

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 9th September 2019,
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Russell Williams

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

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

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 29th July, 2019 (previously circulated).

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th July, 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 clarified the confusion regarding recent planning applications for Coed Y Dinas – the one discussed by Council at the last meeting – 19/1071/REM (Section 73 application), and 19/1070/CLE (Section 191 application) which was a delegated decision, and thus did not require the Council's input.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

1) Mochdre CC bank statement £7,198.32. Cash book stands at £7,198.32 as at 5th August, 2019 (next precept instalment of £2,300.00 due on the 31st August). 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 as at 5th August, 2019. There are no outstanding cheques. A cheque for £1,398.35 has been received today (9th September) from the P & L trust which, once paid in, will bring the balance for this account up to £4,261.21. Duly noted.

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

1) Mochdre Creative Play - £300.00 (comes out of existing reserves earmarked for Community Council grants).

2) K. Wigley - £993.00 (Clerk's fee for second quarter).

3) HMRC - £132.00 (PAYE tax on Clerk's fee).

4) Mochdre and Penstrowed YFC - £50.00 (Annual grant).

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

4.3. Quarterly Statement up to 30th June, 2019.

For Councillors' information - Duly noted.

5.0. External Audit

- 5.1. Annual Accounts received from external auditor, Grant Thornton (on 24/08/19) – The Auditor General for Wales has issued the Council with an unqualified audit report. The cost of the audit is awaited from the Wales Audit Office. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit must now be completed and displayed for 14 days before the 30th September.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to complete and display the requisite notice (both on notice boards and the Council website) for the required time, and within the required timescale.

6.0. Model Financial Regulations 2019 for Wales

- 6.1. Minor revisions to Council's Financial Regulations, required as per revised information received from OVW, were itemised for Councillors. The Council voted unanimously to adopt the required changes.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to revise the Financial Regulations accordingly and designate them as adopted at this meeting.

7.0. Letter of Engagement for Internal Auditor and Review of the Annual Payment for next Financial Year (2020/2021)

- 7.1. Letter presented for Council's approval - for forwarding on to Mrs Enid Morgan. Approval was duly given. The Council discussed a possible increase in the annual payment (last review was 5 years ago), and voted unanimously to increase it to £100 for next year.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward the letter to Mrs Enid Morgan and increase the annual payment to £100 in the budget figures for 2020/2021 (currently in preparation).

8.0. Powys County Council

- 8.1. Supplementary Design Guidances – Residential Design Guide and Conservation Areas – produced to support PCC's LDP's policies. Deadline for comments is 5pm on 20th September (e-mailed to Councillors on 26th August). The Council did not wish to comment on this.

- 8.2. PCC Budgetary Position Feedback requested - Deadline for any comments is 15th September, 2019. The Council discussed this and made several comments.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward said comments on to PCC within the deadline.

9.0. Planning Applications (if any)

- 9.1. Application Ref: 19/1445/ELE – Grid Ref: E:307386 N:287813 – Application made under the Electricity Act 1989: Overhead Lines (exemption) (England & Wales) Regulations 2009 to erect an additional pole within existing low voltage electricity line at land near New Bungalow, Kincoed, Mochdre, SY16 4JN. E-mailed to Councillors on 6th September, 2019. Following discussion, the Council voted unanimously that the application should proceed to recommendation without comment.

10.0. Welsh Assembly Government

- 10.1. National Development Framework 2020 – 2040 Draft Consultation (runs from 7th August to 1st November 2019). Demand-led drop-in sessions will be held in the main public libraries of 12 locations including Newtown Library on 17th September from 2:00pm to 7:30pm. The consultation was e-mailed to Councillors on 26th August. Several Councillors stated that they would try to attend the drop-in session.

11.0. One Voice Wales

- 11.1. LO1-18 Legal Topic Note: Financial Assistance to Churches – To clarify the powers Councils have to provide financial assistance to Churches of any denomination. The Clerk, having researched this subject, reported that it always has been and remains to be very much a grey area, which the Legal Topic Note failed to clarify. Duly noted.

12.0. Highway Matters

- 12.1. Possible update from County Cllr Karl Lewis reference the recent repair to Rhydycwrt bridge (as per Minute Ref 9.1, 24th June, 2019 meeting). Unfortunately, County Cllr Lewis was unable to attend this meeting, so it was agreed to hold this over to the next one.

13.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

- 13.1. North Powys Wellbeing – Drop-In event at Newtown Library, Tuesday, 30th July – Report from attendees. Cllr Jean Williams had attended and said that her overall impression of the presentations was that “joined up” thinking did not seem to be part of the overall plan.

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.**PSB "Towards 2040" workshop on 19th September at Celf O Gwmpas, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5EB from 2:00 to 4:00pm – Reminder received. Cllr Turley, who had hoped to attend, was now unable to do so.
- 16.2.**Request for a donation received from Cerdd Dant Bro Nansi Festival 2020. The Council declined this request.
- 16.3.**Invitation received to Centenary Conference on Recreation, Wednesday,9th October, 2019 from 6:00pm (for light buffet supper prior to Conference start at 7:00pm) at Plas Dolerw, Newtown. RSVP by 25th September. None of the Councillors wished to attend.
- 16.4.**Welsh Government "Sustainable Farming and our land" Consultation – Closes on 30th October. Following discussion, the Council voted unanimously that the Clerk should respond to this on behalf of the Council (using the template e-mail supplied by the NFU as a basis for that reply).
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to respond accordingly before the deadline.

17.0.To receive questions from Councillors

- 17.1.**Councillors expressed concerns about the house currently being built on land at Kincoed, Mochdre (Planning Application P/2017/0081). It appears to be much larger than the affordable dwelling it was originally purported to be and also the external finish – some sort of sandstone – makes it stand out a mile, rather than blend with the character of surrounding properties (which it stated it would in the DAS).
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's concerns on to the Planning Department.

18.0.Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that he had no announcements.

19.0.Date of next meeting: Monday, 28th October, 2019.

Meeting closed at 8:05pm.