

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

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**Minutes of the online Council Meeting held on Monday, 27th July 2020,
at 7:00pm**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Ian Williams
Cllr. Robin Lewis
Cllr. Martin Turley
Cllr. Philip Williams
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)
Cllr. Lloyd Humphreys

APOLOGIES:

None

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 22nd June, 2020 (previously circulated).

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22nd June, 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) was duly noted. (Clerk had been informed by HSBC that this could only be done through the local branch, but when the Clerk went in to Newtown Branch to sort it out, was told that because the account is a Community Account, the bank required a copy of the Council's constitution and permission from its head office before it could expedite the application. After much discussion, during which the Clerk explained that the Council is a local authority etc. there was a stalemate and the Clerk was effectively told that the only way forward was not to progress this any further).

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

1) Mochdre CC bank statement £7,550.44. Cash book stands at £7,401.44. There is one outstanding cheque for £149.00. 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.

The Clerk reported that there were no invoices for payment.

4.3. Quarterly Statement up to 30th June, 2020.

This was presented to Councillors and duly noted.

5.0. HistoryPoints Project

5.1. Following the decision made at the March meeting to progress this matter further (see Minute Ref 5.1 23rd March Meeting), the Council voted unanimously to place an order, with the proviso that the Council is able to proof-read the information prior to publication.

ACTION: The Clerk is to contact HistoryPoints and advise them accordingly.

6.0. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

6.1. The remaining Councillors have made their decision not to accept the mandatory allowances verbally, but need to do so in writing.

ACTION: The Clerk is to e-mail a letter template to Councillors for them to sign, date and return to the Clerk.

7.0. Planning Applications (if any)

The Clerk reported that there were no Planning Applications to be discussed.

8.0. Highway Matters

8.1. Having had no response from Danny Jarman (which is very unusual) regarding the issue concerning the large hole close to a bend on the road going up to Cymbwr (see Minute Ref 9.2.,22nd June, 2020 meeting) which has noticeably worsened/deepened and is in urgent need of repair, the Council voted to contact County Cllr Karl Lewis, to ask him to establish if Danny is currently at work.

ACTION: The Clerk is to contact County Cllr Karl Lewis accordingly if there is no response from Danny over the next couple of days.

8.2. Following information received from Cllr Jones reference the location of the bridge mentioned at the last meeting which has had a similar problem to Rhydycwrt bridge (see Minute Ref 9.3.,22nd June, 2020 meeting), the Clerk had contacted Clun Town Council Clerk and his response was read out. Following discussion the Council voted unanimously to contact Clun Town Council Clerk once again to ask how effective he felt the CCTV was in combating this problem. Subject to his reply (to be presented at the next meeting) the Council would then contact County Cllr Karl Lewis for his assistance with this matter.

ACTION: The Clerk is to contact Clun Town Council Clerk accordingly.

9.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

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

10.0. Charities/Donations.

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

11.0. Community Council Grant Requests (if any)

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

12.0. Correspondence

12.1. Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 – with which the Council has to adhere from 23rd September. The Clerk has run the Council's website through a free web accessibility evaluation tool and there is quite a bit to do to bring it in line with the regulations. The Clerk has contacted Upper Bridge Enterprises and they will be able to get the Council's website up to speed in the required timescale using their Accessibility Package, at a cost of £50.00. The Clerk recommended that the Council should take up this offer. Following discussion the Council voted unanimously in favour of ordering Upper Bridge Enterprises's Accessibility Package.

ACTION: The Clerk is to contact Upper Bridge Enterprises and advise them accordingly.

12.2. Model Code of Conduct – This is currently being revised in line with the recommendations from the Review of the Community and Town Council sector. For information- duly noted.

12.3. Guidance for Re-Opening of Village Halls and Community Centres – This is primarily aimed at those centres managed by Local Authorities, but are a useful indicator of what will be required to be done once the Old School is re-opened for events. For information, duly noted. Cllr Turley asked the Clerk to forward the information on to him.

ACTION: The Clerk is to e-mail the documentation on to Cllr Turley.

13.0. To receive questions from Councillors

There were no items for discussion under this heading.

14.0. Chairman's Announcements

14.1. The Chairman thanked all those who attended Joyce the Birches funeral recently.

14.2. The Chairman called for another attempt to be made to request that a 50mph speed limit be put in place on the main road through Penstrowed, following the recent horrendous accident there.

ACTION: The Clerk is to contact Andrew Jones (Route Manager N. Powys) and County Cllr Karl Lewis accordingly.

15.0. Date of next meeting: Monday, 7th September, 2020.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.