

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

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**Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 14th May
2018, 7:05pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Ian Williams

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence – See above.

1.1. Declarations of Members' Interests– There were no Declarations of Member's Interest made.

2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th March, 2018 (previously circulated).

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 26th March, 2018 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 no information from the minutes.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

1) Mochdre CC bank statement £8,860.76. Cash book stands at £8,860.76 (includes first Precept instalment of £2,234.00, £37.50 Bursary and £4,537.69 in reserves). There are no outstanding cheques. 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 (if any).

1) Clerk's attendance at SLCC/OVW Conference on 16th May, 2018 - £90.00 (£75.00 + £15.00 VAT, 50% Bursary has been successfully applied for and £37.50 has been paid direct into the Council's bank account [see above]). The invoice is due for payment by 1st June and the next Council meeting is 25th June. Invoice will not be paid until after the Clerk's attendance at the Conference.

2) Came and Company (Council Insurance renewal – see below) - £218.00 (£168.00 plus £50.00 handling fee).

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

5.0. To discuss and decide to pay Insurance Renewal (due 1st June, 2018) – Via Came & Co.

Inspire (Axa) have quoted £168.00 including Insurance Premium Tax for similar bespoke comprehensive cover as last year (+ Came and Co's £50.00 Administration Fee) = Total of £218.00. Hiscox have quoted £434.47 including Insurance Premium Tax (+ Came and Co's £50.00 Admin Fee) = Total of £484.47.

Ecclesiastical have quoted £566.13 including Insurance Premium Tax (+ Came and Co's £50.00 Admin Fee) = Total of £616.13.

Following discussion the Council voted unanimously to accept the Came & Co Inspire (Axa) quote.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to advise Came and Company accordingly and raise the cheque for signature at this meeting (as the renewal date is 1st June and the next Council meeting is on the 25th June). See 4.2. above.

6.0. To Approve the Annual Return for year ending 31st March, 2018 - Following its return from the Internal Auditor (who had no issues to report), the Council unanimously approved the accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Return was then duly signed by the Chairman. The Clerk confirmed that the "Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights" had been posted on noticeboards and the website on 3rd May, 2018.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the Annual Return to Grant Thornton (external auditor) within the required timescale.

7.0. Website

7.1. Group photo for website required (see Minute Ref 5.1, 18th December, 2017 meeting), dependent upon all Councillors being present.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to hold this over to a future meeting when all Councillors are present.

8.0. National Assembly

8.1. Draft Planning Policy Wales: Edition 10 Consultation (E-mailed to Councillors on 5th March, 2018) – Responses by 18th May, 2018. This was duly discussed and responses given to some of the questions asked in the Consultation.

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

8.2. Structural Reform of Local Authorities Green Paper – E-mailed to Councillors on 26th March. (Responses by 12th June, 2018). For information - duly noted.

8.3. Draft of a new Ecclesiastical Exemption Order Consultation – Responses by 13th July, 2018. E-mailed to Councillors on 6th May, 2018. The Council declined responding to this consultation.

8.4. Towards Establishing a Bespoke Infrastructure Consenting Process in Wales - Consultation responses by 23rd July, 2018. E-mailed to Councillors on 6th May, 2018. This was duly discussed.

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

9.0. Boundary Commission.

9.1. Review of County Electoral Arrangements for the County of Powys - Draft Proposals. Period for representation ends on 29th May, 2018. This was duly further discussed by the Council.

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

10.0. Planning Applications

10.1. Application Ref: **P/2018/0264** for Full: Erection of an affordable dwelling, installation of a septic tank, creation of access and all associated works at Site adjacent to Woodside, Stepside, Newtown, Powys. According to the Planning Portal, this application has been withdrawn. For information - duly noted.

10.2. Application Ref: **P/2018/0306** Grid Ref: 308454/290030 for Full: Installation of a sewage treatment facility and all associated works at Glandulas Caravan Park, Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys (note applicant is the Welsh Government). An extension has been granted for observations. E-Mailed to Councillors on 1st May, 2018. Following discussion, the Council objected to this application on the grounds that, even though the sewage plant specified might be sufficient for its needs, it felt that there was possibly a more modern system that could be used instead of the one specified. The Council expects the Welsh Assembly Government to lead by example in matters such as this.

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

10.3. Application Ref: **P/2018/0450** Grid Ref: 306430.18/289655.72 for Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval P/2017/0723 for erection of a rural enterprise dwelling, alterations to vehicular access and septic tank drainage at Land adj to Cefn Hir Mochdre Newtown Powys. E-Mailed to Councillors on 1st May, 2018. Following discussion the Council fully supported this application and was happy for it to proceed to determination.

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

10.4. Application **VAR/2018/0017**: Grid Ref: 307270.81/290457.93 for VAR: Application to discharge S106 legal agreement attached to planning permission M2002/0914 (occupancy restriction) at Cefn Derw, Penstrowed, Newtown, Powys. Because of the tight time frame this was e-mailed to Councillors on 4th April, 2018 for comments. The result was that the Council supported this application, and the Planning Department was informed accordingly. Duly noted.

11.0. One Voice Wales

11.1. Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting – Change of date to Wednesday, 16th May, venue TBA. Venue has now been confirmed as Llangadfan – duly noted.

11.2. Review of the Community and Town Council Sector – OVW response now received (e-mailed to

Councillors on 3rd April, 2018). The Council was happy to stand by the fully comprehensive OVW response – duly noted.

12.0.Highway Matters

- 12.1.Update from County Cllr Karl Lewis reference the resident's hedge which needs cutting back because it is still impinging on the Mochdre Lane carriageway (see Minute Ref 9.2 18th December, 2017 meeting). Duly noted and a watching brief will be kept on this situation.
- 12.2.Report back from County Cllr Karl Lewis reference request for a speed limit change on the main road by Penstrowed (See Minute Ref 18.1.26th March, 2018 meeting) could not be given as he was absent from this meeting..
- ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to hold this over to the next meeting.

13.0.Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

- 13.1.Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2018. The three Councillors who were absent at the last meeting made their personal decision to forgo all of their entitlement to payments and gave notice to that effect to the Proper Officer in writing at this meeting.

14.0.GDPR

- 14.1.New General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on 25th May, 2018 – Newtown Town Council hosted a GDPR Awareness training at the Council Offices, Newtown. The Clerk attended the training session on 9th May (with permission from the Chairman - cost £30.00 inc VAT).She found it to be excellent and informative and reported back clarifying several issues including:
- 1) Confirmation that the Council is the Data Controller.
 - 2) Data Retention Policy is required.
 - 3) Council has to register with the ICO – Cost is £40.00 and is an annual fee.
 - 4) Website requires a “Privacy Policy” to be added to it.
- 14.2.Update on Data Protection Officer situation – The House of Commons has accepted a Government amendment to the Data Protection Bill which, once enacted, will exempt all town, parish and community councils from the requirement to appoint a DPO. All other requirements of the GDPR will apply so the Council must still comply with the rest of the Regulations.

15.0.Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

- 15.1. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales round table discussion on its remuneration framework (Wednesday, 2nd May 10:30 to 12:30 at Llandrindod Wells) – Attended by Clerk who reported that it was extremely useful and informative (members of the Panel were present to answer questions direct).

16.0.Charities/Donations (if any)

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

17.0.Community Council Grant Requests (if any)

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

18.0.Correspondence

- 18.1.Update on NHS Future Fit. Duly noted.
- 18.2.E-mail from resident reference the state of the lane leading to Broombush and Hollybush.
- ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to write to Danny Jarman requesting action on this matter.

19.0.To receive questions from Councillors

- 19.1.Rock in bank opposite the Willows hedge – Can it be reduced in size so that it does not stick out so far?
- ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to write to Danny Jarman regarding this matter.
- 19.2.The Council expressed strong feelings about the recent reduction in Church services and the effect it is having on the community and was unanimous that a letter conveying this should be sent.
- ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to establish who the letter should go to and write accordingly.

20.0.Chairman's Announcements

- 20.1.There is a possible candidate for co-option onto the Council, but there is a need to check if he qualifies in order to be considered for this appointment.
- ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to check if he is on the Electoral Register.

- 21.0.**Date of next meeting:** Monday, 25th June, 2018.
Meeting closed at 9:20pm.