

**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 July 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. Martin Turley

**ABSENT:**

Cllr. Lloyd Humphreys

**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 Meeting held on 24th June, 2019 (previously circulated).**

**2.1.** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th June, 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.** Creative Play, which was allocated a grant of £300 at the last meeting (see Minute Ref 13.1 24th June, 2019) has encountered a delay in being able to set up a bank account in its name. This should be rectified by the next meeting so the cheque will be raised for payment then (Creative Play has sufficient funds in place to carry it through until then).

**3.2.** Pentre Noticeboard – Cllr Gordon Jones went and inspected the damage. As a result, he effected a comprehensive repair.

**4.0. Finance**

**4.1. Update on Bank Balances:**

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £7,378.32 (includes SLCC bursary of £40.00). Cash book stands at £7,246.32. There is one outstanding cheque for £132.00 (PAYE tax). 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) SLCC Enterprises Ltd. - £48.00 (Clerk's attendance at Regional Seminar on 20th June – a bursary of £40.00 has been received, paid direct into Council's bank account).

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

**5.0. Three Yearly Review of Internal Audit Arrangements**

**5.1.** The Council last reviewed its internal audit arrangements in 2016 and a review is now due (it was agreed to do so every 3 years). The Council was unanimous that it is happy to continue using the services of Mrs Enid Morgan, an arrangement in place since 2003 which works very well.

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to draft a suitable letter of engagement to Mrs Enid Morgan for signature by Chairman and Clerk at the next meeting.

**6.0. Welsh Assembly Government**

**6.1.** Written Statement from Rebecca Evans, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd regarding Non-Domestic Rates Relief for Public Lavatories – For information, duly noted.

## **7.0. Planning Applications**

- 7.1. Application Ref:19/1071/REM, Grid Ref: **E:307759 N:287875** - Section 73 application to remove planning condition no.1 attached to planning permission ref: 16030 (agricultural occupancy condition) at Coed Y Dinas, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys, SY16 4LA. It was stated by Councillors that they understood this application had already been approved. The Clerk expressed surprise at this as the end date for comments is not until 1st August!

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to further check the status of this application and, if it has been approved prior to the end date for comments, draft a suitable letter to the Planning Department requesting an explanation as to why that should be the case.

## **8.0. One Voice Wales**

- 8.1. OVW Conference and AGM – Saturday, 5th October, 2019 at the Bont Pavilion, Pontrhydfendigaid. Cost, if booked before 31st August, is £90.00 per attendee. None of the Councillors wished to attend.

## **9.0. Highway Matters**

- 9.1. Possible update from County Cllr Karl Lewis reference the recent repair to Rhydydwrt bridge (as per Minute Ref 9.1, 24th June, 2019 meeting). Unfortunately, County Cllr Karl Lewis was not at the meeting, so this will be held over until the next one.

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

- 10.1. The Clerk attended the SLCC Powys Branch Meeting at Llandrindod Wells on 4th July at which Dr Caroline Turner (Chief Executive – PCC) gave an interesting and informative presentation. Duly noted.

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

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. Invitation from Powys Public Service Board to a meeting in Llandrindod Wells on Thursday, 19th September, 2019 – 2:00 to 4:00pm. Cllr Martin Turley said that he would attend.

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to inform the PPSB accordingly.

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

- 14.1. It has been reported to Councillors that there is a large hole and some other road surface issues on the road leading up to Cwmbyr, close by one of the sheds.

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to inform PCC accordingly (supply map to PCC to pinpoint location).

- 14.2. Councillors asked what the current situation is regarding the School House now that it is empty, and were informed that there is no information available as yet. The Council also expressed considerable concern as to what the future holds for both the Old School and School House and wished its concern to be minuted.

## **15.0. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman reported that he had no announcements.

## **16.0. Date of next meeting: Monday, 9th September, 2019.**

The meeting closed at 7:55pm.