

**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, 3rd February 2020,
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Lloyd Humphreys
Cllr. Philip Williams
Cllr. Russell Williams
Cllr. Ian Williams

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Robin Lewis
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 Council Meeting held on 9th December, 2020 (previously circulated).**
- 2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th December, 2020 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.**
The Clerk reported that there was no information from the minutes.
- 4.0. **Finance**
- 4.1. **Update on Bank Balances:**
 - 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £8,545.82 (includes last Precept instalment of £2,300.00). Cash book stands at £8,263.82. There are three outstanding cheques, for £50.00, £132.00 and £100.00.
 - 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 (if any).**
 - 1) SLCC - £109.00 (Clerk's Annual Membership Fee).
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amount.
- 4.3. **Quarterly Statement up to 31st December, 2019** – For Councillors' information. This was presented by the Clerk and duly noted.
- 5.0. **HistoryPoints project**
- 5.1. They would like to feature Mochdre and Penstrowed's war memorial in this project, which would entail a little QR-code plaque being attached to the outside wall of the Old School which, when scanned with a mobile phone, would enable people to receive from the HistoryPoints website a summary of the local men who died in the World Wars, etc. They are looking for a donation of £40.00 towards their work and the cost of producing the plaque. Following discussion, the Council decided that it was interested, but needed a little more information before progressing it any further.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to approach the company and request more information.
- 6.0. **Powys County Council**
- 6.1. Supplementary Planning Guidances – Archaeology, The Historic Environment, Land Drainage and Flooding – produced to support PCC's LDP's policies. Deadline for comments is 28th February (e-mailed to Councillors on 21st January, 2020). The Council did not wish to comment.
- 6.2. Statutory Notice has been published in respect of the PCC Cabinet's agreement to proceed with the amalgamation of Ladywell Green Infants School and Hafren C.P. Junior School. Objection period ends on 10th February, 2020. The Council did not wish to comment.

7.0. Planning Applications

- 7.1. 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. The Clerk managed to obtain an extension to time for observations. Following the site meeting requested by Councillors at the last meeting (as per Minute Ref 8.1, 9th December, 2019 meeting) which was held on Saturday, 14th December, 2019 and a short meeting on 16th December to discuss its findings, there was a majority decision to object to the proposed development in its current form. The Clerk was instructed to convey the Council's decision to the Planning Officer within the required deadline, and this was done. For information – duly noted.
- 7.2. Reference: 19/2005/HDG Grid Ref: **E:**307651 **N:** 288416 Proposal: Hedgerow to be trans-located to improve the visibility from the three access locations at Meadow View Bungalow, Mochdre Lane, Newtown, SY16 4JN. This was e-mailed to Councillors on 17th December, 2019 for comments. There was just one received from Cllr Robin Lewis who said it would improve visibility in a narrow stretch of road and thus was deemed to be allowed to proceed to determination without comment. For information - duly noted.
- 7.3. Application Reference: 20/0038/FUL Grid Ref: **E:** 306527 **N:** 285178 Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to mixed agricultural and equine use together with the erection of an agricultural/equine building to replace existing field shelter at Gwrhyd, Newtown, SY16 4JP. (E-mailed to Councillors on 13th January, 2020). Clerk has obtained an extension for observations until 4th February, 2020. The Council fully supported this application, as it is a replacement building rather than a totally new one. **ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's decision on to the Planning Officer on 4th February, 2020.
- 7.4. Application Reference: 20/0113/FUL Grid Ref: **E:** 304166 **N:** 282923 Proposal: Construction of a temporary 90m meteorological mast (not exceeding 95m height) for a three year period at Land to the North of Garn Fach Forestry, Mochdre, Powys. The Council was happy for this application to proceed to determination.
- 7.5. Garn Fach Wind Farm (Llraithdu wind farm "re-invented") – Press release and map e-mailed to Councillors on 9th January, 2020. The Council agreed that a presentation on this given by CADNO Communications Ltd. at the next meeting would be very useful. **ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to advise CADNO Communications Ltd. accordingly and check their availability.

8.0. Welsh Government

- 8.1. Further amendment required to the Sustainable Drainage (Enforcement) Order 2018 concerning Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), to bring permitted developments of between 100 and 465 square metres within the SuDs regime, in accordance with the original policy intention (amendment will be made shortly via a suitable Welsh Government amendment Order). For information. Duly noted.
- 8.2. The Welsh Government amendment Order proposing an 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, which was reported at the December Council meeting (as per Minute Ref 9.4, 9th December, 2019 meeting) contained an error which prevented it from coming into force. A further plenary debate will be required to seek approval for the new Order. For information. Duly noted.
- 8.3. Consultation - Changes to Planning and Related Application Fees. Responses by 13th March, 2020. Following discussion the Council made several comments. **ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's comments within the deadline.

9.0. One Voice Wales

- 9.1. VE Day 75 Celebrations on weekend of 8th – 10th May, 2020. More information received. The Council discussed this at some length and decided that a meeting was required with interested parties to "get the ball rolling". The 24th February was the date decided on – at 7:00pm. **ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to book the Old School; Councillors are to invite interested parties.

10.0. Highway Matters

- 10.1. The Chairman presented the letter he had received from Mr Rhodri Thomas, concerning traffic issues on Bog Lane, to the Council. Following discussion the Council voted unanimously to send this direct to County Councillor Karl Lewis, with a request for his assistance in resolving this matter. **ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to forward the information and request on to County Cllr Karl Lewis.

10.2. Several further highway issues were reported by Councillors: Large pot-hole on the Gelli Lane; problem with a deep ditch on the U2817; pot-hole near to the Church gates; water build-up on Cefn Hir pitch; water build-up on the C2025 near Esgairgeiliog.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to bring these matters to Danny Jarman's attention (PCC) and ask if he could get them resolved.

11.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

11.1. OVW Montgomery Area Committee Meeting, 15th January, 2020 at Castle Caereinion – Report from attendee was held over to the next meeting.

11.2. Powys Schools Vision 2019 – Town and Community Councils Engagement session at County Hall, Llandrindod Wells- Friday, 13th December (2:00pm to 3:30pm). There were no attendees.

12.0. Charities/Donations.

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

13.0. Community Council Grant Requests (if any)

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

14.0. Correspondence

14.1. Planning Aid Wales' Introduction to Planning Enforcement – Wednesday, 26th February, 2020 at Cwmdauddwr Old School, Rhayader, LD6 5AR from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Cost £35.00. None of the Councillors were able to attend.

14.2. Transforming Education in Powys- Asking for your views on its Vision Document. Responses by 24th February, 2020. Because the document itself was too large in size to e-mail, Councillors asked that the original e-mail concerning this matter be sent to them to enable them to respond direct should they wish to do so.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward the e-mail on accordingly, well within the deadline.

15.0. To receive questions from Councillors

15.1. The Council wished it to be minuted (for the record) that it has been brought to the Council's attention that some Councillors, in the performance of their duties, have received threatening comments from members of the community.

16.0. Chairman's Announcements

16.1. The Penstrowed area of the community has new residents.

17.0. Date of next meeting: Monday, 23rd March, 2020.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.