

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 24th June 2019, 7:00pm  
at Mochdre Old School.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Martin Turley

**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 Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting held on 13th May, 2019 (previously circulated).**

2.1. That the minutes of the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 13th May, 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. Condolence Books have been purchased (as per Minute Ref 3.1, 13th May Ordinary meeting) and were brought to the meeting for inspection by the Council. The Council was pleased with the look and quality of said books.

**4.0. Finance**

**4.1. Update on Bank Balances:**

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £8,663.69 (includes first Precept instalment of £2,300). Cash book stands at £8,663.69. There are no outstanding cheques. 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 (if any).**

- 1) Condolence Books - £89.90 (Reimbursement of Clerk for purchase of same online with Clerk's credit card).
- 2) BitDefender Internet Security 2019 renewal for laptop – £49.99 (Reimbursement of Clerk for purchase of same online with Clerk's credit card).
- 3) ICO Data Protection Fee Annual Renewal - £40.00 (Reimbursement of Clerk for payment of same online with Clerk's credit card).
- 4) K. Wigley - £993.00 (Clerk's fee for first quarter).
- 5) HMRC - £132.00 (PAYE tax on Clerk's fee).
- 6) K. Wigley - £152.48 (Clerk's expenses June 2018 to June 2019).

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

**5.0. Website**

5.1. Group photo taken at the last meeting for website - Clerk has now received it in Jpeg format, so can contact Upper Bridge to include it on the website..

**6.0. Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Fund**

6.1. Negative response received regarding Council's proposal was duly noted.

## **7.0. Planning Applications**

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

## **8.0. One Voice Wales**

- 8.1. Innovative Practice Conference, 10th July, 2019 at the Royal Welsh Showground. Cost is £50.00 (bursary should be available for Councillors who attend). There were no Councillors wishing to attend.
- 8.2. Notification that OVW now has 7 on-line basic learning modules available on its website for use by all Councillors in Wales. Duly noted.

## **9.0. Highway Matters**

- 9.1. Update from County Cllr Karl Lewis reference the recent damage to Rhydycwrt bridge (as per Minute Ref 11.3, 13th May, 2019 ordinary meeting) could not be given as he was not in attendance at the meeting. However, Cllr Robin Lewis reported that the bridge had been locally repaired very recently during which the angle of approach had been slightly changed and the handrail mended with the addition of swivelling connection joints. This work had coincidentally been inspected by a representative of PCC who intimated that the repair was not up to PCC standards, but that emergency funds may be available to rectify this.
- 9.2. Councillors reported that general road repairs have also now been completed.

## **10.0. Wales Audit Office**

- 10.1. Webinar about Internal Audit arrangements at Town and Community Councils in Wales. Clerk has requested information be sent to her as she is unavailable on the day of the webinar. Duly noted.

## **11.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended**

- 11.1. OVW Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting on 18th June, 2019 at Machynlleth – A full report was given by attendee Cllr Jean Williams. Next meeting is on 24th September at Castle Caereinion.
- 11.2. SLCC Regional Training Seminar at Llandrindod Wells – A full report was given by the Clerk.

## **12.0. Charities/Donations (if any)**

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

## **13.0. Community Council Grant Requests**

- 13.1. Creative Play have put in a request for £300.00 towards the resources they use and the activities they wish to continue with. The Council was unanimous in granting this request.  
**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to write and inform Creative Play that it has been successful in its request and to ask to whom the cheque should be made payable, so that it can be raised for signature at the next meeting.

## **14.0. Correspondence**

- 14.1. North Powys Wellbeing – Drop-In event at Newtown Library, Tuesday, 30th July, 2pm to 7pm. Duly noted and several Councillors intimated that they would be attending.
- 14.2. SLCC Bursary Scheme has now been granted funding for a further 12 months, so Clerk has applied for one for the Conference she attended last week (cost should therefore be £40.00 + VAT and not £80.00 + VAT, if the application is successful). Duly noted.
- 14.3. Pentre Noticeboard (which is on the Council's Asset Register) is currently in a state of disrepair.  
**ACTION:** Cllr Gordon Jones is to investigate the extent of the damage and report back at the next meeting.

## **15.0. To receive questions from Councillors**

There were no questions from Councillors, but concern was expressed about the recent spate of thefts from farms in the area.

## **16.0. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman reported that he had no announcements.

- 17.0. **Date of next meeting:** Monday, 29th July, 2019.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.