

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 28th March  
2022, 7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Jean Williams  
Cllr. Phil Williams  
Cllr. Ian Williams  
Cllr. Robin Lewis  
Cllr. Martin Turley  
Cllr. Russell Williams  
Cllr. Gordon Jones

**APOLOGIES:**

**ABSENT:**

Cllr. Lloyd Humphreys

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

The meeting was quorate as there were four Councillors present. In the absence of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman the meeting was chaired by Cllr. Gordon Jones, who began the meeting by holding a one minute silence in memory of Brian Hicks, who served as Clerk to the Council for eight years.

- 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 7th February, 2022 (previously circulated).**

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th February, 2022 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. The Clerk reported that there had been no responses to the job vacancy advert in the County Times thus far and, as the Clerk/RFO is retiring at the Annual Meeting in May, the Clerk will investigate advertising the vacancy at SLCC Branch level.

3.2. The Clerk reported that the new notice board was due to be delivered on Tuesday, 29th March (the day after this meeting).

**4.0. Finance**

**4.1. Update on Bank Balances:**

1) Mochdre CC bank statement £9,057.89 (includes bank charges taken direct from account). Cash book stands at £8,707.47. There are 2 outstanding cheques for £238.42 and £112.00. Duly noted.

2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £5,108.85 (includes bank charges taken direct from account). Cash book stands at £3,450.75. There is one outstanding cheque for £1,658.10. Duly noted.

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

1) K.Wigley – £970.00 (Clerk's fee last quarter)

2) HMRC - £155.00 (PAYE Clerk's fee)

3) Robin Lewis - £TBA (Reimbursement for cost of trees in memory of Prince Philip – from No 2 Account)

4) K. Wigley - £335.40 (County Times Vacancy Advert [£279.50 + £55.90 VAT]) Reimbursement of Clerk's having paid online with credit card

5) K. Wigley - £235.58 (Clerk's Expenses – June 2021 to

March 2022 – of which £114.75 is Laptop insurance instalments paid out of Clerk's bank account)

6) Upper Bridge - £175.20 (Annual Website fees - £146.00 + £29.20).

7) One Voice Wales - £83.00 (Annual membership fee).

8) Audit Wales Office - £200.00 (External Audit Fee for 2020/21 Accounts) – See 5.1. below.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to hold over the repayment to Cllr Robin Lewis to the next meeting, as he was absent from this one and the total cost is not known; to pay the three amounts to K. Wigley on one cheque to keep bank charges to a minimum and to pay the remainder of the above amounts.

## **5.0. External Audit**

**5.1.** The cost of the audit has now come through from the Wales Audit Office - £200.00. It was resolved to have a cheque raised for this amount for signature at this meeting [see 4.2. 8) above].

## **6.0. Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

**6.1.** A bouncy castle has been booked at a cost of £150.00 and ideas are needed for the proposed Funday – it was suggested that the next meeting to discuss this should be opened out to the community. The purchase of a beacon and the taking part in the beacon lighting event was discussed and there was a unanimous vote in favour of having a bonfire “beacon” on the Thursday night instead, which is to be positioned where the whole community can see it (location to be decided nearer the time). With reference to the field by the Old School, Cllr Jones has managed to secure it for another two year period, with no increase in rent. However he has been assured that the next time it is up for rent it will go out to formal tender.

## **7.0. Pentre Defibrillator Signage**

**7.1.** The directional signage the Clerk has produced (which has been approved by the Council) is now printed and laminated for placing at the Pentre Chapel. Cllr Russell Williams has produced a video giving instructions as to how to open the cabinet and placed a written copy by the side of the cabinet. The video MOV file needs converting to an MP4 file to put on the website.

**ACTION:** Cllr Ian Williams requested that the Clerk e-mails the video MOV file to him so that he can investigate the best way of doing this.

## **8.0. Election**

**8.1.** It is definite that two Councillors at least will be standing down at the election and the other six Councillors have been e-mailed nomination packs and instructions as to how to fill the forms in (on 17th March 2022). Completed forms can be submitted electronically via e-mail by Councillors direct to the Electoral Registration Officer by 4.00pm at the latest on 5th April, 2022. The Clerk collected Councillors' paper copies (4 in all) to check and, if required, amend prior to delivering them to the Electoral Registration Officer at Ladywell House on 29th March, 2022 (the day after this meeting). The Clerk had supplied Councillors with printed copies of the forms along with the agenda for this meeting.

## **9.0. Planning Applications**

**9.1.** Pre-Planning Application Consultation: G F Grigg Ltd. Is intending to apply for planning permission for a Holiday Lodge Park (comprising 96 lodges) in lieu of existing operation and development at Penstrowed Quarry, Penstrowed, Caersws, Powys, SY17 5SG. A site meeting was held on 20th February 2022 to facilitate the Council's view on this and proved to be

very useful, with Councillors' concerns/questions being answered. This resulted in a majority decision to support this project and the Clerk, having been instructed to do so, contacted Jonathan Lambe accordingly to inform him of this within the required timescale. Duly noted.

#### **10.0. One Voice Wales**

**10.1.** Report on Section 47 Multi Location Meetings survey e-mailed to Councillors on 20th March, 2022 for information. Duly noted.

#### **11.0. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2022 to 2023**

**11.1.** This report is effective for the financial year 2022 – 2023. E-mailed to Councillors for information on 18th March, 2022. Duly noted.

#### **12.0. Green Lane Association**

**12.1.** Setting the record straight! Duly noted.

#### **13.0. Welsh Government**

**13.1.** The Local Elections (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2022 were debated and passed in the Senedd on 8th March and came into force on 10th March 2022. E-mailed to Councillors on 20th March, 2022 for information. Duly noted.

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

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

#### **15.0. Charities/Donations (if any)**

**15.1.** Kids Cancer Charity – Request for a donation denied at this time.

**15.2.**Llangollen Eisteddfod Appeal (letter in Welsh) – Request for a donation denied at this time.

**16.0. Community Council Grant Requests (if any)**

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

**17.0. Correspondence**

**17.1.**E. Hikins letter e-mailed to Councillors on 17th March 2022 for information. Duly noted.

**17.2.**Thank-you letter from the Churchwarden/CC Secretary of Mochdre Church. Duly noted.

**17.3.**Thank-you letter from St John's Cymru. Duly noted.

**18.0. To receive questions from Councillors**

There were no items for discussion under this heading.

**19.0. Chairman's Announcements**

**19.1.**The Chairman thanked Cllrs Jean Williams and Martin Turley for their service as Councillors for the past ten and five years respectively.

**20.0. Date of next meeting:** Monday, 16th May 2022 (Annual meeting followed by Ordinary meeting).

Meeting closed at 8:00pm.