

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 10th September, 2018,
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Ian Williams
Cllr. Philip Williams
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Martin Turlev

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Robin Lewis
Cllr. Russell Williams

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Karl Lewis

In the absence of both Cllr Russell Williams (Chairman) and Cllr Robin Lewis (Vice Chairman) the meeting was chaired by Cllr Gordon Jones.

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 30th July, 2018 (previously circulated).

2.1. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 30th July, 2018 were 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.

- 3.1. The Clerk gave the latest update concerning the Elizabeth Day Report about the Mission Area. All references to Mochdre in it were positive. At the subsequent Church Committee meeting to discuss the report the vote was in favour of trying out things in order to be more inclusive and for the Kerry Group to have a new incumbent (preferably a full time one, but would settle for a part time one if there was no other alternative). An open meeting was held on 4th September for people to air their concerns. Now awaiting the outcome of the Mission Area Conference on 19th September which is being held primarily to discuss the clerical vacancy.
- 3.2. County Cllr Karl Lewis gave an update on the two planning issues which the Council requested him to look into at the last meeting (see Minute Refs. 15.2 and 15.3, 30th July 2018 meeting) and the Council gave its approval for any required action to go ahead.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £7,551.40. Cash book stands at £7,551.40. 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:

- 1) Imperative Training Ltd - £501.60 (£418.00 + £83.60 VAT) for replacement Defib Cabinet.
- 2) SLCC Enterprises Ltd - £90.00 (£75.00 + £15.00 VAT) for Clerk's attendance at Llandudno Training Seminar 2018 (bursary applied for).
- 3) One Voice Wales - £85.00 for Clerk's attendance at OVW Annual Conference.
- 4) Clerk's quarterly salary - £874.00
- 5) HMRC (PAYE tax) - £126.00
- 6) Mochdre and Penstrowed YFC - £50.00 (Annual grant).

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

5.0. External Audit

- 5.1. Annual Accounts received from external auditor, Grant Thornton (on 30/08/18) – The Auditor General for Wales has issued the Council with an unqualified audit report. The cost of the audit will be £182.75 (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 the 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.

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).

6.0. Planning Applications

- 6.1. For information: Application No: VAR/2018/0036 (18/0394/REM) For Discharge of clause 2 (occupancy condition) of S106 agreement in relation to planning permission M/2002/0914 at Cefn Derw, Penstrowed, Caersws, Powys, SY17 5SG. This application replaces P/2018/0017, for the discharge of the complete S106 agreement, which was refused by the Planning Department earlier this year. The Council had been in favour of it. Because of the tight time frame this was e-mailed to Councillors mid August for comments. The result was that the Council supported this application, and the Planning Department was informed accordingly within the slightly extended timescale allowed. Duly noted.
- 6.2. Application No: 18/0384/FUL Grid Ref: E:307840 N:289072 for Proposed erection of an agricultural barn at Pen-Y-Gelli, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys. SY16 4JS. E-mailed to Councillors on 17/08/18. Extension to time for observations granted to 11th September. Following discussion, the Council unanimously voted to object to this proposal on the following grounds: That the proposed barn is overlarge and out of scale when related to both the site it is proposed to put it on and the property which is already there; the proposed building does not lend itself to the definition “agricultural use”.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council’s response to the Planning Officer before the agreed deadline.

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

7.0. National Assembly

- 7.1. Consultation: Autism (Wales) Bill. Closing date for responses is 14th September, 2018. The Council discussed this at some length and was positive and encouraging in its views overall.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council’s views before the deadline of 14th September.
- 7.2. Call for Evidence – Delivery of Housing through the Planning System. The Council discussed and responded to consultation questions.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council’s response on before the deadline of 10th October, 2018.
- 7.3. Consultation – Banning the use of combustible materials in the external walls of high-rise residential buildings. The Council discussed and responded to consultation questions.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council’s response on before the deadline of 13th September, 2018.
- 7.4. The Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee has just launched ‘Supporting and Promoting the Welsh Language: An inquiry into the legislative policy and wider context’. The Council did not wish to contribute to the consultation at this time.

8.0. Powys County Council

- 8.1. Growing Mid-Wales Consultation – Deadline for on-line survey has now been extended to 28th September. The Council discussed and completed the survey (paper copy supplied by the Clerk).
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to complete the survey online as per the paper copy within the required deadline.

9.0. One Voice Wales

- 9.1. Via OVW – Application for Grant for Remembrance Day Commemorative Installations has been successful. Clerk is expecting delivery of the silhouettes in the next couple of weeks. Duly noted.
- 9.2. Motions for AGM on 29th September – Note item 6, which calls for a 4% increase in Membership Fees. Duly noted.
- 9.3. Details of training sessions to be held at Machynlleth, from 27th September, 2018 to 28th March, 2019. Duly noted.

10.0.Highway Matters

10.1.Update on the “step” at the bottom of Hendre Pitch was received from County Cllr Karl Lewis on 1st August, with work due to commence on rectifying this on 6th August and last for one week (e-mail forwarded on to Councillors on 2nd August for information). Duly noted – the Council was happy overall with the way the work had been done to rectify this problem, but thought that there was a need for an additional “grip type surface” to be laid as it was felt that the surface as it stands will be slippery in the winter (some of the original storm damage repair work was still awaiting completion).

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to write to Highways accordingly.

11.0.Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended (if any)

11.1.IRPW findings and recommendations – The Clerk outlined the Review Panel’s findings and recommendations felt to be most relevant to the Council at this time (including proposed mandatory training for Councillors and minimum qualification of CiLCA for Clerks).

11.2.The Clerk reported on information received at the recent Llandudno Regional Training Conference, particularly in relation to the processing of Members’ allowances. As all Councillors hold an elected office which means allowances are subject to tax, the duty lies with the Council as the employer to put said allowances through the Council’s payroll system (PAYE). Councillors who wish to receive the allowances (and who have not written to the Clerk advising otherwise) must be set up as new starters. Over nine employees means that the basic free PAYE RTI system cannot be used, so Councils will have to pay for payroll software and budget accordingly (this does not apply to the Council as, even with a full complement of Councillors, plus the Clerk, the number of employees would only come to nine so would still be eligible for the free PAYE RTI system).

12.0.Charities/Donations, etc

12.1.Request for a donation from Marie Curie (for nurses and services) – 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– to receive items of general correspondence for information.

14.1.Letter from Douglas Wood advising of Penstrowed Church’s new Treasurer contact details was duly noted.

14.2.Information received from “Connecting Communities in Wales”. The Council was happy for the Clerk to attend the Mid-Wales event at the Elephant and Castle on 9th October.

ACTION: Clerk was instructed to book on to the course (which is free).

14.3.OVW Information Management Training – Howey Village Hall, Tuesday 25th September, 2018, 6:30 to 9:00pm. There were no Councillors wishing to attend this course.

14.4.OVW Area Committee Meeting on 10th October – Date now changed by OVW to 17th October (due to a clash with another function on the same night) and venue also changed to Kerry (due to error by the new Development Officer, who had forgotten that he had arranged Penstrowed for this meeting). Clerk has already cancelled the Council’s Penstrowed Hall booking for 10th October. Duly noted.

15.0.To receive questions from Councillors

15.1.Faded “No Through Road” sign by Dolau needs replacing.

15.2.Request for County Cllr Karl Lewis to investigate the situation regarding the gates up the lane by the Cement works.

15.3.Request for Ordinance Survey map of the area to be available at meetings where Planning Applications are discussed (to facilitate identification of application sites).

15.4.Request that Clerk ensures that Grid Refs are always supplied with Planning Application information (for the same reason as 15.3. above).

ACTION: The Clerk is to bring an Ordinance Survey map of the Community Council area to all meetings where there are Planning Applications to be discussed.

16.0.Chairman’s Announcements

The Chairman stated that he had no announcements.

17.0.Date of next meeting

17.1.Next meeting will be on Monday, 29th October, 2018.

Meeting closed at 8:55pm.