

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

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**Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 13th May
2019, 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
Cllr. Ian Williams
Cllr. Lloyd Humphreys

APOLOGIES:

None.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk) County Councillor Karl Lewis

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 25th March, 2019 (previously circulated).**

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 25th March, 2019 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 The Clerk gave a breakdown of the types and costs of Condolence Books available – ranging in price from £21.00 to £98.00. The Council voted unanimously in favour of ordering two hand bound leather Condolence Books, colour Burgundy, from the Stamford Notebook Company at a cost of £44.95 each.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to order said books.

4.0. **Finance**

4.1. **Update on Bank Balances:**

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £6,815.89. Cash book stands at £6,689.69. There is one outstanding cheque for £126.20.
- 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.

4.2. **To consider invoices for payment (if any).**

- 1) Clerk's attendance at SLCC/OVW Conference on 15th May, 2019 - £108.00 (£90.00 + £18.00 VAT, bursary scheme is not currently available). 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, 2019)** – 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. 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 24th June). See 4.2.above.

- 6.0. To Approve the Annual Return for year ending 31st March, 2019** - 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 “Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors’ Rights” must be displayed by 16th June at the latest on notice boards and the Council website (the notice can be displayed for longer if so wished). The Auditors have stated that it would be helpful to send the completed annual return and all requested information by 10th June. As part of the information requested for the Audit is a photograph showing that the Audit Notice has been displayed in a conspicuous place, it is the Clerk’s intention to post the Notice, take a photo of same and send the Return and all supporting papers to the Auditor during week beginning 27th May, 2019.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to complete the audit and forward the Annual Return to Grant Thornton (external auditor) within the required timescale as above.

7.0. Website

- 7.1. A group photo for the website was duly taken, as all Councillors were present.
ACTION: Cllr Ian Williams is to convert the photo to a Jpeg format and forward it to the Clerk so that it can be posted on the website.

8.0. Police and Crime Commissioner’s Community Fund

- 8.1. Details of grant funding available for projects which will have a positive impact on the security and safety of local communities was discussed. The Council voted unanimously in favour of ascertaining if an application for funding a CCTV setup by the Rhydycwrt Bridge would be favourably received.
ACTION: The Clerk is to contact the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Office accordingly.

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).

9.0. Planning Applications (for information)

- 9.1. Application Ref: **19/0496/HH** for Full: Erection of single storey extension at Pant Y Gog, Penstrowed, Caersws, Powys, SY17 5SG. Because of the tight time frame (17th April) this was e-mailed to Councillors on 29th March, 2019 for comments. The result was that the Council had no objection to the proposed extension itself but asked that its concern that it might be the applicant’s intention to use the resultant building as a holiday let be conveyed to the Planning Department. This was accordingly done within the required timescale.
- 9.2. Application Ref: **19/0486/LBC**: for Installation of 3 new mechanical extract fans to existing bathroom/shower rooms at Glandulas Farm Caravan Park, Glandulas Farm House. Llanidloes Road, Newtown, SY16 4HZ. The Council was duly informed and was happy for this application to proceed to determination without comment.

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

10.0. One Voice Wales

- 10.1. Guide, written in conjunction with the IRPW, to assist Clerks manage the process of paying allowances to Councillors based on the determinations contained in the IRPW’s annual report was duly noted.
- 10.2. Request for Motions for 2019 Annual General Meeting. Duly noted - the Council did not wish to submit one at this time.
- 10.3. Welcome letter and form to provide contact details of nominated Councillors (for completion and return) received. Duly noted - can now be completed by the Clerk following the Annual Meeting.
ACTION: The Clerk is to complete the form and forward it to OVW.

11.0. Highway Matters

- 11.1. Update given by County Cllr Karl Lewis reference the maintenance of Mochdre bridge parapets by PCC. (as per Minute Ref 11.1 25th March, 2019 meeting). PCC had obtained a quote to replace the parapets but, due to money being removed from the planned maintenance budget last year, which meant savings had to be made, and as this item was not regarded as being as urgent as other works, it was taken off the list of planned maintenance work. PCC were still waiting to hear what its budget would be for the next financial year so was unable to say if this item will appear on next year’s works list or not.
- 11.2. Further progress update on various road maintenance issues received from Aled Jones, as requested at the last meeting (as per Minute Ref 11.2, 25th March, 2019 meeting) was duly noted.
- 11.3. County Cllr Karl Lewis had no news with reference to the recent damage to Rhydycwrt bridge (as per Minute Ref 17.1, 25th March, 2019 meeting) – he has reported it to the highest level and is awaiting a response .

11.4. Response from Chris Lloyd, reference the Council's letter in support of Rhodri Thomas' complaint about HGV traffic on Bog Lane (as per Minute Ref 16.5, 25th March, 2019 meeting) was received and duly noted.

12.0. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

12.1. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2019. The three Councillors who were absent at the last meeting made their personal decision to forgo the two mandatory allowances stated in the report (Determinations 40 and 46) and signed personal letters to this effect.

13.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

13.1. OVW Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting on 17th April, 2019 at Kerry – A report was given by the attendee, Cllr Russell Williams, and duly noted.

14.0. Charities/Donations (if any)

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

15.0. Community Council Grant Requests (if any)

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

16.0. Correspondence

16.1. Invitation to a public meeting at Glantwymyn Hall on Thursday, 19th June at 7:00pm to discuss the formal invitation of the Urdd National Eisteddfod to Montgomeryshire in 2022 was duly noted. Councillors were not able to attend the meeting but were happy to complete the Interest Form to ensure receiving all relevant information.

ACTION: The Clerk is to complete the form and forward it on.

16.2. SLCC Conference for Wales at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells on Thursday, 20th June, 2019. Cost, if booked before the 23rd May, is £80.00 + VAT. Clerk wishes to attend and the Council voted unanimously that it was happy for her to do so.

ACTION: The Clerk is to book within the time scale to get the "Early Bird" discount.

17.0. To receive questions from Councillors

17.1. The Council felt that, during recent Water Authority works done in the community council area, not enough advance notice had been given to residents, especially as it had involved a road closure with the resultant inconvenience caused. The Council voted unanimously that this should be brought to the Water Authority's attention.

ACTION: The Clerk is to write to the Water Authority accordingly.

18.0. Chairman's Announcements

18.1. The Chairman has been approached by Charlie Jones (Community Crime Liaison Officer) with a view to giving a presentation at one of the Community Council meetings.

ACTION: The Chairman is to supply contact information to the Clerk so that an invitation can be sent.

18.2. The Chairman was pleased to report that he had made a good recovery from his recent illness, and Councillors congratulated him.

19.0. **Date of next meeting:** Monday, 24th June, 2019.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.