

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 23rd March 2020,
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Ian Williams
Cllr. Robin Lewis
Cllr. Martin Turley

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Lloyd Humphreys
Cllr. Philip Williams
Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)
Cllr. Gordon Jones

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

The meeting was quorate as there were four Councillors present.

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by Cllr. Robin Lewis (Deputy 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 Council Meeting held on 3rd February, 2020 (previously circulated).

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd February, 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 £8,204.82. Cash book stands at £8,154.82. There is one outstanding cheque for £50.00. 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 (if any).

1) K. Wigley - £993.00 (Clerk's fee – Fourth Quarter).

2) HMRC - £132.00 (PAYE Income Tax on Clerk's fee).

3) Wales Audit Office - £242.75 (External Audit fee 2018/2019)

4) One Voice Wales - £76.00 (Annual Membership Fee)

5) Upper Bridge Enterprises LLP - £175.20 (Website Annual Fee)

6) SLCC - £47.50 (Clerk's Manual 2019) + £4.80 Post and Packing = £52.30.

7) Wales Air Ambulance - £100.00 (Charitable donation) See 12.2 below.

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

5.0. HistoryPoints project

5.1. Further information has been received following the Council's request for same at the last meeting (see Minute Ref. 5.1. 3rd February, 2020 meeting). Following discussion, there was a unanimous vote that this should be progressed further.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to contact HistoryPoints accordingly.

6.0. Council Laptop Insurance

6.1. Monthly payment has increased to £9.45/month (previously £7.00/month). However, this was to be expected as the Council had managed to have 2 years at a discounted price, instead of just the original 12 months. There was a unanimous vote to accept the increase.

7.0. Planning Applications

- 7.1. Application Ref: 20/0141/FUL. Grid Ref: **E:308270 N:284771** Proposed erection of an agricultural building and all associated works at Land at Cwmrhiewdre, Llaithddu, Llandrindod Wells, SY16 4BW. This application came up in between meetings and the Clerk was unable to get an extension to time, thus the information was e-mailed to Councillors for comments. There was a majority vote in favour of supporting the application but reservations had been voiced concerning the use of the building. Hence the Planning Officer was notified that the application was supported but with the Council's concern that the building be used for the purpose stated i.e. as an agricultural building. The Council also stated that it would have helped both this application and would help any such future applications if there was a much more detailed description as to the intended use. For information and record only – duly noted.
- 7.2. Application Ref: 20/0160/FUL. Grid Ref: **E:305759 N:288274** Replacement dwelling at Waenllyfnant, Newtown, Powys, SY16 4JU. E-mailed to Councillors on 8th March, 2020. There was a unanimous vote that this should be allowed to proceed to determination.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Officer accordingly.
- 7.3. Application Ref: 20/0348/FUL. Grid Ref: **E:303974 N:283174** Proposed construction of a temporary 90m meteorological mast (max height 92m) for three years from date of first operation to record wind resource data at land NW of Garn Fach Forestry, Llandinam, Powys. The Council has been consulted as a neighbouring CC - the proposed mast falls within Llandinam CC. E-mailed to Councillors on 8th March, 2020.
There was a unanimous vote that this should be allowed to proceed to determination.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Officer accordingly.

8.0. Powys Teaching Health Board

- 8.1. Podiatry Services Consultation- Deadline for comments is 29th March, 2020. E-mailed to Councillors on 9th March, 2020. Following discussion, the Council wished its comment to be forwarded on to PTHB.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to inform the Powys Teaching Health Board accordingly.

9.0. One Voice Wales

- 9.1. VE Day 75 Celebrations on weekend of 8th – 10th May, 2020. At the meeting held on 24th February to discuss same there was a good attendance and various positive ideas were expressed; it was decided to hold a follow-up meeting on 30th March to “tie things up”. Unfortunately, due to the current Coronavirus situation (compounded by the announcement made by the Prime Minister that a “lockdown” would begin as of midnight 23rd March, 2020), the Council voted unanimously to cancel the event, and hold a celebration after things return to “normal”.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to inform the attendees of the 24th February meeting of the cancellation of the celebrations.
- 9.2. One Voice Wales/SLCC Joint Event on 20th May, 2020 at the Village Hotel, St Davids Park, Ewloe. Cost is £80.00 + VAT. Clerk would have liked to attend but the event has now been cancelled.

10.0. Highway Matters

- 10.1. Response received from County Cllr Karl Lewis/Justin Leadbetter about road traffic issues on Bog Lane (see Minute Ref. 10.1, 3rd February, 2020 meeting). This was e-mailed to Councillors on 7th February, 2020. Duly noted.
- 10.2. Response received from Danny Jarman reference other highway issues brought up at the last meeting (see Minute Ref. 10.2, 3rd February, 2020 meeting). Duly noted.

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 had been held over from the last meeting, but unfortunately the attendee was not present at tonight's meeting to give his report.

12.0. Charities/Donations.

- 12.1. Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – Request for donation. The Council did not wish to contribute at this time.
- 12.2. Wales Air Ambulance - Request for donation. After discussion the Council voted unanimously to donate £100.00 to this worthy cause and asked for the cheque to be raised at this meeting. See 4.2. above.

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. Letter from Russell George ref. Supporting the farming industry in Mid-Wales. Councillors asked for this to be scanned in and sent to them.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to scan the letter and send it accordingly.

14.2. Letter of introduction from Craig Williams MP. Duly noted.

14.3. SLCC Coronavirus Update. Duly noted.

14.4. OVW Financial and Governance Arrangements. Duly noted.

14.5. OVW Coronavirus message to all Community and Town Councils. Duly noted.

14.6. Wales Audit Office – Covid-19 and the audit of Community and Town Council accounts. Duly noted.

14.7. Independent Review Panel of Wales Report 2020/2021 – Councillors were asked if they wished to forgo entitlement to the allowances re. Determinations 42 and 48? The Councillors present were unanimous that they wished to forgo same, signed letters to that effect and gave them to the Clerk. The Council also unanimously voted no to receiving any of the optional payments detailed in Determinations 44, 45, 46, 47, 49 and 50.

15.0. To receive questions from Councillors

15.1. Councillors expressed concern about the hedge at the side of the road by Rhyd-Y-Cwrt Bridge – the side of the road is crumbling away and taking the hedge with it – the hedge is almost horizontal!

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to contact Danny Jarman to see what can be done about this.

16.0. Chairman's Announcements

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

17.0. **Date of next meeting (Annual and Ordinary Meeting following):** Monday, 11th May, 2020. The Clerk explained that if the Coronavirus restrictions are still in place at the time of the next meeting, it will have to be a "virtual" one if that is allowed. Cllr Ian Williams volunteered to investigate which might be the best platform to use for this, and the Clerk will also investigate both this and the legalities/methods attached to having such a meeting (as this is unprecedented).

Meeting closed at 7:30pm.