

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

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**Minutes of the online Council Meeting held on Monday, 22nd June  
2020, at 7:00pm**

**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)

**ABSENT:**

Cllr. Lloyd Humphreys

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

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 Annual Council Meeting and Ordinary Council Meeting following it, held on 11th May, 2020 (previously circulated).**

**2.1.** That the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 11th May, 2020 were a true record of what there and then transpired and will be duly signed as such by the Chairman when circumstances allow.

**3.0. Information from the Minutes.**

**3.1.** Update from Clerk reference Council's application for a Debit Card (see Minute Ref 5, 11th May Annual Meeting). Clerk has been informed by HSBC that this can only be done through the local branch, so will go in and try and get it sorted out that way.

**3.2.** Update from Clerk reference Council e-mail (see Minute Ref 7.1, 11th May ordinary meeting) – problem now appears to be resolved after changing to Google Chrome browser. Duly noted.

**4.0. Finance**

**4.1. Update on Bank Balances:**

1) Mochdre CC bank statement £8,778.77 (the VAT reclaim of £232.08 has been paid into the account by HMRC). Cash book stands at £8,728.77. There is one outstanding cheque for £50.00 (YFC annual grant). It has now been established that this cheque has been mislaid by the YFC – does the Council wish to rely on the fact that the cheque (wherever it is) is now out of date rather than have the cheque stopped (at a cost of £10.00)? Regarding a replacement cheque, does the Council wish to do this now or wait until this year's YFC grant is payable (September) and make it up to £100.00 then? The Council was unanimous in its decisions to a) rely on the cheque being uncashable due to its being out of date and thereby not have to pay a fee and to b) give the YFC a cheque for £100.00 in September.

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.

**4.2. To consider invoices for payment.**

1) K. Wigley - £976.00 (Clerk's fee – First Quarter).

2) HMRC - £149.00 (PAYE Income Tax on Clerk's fee).

3) K. Wigley - £252.33 (Clerk's expenses June, 2019 to 1st June, 2020, of which £91.35 is instalments paid for the insurance on the Council Laptop).

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

## **5.0. ICO Annual Fee Renewal**

- 5.1. This is due by 27th June, so the Clerk has paid it by personal credit card (£40.00) – Duly noted and it was unanimously agreed to reimburse the Clerk as soon as convenient to do so.

## **6.0. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales**

- 6.1. The IRPW has issued a Supplementary Report – “The Principles in respect of the Reimbursement of Costs of Care” which builds on the core principles and adds principles which specifically relate to the costs of care allowance. Duly noted.
- 6.2. Opportunity for the remaining Councillors who have not yet made their decision regarding the acceptance/non-acceptance of mandatory and optional allowances to do so. It was agreed to hold this over to the next meeting.

## **7.0. Planning Applications**

- 7.1. Application Ref: **20/0655/LBC** Grid Ref: **E:307298 N:287774** for Conversion of barn into residential extension at The Rock, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys, SY16 4JW was discussed at the last meeting and the Council was happy for this to proceed to determination. (See Minute 9.3, 11th May, 2020 ordinary meeting). The Clerk duly informed the Planning Officer within the required deadline. Subsequently the Clerk has been informed that any Community Council consultation underway when Planning Offices were required to close due to the Coronavirus restrictions apparently did not fully comply with article 2C(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012. The Planning Directorate has decided that such consultations should restart from the beginning and this is covered by the Planning Applications (Temporary Modifications and Disapplication) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Order 2020 which came into force on 19th May and which lasts until 18th September, 2020. Thus the above application has been re-numbered and re-issued as **20/0654/FUL** in order for it to comply with the new temporary legislation. This was e-mailed to Councillors on 19th May, for information. Duly noted – the Council was happy for this to proceed to determination without comment.

## **8.0. Welsh Parliament**

- 8.1. Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS): Amendment to the Sustainable Drainage (Approval and Adoption) (Wales) Order 2018 and Amendment to the Sustainable Drainage (Enforcement) Order 2018 which have both now come into force. Duly noted.

## **9.0. Highway Matters**

- 9.1. Response received from Danny Jarman reference Councillors' highway issues brought up at the last meeting (see Minute Ref 17.1, 11th May, 2020 ordinary meeting). Duly noted.  
**ACTION:** Cllr Phil Williams is to contact Highways and clarify with them the exact location of the crumbling concrete close to Bronllan which is in need of repair.
- 9.2. The issue concerning the large hole close to a bend with a shed close by on the road going up to Cymbwr (see Minute Ref 17.1, 11th May, 2020 ordinary meeting) has noticeably worsened and it is in urgent need of repair. This needs chasing up as it has been reported several times with no result.  
**ACTION:** Clerk is to follow this up once again.
- 9.3. Report from Councillors concerning the recent extensive damage to Rhydycwrt bridge (see Minute Ref 11.1, 11th May, 2020 ordinary meeting). There was much discussion on this topic, in which a similar situation at a bridge in Knighton (?) was brought up. This bridge is also continually being damaged but, because there is now CCTV in operation, offenders can be “brought to book” and the damage duly paid for.  
**ACTION:** Cllr Jones will find out the exact location of this bridge and forward details to the Clerk for further investigation.

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

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

## **11.0. Charities/Donations.**

- 11.1. Tenovus Cancer Care - Request for donation. The Council voted not to donate at this time.
- 11.2. Tarian Cymru - Request for donation (only payable by credit or debit card/Paypal). The Council voted not to donate at this time.

## **12.0. Community Council Grant Requests (if any)**

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

**13.0. Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that there were no items of correspondence.

**14.0. To receive questions from Councillors**

14.1. Councillors expressed some concern that County Councillor Karl Lewis had not attended a Community Council meeting since last December, and asked for their concern to be minuted.

**15.0. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman stated he had no announcements.

**16.0. Date of next meeting:** Monday, 27th July, 2020.

The meeting closed at 7:30pm.