

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 5th February, 2018,
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 (Chairman)

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Martin Turley

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

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 18th December, 2018 (previously circulated).

2.1. Cllr Gordon Jones requested an amendment to Item 16.1. – He has agreed a sum with STWA but is not yet in receipt of it, so will donate it to the Council once he is. With this amendment in place the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 18th December, 2017 were then agreed to be a true record of what there and then transpired and were duly signed as such by the Chairman.

3.0. Information from the Minutes.

There was no information from the minutes.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

1) Mochdre CC bank statement £6,837.46 (Includes 3rd Precept payment of £1,812.69 [£2,150 less the election cost]). Cash book stands at £6,659.46. There are two outstanding cheques for £128.00 and £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) SLCC Membership - £84.00

2) Code of Conduct training (11th May 2017) at Newtown Town Council Offices attended by Cllr Martin Turley - £42.00 (£35.00 + £7.00 VAT)

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

4.3. Budget Statement for 3rd Quarter (ending 31st December, 2017) for Councillors' information. This was presented by the Clerk and duly noted.

5.0. Website

5.1. Group photo for website required (see Minute Ref 5.1, 18th December, 2017 meeting. Held over to next meeting as all Councillors were not present.

6.0. One Voice Wales

6.1. General Data Protection Regulation – OVW information e-mailed to Councillors on 18th January. The position of Data Protection Officer (currently under some debate nationally) was discussed by the Councillors and there was a unanimous vote in favour of the Clerk being designated as such, subject to review if the guidance ultimately says that the Clerk and DPO cannot be one and the same person.

6.2. Review of the Community and Town Council Sector – Still awaiting OVV response to enable the Council to formulate a suitable response (due end of January/beginning of February 2018). Duly noted.

7.0. National Assembly

7.1. Planning Law in Wales: Consultation Paper. This important piece of legislation was discussed at length and Councillors answered a number of the questions included in the consultation.

ACTION: Clerk to forward the Council's response on before the deadline.

7.2. Independent Review Panel Engagement Event (Review of the Community and Town Council Sector) for Mid Wales – On Thursday, 1st March, 2018 from 09:30am to 12:30pm at Cefn Lea Park, Dolfor. Spaces are limited to two places per invitation. Cllrs Russell Williams and Robin Lewis stated provisionally that they may be able to attend.

ACTION: Cllrs Williams and Lewis to advise Clerk as soon as possible once they know for definite that they can attend so that places can be booked.

8.0. Powys County Council.

8.1. Draft Well-being Plan for Powys Consultation – Councillors discussed the 15 points outlined in the consultation and there was a unanimous vote in favour of agreeing with them.

ACTION: Clerk to forward the Council's response on before the deadline.

8.2. Standards Community Sub-Committee – General Dispensations granted (e-mailed to Councillors on 24th January, 2018). Duly noted.

9.0. Planning Applications.

9.1. Application Ref: **P/2018/0032** Grid Ref: 308475.02/290335.46 for Outline: Residential development (Phase 1) at Land adjacent to Glanrhyd Hall, Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys.

AND

9.2. Application Ref: **P/2018/0033** Grid Ref: 308538.24/290380.16 for Outline: Residential development (Phase 2) at Land at Glanrhyd, Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys.

Following lengthy discussion the Council unanimously agreed to object to both of these applications on the basis that a) the proposed developments are not of a scale, form and design and general character to reflect the overall appearance of the settlement and surrounding area (as per Policy HP5 – Residential Developments) and b) there is a lack of infrastructure in the area to support the applications.

ACTION: Clerk is to forward the Council's response to the Planning Department before the deadline.

10.0. Highway Matters

10.1. Update from Chris Lloyd on matters raised at last meeting (see Minute Refs 14.1 and 14.3, 30th October, 2017 meeting and Minute Ref 9.1 18th December, 2017 meeting) - He has said no to both the signage requested on the Gelli Lane (to stop large vehicles using it and getting stuck) and to the proposal for a mirror to be erected at the turn out of the U2818 on to the C2062, by the Willows, to improve visibility at this busy junction (citing PCC's Mirror Policy). Following discussion, the Council was unanimous in its decision to refer this matter to County Cllr Karl Lewis to see if he can get a more positive reply.

ACTION: Clerk is to forward the information and request to County Cllr Karl Lewis.

10.2. Update from Danny Jarman regarding salt bin levels – He is in the process of remedying the situation. He cannot personally do anything about the Council's request to extend the gritting route in the Community Council area, but has suggested that the Council refer this to County Cllr Karl Lewis who may be able to get something done.

ACTION: Clerk is to forward the information and request to County Cllr Karl Lewis.

10.3. Update received from Amanda Griffiths regarding green bin at the top of Hyde Park Pitch (See Minute Ref 15.2. 18th December, 2017 meeting) – The green bin has been replaced but residents must ensure that only purple bags are placed in it.

10.4. Update from County Cllr Karl Lewis reference contacting the resident with regard to cutting back the hedge which is still impinging on the Mochdre Lane carriageway (see Minute Ref 9.2 18th December, 2017 meeting). As County Cllr Karl Lewis was not at the meeting, this will be held over to the next one.

10.5. The Clerk, having been approached by a concerned resident regarding missing barricades which had been put in place to fence off the landslide on the U2819 (just down from the Church) for safety reasons, contacted Danny Jarman and he has put new barriers in place as requested. Duly noted.

11.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

11.1. Montgomeryshire Area Committee meeting at Abermule on 23rd January, 2018 – Attendees found this to be informative as the guest speaker was Lyn Cadwallader. The lack of road cleaning and salting in various Community Council areas was one of the topics of discussion, along with the differences that exist between large and small Councils.

11.2. Mochdre Bridge installation - Following completion of the action instructed by Councillors in Minute Ref. 10.3. 18th December, 2017 meeting, regarding additionally requesting the possibility of re-surfacing the Old School car park to Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd., the Clerk arranged a meeting with Councillors and Nick Cleary to look at the car park and assess what might be required and if it is a viable proposition. The meeting took place this afternoon (5th February) and proved to be very useful. There will be a board edge and road planings will be used for the surface (as opposed to tarmac), approximately 60 tons, which will be tipped in a corner of the car park gradually over a series of visits prior to being laid and rolled flat (possibly Easter time?). Before anything is done Nick Cleary requires permission from the Church to do the work.
ACTION: Clerk is to raise the matter at the Church Committee meeting (next one is on 14th February), requesting said permission.

12.0. Charities/Donations (if any)

- 12.1.** British Red Cross – Annual request for funds to support local services. The Council did not wish to donate at this time.
- 12.2.** Powys Citizens Advice Bureau – Thank you received for the Council's donation. Duly noted.
- 12.3.** Eisteddfod Powys Bro Hafren 2018 - Request for donation. The Council did not wish to donate at this time.
- 12.4.** Tenovus Cancer Care - Request for donation. The Council did not wish to donate 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.** Budget preparation 2018/2019 – Info from OVV reference draft Annual report of the IPRW. Duly noted.
- 14.2.** HMRC – Pre-advice of some changes they are making regarding VAT claims using form VAT126. Duly noted.

15.0. To receive questions from Councillors

- 1) Could we have some extra salt bins up by Bronllan, etc?
- 2) There is a nasty pothole situated in the bottom third of the Hendre Pitch.
- 3) There is a blocked drain on Hyde Park Pitch.

Can these matters be rectified?

ACTION: Clerk is to raise these matters with Danny Jarman.

- 4) Cllr Jones asked if it was OK for him to tidy up the trees that go down the line of the fence at the side of the Old School car park.

ACTION: Clerk is to raise the matter at the Church Committee meeting (next one is on 14th February), requesting permission for him to do so.

16.0. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that he had no announcements to make.

17.0. Date of next meeting

- 17.1.** Next meeting will be on Monday, 26th March, 2018.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm.