

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 4th February 2019,
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Philip Williams
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Martin Turley
Cllr. Robin Lewis
Cllr. Lloyd Humphreys

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Ian Williams
Cllr. Russell Williams

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Karl Lewis

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

1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

1.1. See above.

2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th December, 2018 (previously circulated).

2.1. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 10th December, 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. Thank you received from Llandrindod Wells Town Clerk Jane Johnston for Council's support reference relocation of ALP (see Minute Ref 6,2, 10th December, 2018 meeting). Duly noted.
- 3.2. Cllr Turley reported that he has now got the fittings for installing the CCTV unit and will do so after tonight's meeting.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £8,439.89 (includes £2,233.00 3rd Precept instalment). Cash book stands at £8,313.89. There is one outstanding cheque for £126.00. Duly noted.
- 2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £2,862.86. Cash book stands at £2,862.86. There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted.

4.2. To consider invoices for payment:

- 1) SLCC Membership Renewal - £89.00 (Re-imbursal to K.Wigley as paid online by personal credit card).
- 2) Wales Audit Office - £182.75 (invoice awaited).

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to pay amount 1) and await the invoice from the Wales Audit Office.

5.0. Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust.

5.1. Thank you has been received for the completion of the end of award report. Duly noted.

6.0. One Voice Wales

6.1. Cllr Humphreys has been booked on to the Code of Conduct training session in Machynlleth on Wednesday, 13th February (6:30pm to 9:30pm) and a Bursary has been applied for. Duly noted.

AT THIS POINT County Cllr Karl Lewis vacated the meeting whilst the following Planning Application was 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:18/1168/HH, Grid Ref **E:307460 N:287081** for Demolition of part of the existing dwelling and erection of a two storey extension (Part Retrospective) at Tyn Y Fron Farm, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys, SY16 4JW. An extension to time for the Council's observations has been granted to 5th February. After discussion, the Council objected to this application because the property has already been extended once prior to this application and the Council is not aware of any Planning Application being submitted for same.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to send the Council's observations to the Planning Officer before the required deadline.

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

8.0. Powys County Council

8.1. Powys LDP - Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Public Consultation ends on 24th February, 2019. Draft SPGs for comment are Landscape & Renewable Energy. E-mailed to Councillors on 21st January, 2019. The general opinion was that the two SPG were common sense and that there was no need for the Council to comment.

9.0. National Assembly

9.1. Notification received from WAG that from 7th January, 2019, all new developments of more than 1 dwelling house or where the construction area is 100 square metres or more, will require SuDS (Sustainable Drainage System) for surface water. The SuDS **must** be designed and built in accordance with the "Statutory SuDS Standards" published by the Welsh Ministers and also approved by the Local Authority, **before construction work begins**. Duly noted for future reference.

10.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended.

10.1. OVW Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting on 22nd January, 2019 at Berriew – Report was given by attendees Cllr Jean Williams and the Clerk and duly noted.

11.0. Highway Matters

11.1. Old School Car Park resurfacing is now complete and Clerk has thanked Nick Cleary for his team doing a good job. The Council was in agreement that an official letter of thanks be sent.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to send said letter to Nick Cleary.

11.2. County Cllr Karl Lewis updated the Council with reference to the maintenance of the Mochdre bridge parapets by PCC. He has been investigating the matter and is awaiting a response from the departments involved.

ACTION: County Cllr Karl Lewis will report any developments at the next meeting.

11.3. The Council wished its thanks to be sent on to Danny Jarman for getting the requested salt piles in place; there are also several incidences of dropping culverts, potholes, etc which need addressing. There was a unanimous vote in favour of supplying Danny with a summary of these issues and asking him to do a "walk around" the community area to see the problems for himself. County Cllr Karl Lewis will also follow up on these issues.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to send a summary list to Danny and request a "walk about"; County Cllr Karl Lewis will report any developments at the next meeting.

12.0. Publication of Auditor General's National Reports

12.1. The reports are "Financial Management and Governance – Town and Community Councils 2017-18 (which sets out the AG's overall conclusions from his audit work) and "Internal Audit Arrangements at Town and Community Councils in Wales" (which reports on the AG's study on internal audit functions in the sector). The Auditor General asked that copies of these reports be circulated to every council in Wales for discussion at an appropriate council meeting. E-mailed to Councillors on 24th January, 2019. Duly noted.

13.0. Charities/Donations, etc

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

14.0. Community Council Grant Requests (if any)

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

15.0. Correspondence

- 15.1. Have received an announcement from Came and Company that Stackhouse Poland (of which Came and Company Local Council Insurance is a trading style) will be acquired by Arthur J Gallagher & Co in the first quarter of this year. No action is required by the Council – it will deal with the same people and receive the same service as it does now. Duly noted.
- 15.2. Planning Aid Wales – “Responding to Planning Applications & Maximising your Community” Training at Aberystwyth on Tuesday, 19th February, 2019, 5:30pm to 8:00pm (£35). It was suggested that this would be a good training for Cllr Humphreys to attend, and he said he was happy to do so.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to book Cllr Humphreys on to the course.

16.0. To receive questions from Councillors

- 16.1. With regard to Planning Application P/2018/0705 for a modern steel portal **general purpose** building at Cwmrhiewdre, Dolfor – The Council supported this application at the time as the building was stated as being for general purposes, but has now found out that it is being used to house pigs, with the resultant smell which seems to permeate everything in its vicinity. It is possibly too late for this one but, with future applications in mind, it would be good if the Planning Officers asked for full clarification of the use of such buildings before the application goes out for consultation.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Department accordingly.

17.0. Chairman’s Announcements

There were no items for discussion under this heading.

18.0. Date of next meeting

- 18.1. Next meeting will be on Monday, 25th March, 2019.

Meeting closed at 7:50pm.