

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

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

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Ian Williams

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk) County Councillor Karl Lewis
Observers: Mr and Mrs Paul Shuker; Mr and Mrs Neil Ainsworth

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 28th October, 2019 (previously circulated).**
- 2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th October, 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. Reference invitation to attend Diversity in Democracy workshops – 21st November, 2019 in Mid-Wales (as per Minute Ref 9.4, 28th October, 2019 meeting). The venue was not confirmed and no further information has been received. Duly noted.
- 3.2. A Precept request for £7,500 has been submitted, as agreed at the last meeting (as per Minute Ref 5.1, 28th October, 2019 meeting). Duly noted.
- 4.0. **Finance**
- 4.1. **Update on Bank Balances:**
 - 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £8,073.32 (as at 5th November, 2019). Cash book stands at £7,323.32. There are five outstanding cheques, for £50.00, £250.00, £150.00, £150.00 and £150.00 (these should show as cleared on the next bank statement). Duly noted.
 - 2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £4,261.21. Cash book stands at £4,261.21. There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted.
- 4.2. **To consider invoices for payment.**
 - 1) Mochdre Old School - £84.50 (Room Hire 01/04/18 to 31/03/19).
 - 2) E S Morgan - £50.00 (Internal Audit Fee 2018 -2019).
 - 3) K. Wigley - £993.00 (Clerk's fee – Third Quarter).
 - 4) HMRC - £132.00 (PAYE Income Tax on Clerk's fee).
 - 5) Powys Citizens Advice Bureau - £100.00 (Charitable Donation).

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amounts.
- 4.3. **Quarterly Statement up to 30th September, 2019** – For Councillors' information. This was presented by the Clerk and duly noted.
- 5.0. **Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2020 – 2021.**
- 5.1. Notification that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2020–21 is £8.32 per elector was duly noted.

6.0. Community Health Council

- 6.1. CHC Planning Questionnaire 2020 – 2021. This was duly discussed and comments made by Councillors.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward the Councillors comments to the CHC and also e-mail the link to the questionnaire to Councillors, so that they could send in their individual replies.

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Rights of Way improvement plan incorporating the encouragement of residents to be proactive in undertaking basic path maintenance and improvements. The Council did not wish to express an interest in this at this time.

- 7.2. Powys Schools Vision 2019 – Town and Community Councils Engagement. Opportunity for Town and Community Councillors to contribute to this work via two engagement sessions at County Hall, Llandrindod Wells- either Friday, 13th December (2:00pm to 3:30pm) or Tuesday, 17th December (7:00pm to 8:30pm).

ACTION: Cllr Phil Williams thought he might be able to attend the Friday session. The Clerk was instructed to e-mail the link for booking a place at this session to him to enable him to book if he was available.

As there were members of the community at the meeting who had come to observe this particular item, Item 8 was moved up the agenda and discussed between Items 2 and 3, AT WHICH POINT County Cllr Karl Lewis vacated the meeting whilst the following Planning Application was being discussed (due to his position of Chair of the Planning, Taxi Licensing & Rights of Way Committee).

8.0. Planning Applications

- 8.1. Application Ref: 19/1773/FUL Grid Ref: **E:** 306840 **N:** 286258 Proposal: Construction of 4 no. holiday lodges, erection of associated stable block, formation of vehicular access road, parking areas, community parking area, pond, installation of sewage treatment plant and all associated works at land at Pwl Glas, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys, SY16 4JP. Deadline for observations is 13th December, 2019. (Information e-mailed to Councillors on 22/11/19).

There was a lengthy discussion (including biodiversity considerations) regarding this application and the Council decided that it needed to have a site meeting to enable it to come to a decision. Because of the tight deadline for observations, the Clerk explained that an extension to time would be required.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to request an extension to time from the Planning Officer and also arrange a site meeting with the applicant for 9:30am on Saturday, 14th December, 2019.

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

9.0. Welsh Assembly Government

- 9.1. Planning Consultations – Revisions to Planning Policy Wales regarding the use of compulsory purchase powers and updated guidance on the compulsory purchase procedure in Wales (consultation closes 17th January, 2020); Revised planning guidance in relation to flooding and coastal erosion (consultation closes 17th January, 2020) – for discussion. (E-mailed to Councillors on 17th October). Councillors felt that revisions to the compulsory purchase powers in Wales were unfair and made several comments regarding this.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's comments on before the deadline.

- 9.2. Letter for information received, reference biodiversity enhancement as part of Planning Applications. Duly noted.

- 9.3. Section 6 Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty in the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. The Council needs to compile a report on actions it is currently taking for biodiversity for publication by the end of this year. The Clerk had compiled a suitable report which was approved by Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would monitor the s6 duty and that the Council would review the s6 plan annually.

ACTION: The Clerk will follow required procedure: add a copy of the report to the Council's website, and send a copy to the Biodiversity Policy Advisor at the Welsh Assembly Government before 31st December, 2019.

- 9.4. Proposed minor amendment to the Sustainable Drainage (Enforcement) Order 2018 concerning Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), to bring it in line with recent changes to other punishment legislation (amendment will be made shortly via the Welsh Assembly's affirmative procedure). For information. Duly noted.

10.0. One Voice Wales

10.1. VE Day 75 Celebrations on weekend of 8th – 10th May, 2020. Thoughts/ideas on what form this might take in the community are still under consideration.

11.0. Highway Matters

11.1. Update received from County Cllr Karl Lewis, reference highway issues raised in Councillors' questions at the last meeting (as per Minute Ref 16.1, 28th October, 2019 meeting), was duly noted. Further issues were also raised by Councillors: there are two oak trees situated between Llwyn Onn and Tan-Y-Grieg whose roots are making the road surface lift (needs to be remedied either by felling the tree or removing said roots); Rhydycwrt bridge has been damaged once again. County Cllr Karl Lewis will investigate what can be done in both cases and report back. Bontdulas Bridge is still deteriorating and rusting away, so action needs to be taken to stop this getting worse.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to contact Powys County Council once again to request that action be taken to remedy the problems at Bontdulas Bridge.

12.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

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

13.0. Charities/Donations.

13.1. Powys Dyslexia Support Group Request for Donation. The Council did not wish to donate at this time.

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. Letter from Llandrindod Wells Town Council asking for help in publicising/donating to Powys Pride. The Council did not wish to donate, but would be happy to publicise it.

15.2. Letter from National Eisteddfod asking for a donation. The Council did not wish to donate at this time.

16.0. To receive questions from Councillors

There were no items for discussion under this heading.

17.0. Chairman's Announcements

17.1. The Chairman thanked Councillors for their attendance and everyone for their hard work and assistance in 2019, especially County Cllr Karl Lewis and the Clerk.

18.0. Date of next meeting: Monday, 3rd February, 2020.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm.