

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

Ashford, The Bank, Newtown, Powys, SY16 2AB

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 29th October, 2018,
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Cllr. Martin Turley

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Karl Lewis (Arrived at 8:30pm)

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 10th September, 2018 (previously circulated).

2.1. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 10th September, 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. At the last meeting the Clerk was instructed to book on to the "Connecting Communities in Wales" event, but was unable to do so as it was fully booked (see Minute Ref 14.2 10th September meeting). Duly noted.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

1) Mochdre CC bank statement £8,221.30. Cash book stands at £8,095.30. There is one outstanding cheque for £126.00.

2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £3,031.00 (includes P & L Trust annual community benefits of £1,361.96). Cash book stands at £3,031.00. There are no outstanding cheques.

4.2. To consider invoices for payment:

1) Mochdre Old School - £250.00 (Annual Upkeep Grant).

2) Mochdre Church - £150.00 (Annual Grant).

3) Penstrowed Parish Church - £150.00 (Annual Grant).

4) Pentre Chapel - £150.00 (Annual Grant)

5) Wales Audit Office - £182.75 (invoice still awaited).

6) Request to order the new 11th Edition of Arnold Baker – £103.99 (a saving of £26.00 off the full asking price if ordered through the SLCC) – was made and agreed by Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to pay amounts 1), 2), 3) and 4); await the invoice from the Wales Audit Office and order the 11th Edition of Arnold Baker for payment at the next meeting .

4.3. Quarterly Statement up to 30th September, 2018

This was presented to Councillors and duly noted.

5.0. Draft Annual Budget Discussions

- 5.1. The draft Annual Budget for 1st April, 2019 to 31st March, 2020 was presented for discussion. Councillors were provided with a copy of the draft budget for 2019 - 2020, and budget figures for the two preceding years as a comparison. An increase of £500 was agreed for the Clerk, to begin on 1st April, 2019. Costs for the possible CCTV for the Old School Porch were an integral part of the discussion (figures presented by Cllr Ian Williams). The Council voted unanimously to go for a more reasonably priced option (Clerk to investigate) with the cost to be paid out of the Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds).

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 £6,900.00 being made at the appropriate time.

6.0. Draft Independent Remuneration Panel Wales Annual Report and Consultation

- 6.1. Section 13 Community and Town Councils - Consultation period ends on 27th November, 2018. The report's proposals were duly discussed and the Council was unanimous that it still maintains that it is here to serve the community and should not be reimbursed for doing so. It was disappointed to see that the report wishes once again to make some payments mandatory, rather than discretionary (Determinations 37 and 43). This means that the Council has to hold reserves for such payments even though unanimous that it will forgo such payments (it was happy to see that para 13.9. of the report states that Councillors can still do so by writing to the Responsible Financial Officer at the requisite time). The Council was also pleased to note that the Community and Town Council Groupings remained unchanged.

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

7.0. Planning Applications

- 7.1. Application No: 18/0596/HH Grid Ref: **E:306759 N:289034** for Proposed erection of a ground floor and a first floor extension to provide annex accommodation, along with alterations to the ground floor at Perth Y Bu Farm House, Newtown, SY16 4JX. E-mailed to Councillors on 11th October 2018. Following discussion the Council voted unanimously to support this application.

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

8.0. Powys County Council

- 8.1. PCC's Countryside and Outdoor Recreation Service are consulting Town and Community Councils regarding the possibility of introducing Dog Banning Orders at specific and identified problem areas of service-managed land. Deadline for responses is 31st October, 2018. This does not affect the Community Council area as there is no service-managed land within it, so the Council declined to respond.

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. Proposed prohibition of motor vehicles except for access on the U2822, U2823 and U2825 Hollies Lane and Penlan Lane – Request received by Chris Lloyd from local residents and the Agricultural Dept. of the NPTC college group to change the existing 7.5 tonne amenity weight limit (except for access) traffic regulation order to a prohibition of all motor vehicles (except for access) traffic regulation order. Chris Lloyd has granted the Council an extension to time for its response (until 30th October) to enable it to discuss the matter. Following discussion (using further information supplied by Chris Lloyd to facilitate same) the Council voted unanimously to give its approval to the requested change.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's response to Chris Lloyd before the revised deadline.
- 9.2. Positive response to request for replacement road signage received from Chris Lloyd (see Minute Ref 15.1.10th September meeting). This was duly noted.
- 9.3. A suggestion has been received regarding the Mochdre Bridge. Is it possible to ask Alun Griffiths' if they would refurbish it at the end of the Bypass project as it has become very tatty following the Bypass construction work that has been done in this area? The Council was happy for this request to be made.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to write to Nick Cleary with the Council's request and also get an update on the finalisation of the re-surfacing on the car park at Mochdre Old School.
- 9.4. Update from County Cllr Karl Lewis reference his investigation of the situation regarding the gates up the lane by the Cement Works (see Minute Ref 15.2.10th September meeting). This update was held over in his absence and subsequently given when County Cllr Karl Lewis arrived at 8:30pm. He had spoken to Danny Jarman who confirmed that it was the farmer's responsibility, not PCC's, to refurbish said gates.

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

- 10.1. OVW Montgomery Area Committee Meeting on 17th October at Kerry Village Hall – Full report was received from the attendee Cllr Russell Williams and duly noted.
- 10.2. OVW Annual Conference and AGM on 29th September at the Royal Welsh Showground – Report was received from the Clerk who attended, primarily to hear Alun Davies AM speak about the Town and Community Council review. Unfortunately Mr Davies dropped out at the last moment and the Clerk, along with many of the other attendees, was extremely disappointed. However, members of the Review Panel were there and gave an interesting insight into how they had come to their final recommendations.

11.0. Charities/Donations, etc

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

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. OVW November Training Sessions. Duly noted.
- 13.2. Update from Danny Jarman reference the Council's request for a "grip-type" surface to be laid at the Hendre Pitch (as per Minute Ref.10.1, 10th September, 2018 meeting). Duly noted.
- 13.3. Annual request from Powys Citizens Advice Bureau for donation. The Council voted in favour of a donation of £50.00. The cheque is to be raised for signature at the next meeting.
- 13.4. Response from Danny Jarman reference recent damage on Gelli Lane. Duly noted – as Danny himself refers to this as a recurring problem, the Council felt it was worth asking yet again for suitable signage to deter unsuitable traffic from causing further damage along the lane.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's request to Danny.
- 13.5. Response to Future Fit consultation – Request to see if Council has any objection to its response being included in the Consultation Feedback Report which is to be made public via the Future Fit website later this year. The Council had no objection to this.
- 13.6. Press release from Russell George reference Phase 2 of the Welsh Government's Superfast broadband strategy. E-mailed to Councillors on 29th October, 2018. Duly noted.

14.0. To receive questions from Councillors

- 14.1. A request was made for the Council to respond to NFU Cymru's "Brexit and Our Land" consultation as well as individuals, as it was felt it could "carry some weight". Currently the emphasis is on conservation rather than on food production.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to respond accordingly to NFU Cymru before the deadline of 30th October.

15.0. Chairman's Announcements

- 15.1. Request for co-option candidate to be considered. His residential status requires checking as it needs to be 12 months in order to qualify. Co-Option Notices with deadline of 9th December, 2018 will need to be posted.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to post Co-Option notices with the above deadline.

16.0. Date of next meeting

- 16.1. Next meeting will be on Monday, 10th December, 2018.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.