeting with Alun Griffiths Ltd with regard to Mochdre Bridge Installation, held on 24th October – The Clerk's report was read out and duly noted.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to post this on the website and also e-mail a copy to County Cllr Karl Lewis.

11.0. Charities/Donations

- 11.1. Request from Powys Citizens Advice Bureau for financial assistance. After discussion the Council unanimously agreed that a donation cheque be raised for £50 for the next meeting.

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. Notification that minimum pension contributions will soon be increasing received – for information only. Duly noted.
- 13.2. Planning Aid Wales – Will be holding a free Planning Training session on Tuesday, 21st November 2017, 5:00pm to 8:15pm at the Elephant and Castle Hotel, Newtown. Two free places are available per Community and Town council. It was suggested that this would be ideal for the two new Councillors to attend and they will inform the Clerk of their availability.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to book Councillors on to the course once advised of their availability.
- 13.3. Local Marie Curie Nurses and Services – Request for a donation was turned down by Councillors following discussion.
- 13.4. NHS Future Fit update on public consultation. Duly noted.
- 13.5. Health and Care Strategy Phase 2 Consolidation Event 3 at The Old Food Hall, Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground on Friday, 1st December 2017, 10:00am to 16:00pm. Duly noted – Councillors will advise the Clerk if they wish to attend.
- 13.6. Telemat IT Support – Information letter outlining their IT services – for information only. Duly noted.

14.0. To receive questions from Councillors:

- 14.1. Would it be possible for signage on the Gelli Lane to warn large traffic not to use it (and get stuck!!).
- 14.2. The hedge below Blaen Cwm Mawr (Pentre Road) is impinging on the road and making it difficult for traffic.
- 14.3. Would it be possible to have a mirror installed on the C2062 at its junction with the U2818 (the Willows end), to improve visibility for vehicles turning out of the U2818 (it is a bit hairy doing this at the moment!).
- 14.4. There is a collapsing culvert by Tynybar.
- 14.5. Opposite the Willows hedge is a rock sticking out of the road which can be a bit hazardous to traffic (especially those vehicles with a trailer on the back).
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to contact Danny Jarman with these queries for suitable action.

15.0. Chairman's Announcements

- 15.1. With regard to keeping the website up to date, it now needs either a new group photo of the Council as a whole, or individual photos of each member of the Council. Following discussion, Councillors were unanimous in the decision to have a group photo taken at the next meeting.
- 15.2. The Clerk has been chosen to write an article for the next issue of "The Clerk" magazine (which is the sector publication) entitled "What it means to be Clerk to a small Community Council in Wales today". This was duly noted.

16.0. Date of next meeting: Monday, 11th December, 2017.

Meeting closed at 9:40pm.