

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 1st February, 2016, at  
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Jean Williams  
Cllr. Gordon Jones  
Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)  
Cllr. Philip Williams  
Cllr. Robin Lewis (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr. Linda Davies  
Cllr. Douglas Wood

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Paul Sawtell

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Roche Davies

**1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence**

1.1. See above.

1.2. **Declarations of Members' Interests** – There were no Declarations of Member's Interest made.

Name of Councillor	Item	Personal	Prejudicial

**2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting (previously circulated).**

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 14th December, 2016 were a true record of what there and then transpired and were signed by the Chairman.

**3.0. Information from the Minutes.**

3.1. The Clerk still awaits the "Call.Push.Rescue" welcome pack (which contains amongst other things the training guide!). The British Heart Foundation has sent its assurance that this will be forthcoming very soon. The Call.Push.Rescue equipment is now housed in the Old School "ready for action". Roy Davies (Flamecare) has completed fitting the electrical supply for the defibrillator cabinet in the entrance hall at Mochdre old School and attached said cabinet to the wall. The defibrillator is now installed in the cabinet. The Clerk has marked the equipment using a "smart pen" and downloaded, printed, laminated and posted suitable signage. Cynthia Bateman (currently liaising with Hazel Cook) is getting training underway – she is in the process of organising a leaflet drop advertising training sessions. The Clerk has contacted Rev. Lynda Cowan direct to find out her concerns ref. siting the defibrillator in Penstrowed Church porch (including offering to show her the one sited at Mochdre), letting her know that the Council will fund the cabinet's electricity supply and its installation and pointing out that the reason the Council had requested that the defibrillator be installed in the Church porch was because it needs a shaded site and the porch is ideal for this. Rev. Cowan had not realised that the defibrillator needed to be kept out of sunlight, but now that she understands this requirement she is quite happy for it to be installed in the Church porch. The Council discussed whether to get Flamecare to quote for this cabinet's installation, as they have just completed the Mochdre installation satisfactorily, and there was a unanimous vote in favour of this. The council also stated that if the quote, which of necessity will be more than that quoted for Mochdre, was satisfactory and around the £400 mark (+ VAT) then Flamecare should be given the go-ahead to get on with it.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to ask Flamecare for said quote.

#### **4.0. Finance**

- 4.1. Update on Accounts: Mochdre CC bank statement £7,693.36 (includes £1,933.00 3rd Instalment of the Precept). Cash book stands at £7,066.36.  
There are five outstanding cheques for £100.00, £150.00, £150.00, £150.00 and £77.00.
- 4.2. Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £1,075.64. Cash book stands at £1,075.64. There are no outstanding cheques.

#### **5.0. National Assembly**

- 5.1. Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill Consultation – Closing date for responses is 15th February, 2016. The aspect of this draft bill regarding Community Councils was discussed at some length.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to forward the council's comments on within the required deadline.
- 5.2. Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2016-17 is £7.42. Duly explained and noted.
- 5.3. Honours nominations are invited for New Year 2017 Honours Round. Duly noted, but no suggestions.
- 5.4. The Swansea to Manchester Trunk Road (A483) & the Newtown to Aberystwyth Trunk Road (A489) (Newtown Bypass and De-Trunking) Order 2015 and the Swansea to Manchester Trunk Road (A483) and the Newtown to Aberystwyth Trunk Road (A489) (Newtown Bypass Side Roads) Order 2015 - A copy of each of the above orders has been received for information and these were passed to Cllr Jean Williams to read and digest, after which she will circulate them to the other councillors.

#### **6.0. Planning Matters**

- 6.1. College Barn Development, Mochdre – Mr Hrustanovic (having used the information supplied by the Clerk from the council's archives along with his own research) has now ascertained that this is a legitimate development, covered by planning permission granted during the 1980's. Work begun then (albeit on a small scale) in the requisite 5 year timescale means that the work can be completed at the client's leisure with no timescale attached. The Planning Department has now closed the case, but thanked the council for bringing it to their attention.
- 6.2. Application Ref: **P/2015/1183**, Grid Ref: 308285.54/290472.38 for Section 73 application to remove condition number 5 attached to planning permission P/2010/0312 to enable the use of annex as a separate residential unit at, annex adjoining Glanrhyd, Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys. Following discussion the council was unanimous in its support of this application.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to forward the council's comments on within the required deadline.
- 6.3. Implementation date for consulting Town and Community Councils on planning matters via electronic means has been postponed from 1st January to 1st February, because of concerns raised. During this time PCC will compile guidance for Town and Community Councils on using the Planning Portal. Duly noted.
- 6.4. Application Ref: **P/2015/1196**, Grid Ref: 307037.32/291005.51 for Change of use of agricultural land to open storage of sand and gravel (use class B8) including construction of ancillary storage bay facility at Concrete Batching Plant, Penstrowed, Caersws, Powys. Observations by 13th January. E-mailed to councillors on 29th December, 2015 for comments. There were no objections, so it was allowed to proceed to determination. Duly noted.
- 6.5. Notification received from RES that the Garreg Lwyd Hill Wind Farm is to enter the construction phase in the New Year (2016) – E-mailed to councillors on 29th January, 2015 for information. Duly noted.

#### **7.0. Powys County Council**

- 7.1. E-Mail from John Brunt reference the future of Area C Community Benefits ACCB. After discussion, the council was unanimous that a meeting should be held, as per Cllr Brunt's suggestion, to find the way forward for this committee.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to forward the council's comments on to Cllr Brunt.
- 7.2. Village Hall Annual Revenue Grant Scheme – Precept form for 2016/17 financial year has been received, duly filled in and returned before the deadline of 31st January. For information, duly noted.

#### **8.0. One Voice Wales**

- 8.1. Details of Training Sessions in February. Duly noted.
- 8.2. Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 19th January at Abermule – Attendees found the meeting to be informative, especially the Nest presentation and Defibrillator discussion.
- 8.3. Buckingham Palace Garden Party on Tuesday, 10th May, 2016 – Letter received informing the Council that it has been successful in the draw. The invitation will be sent directly from the Palace to Cllr Russell Williams, approximately six weeks beforehand. Duly noted.

- 8.4. The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons – 21st April, 2016. Details of how to take part received and discussed. The council was unanimous in its decision to contribute funds towards a suitable celebratory event (not a beacon) if local groups are interested.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to contact local groups, e.g. PCC, YFC, etc. to see if they are interested in taking part in a celebration of this event.

#### **9.0. Highway Matters**

- 9.1. Request to Bryan Davies (see Minute Ref 9.1. 14th December, 2015 meeting) for a site meeting (as per his suggestion) – The request has been made but as yet no response.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to chase this matter further.

- 9.2. Response from Andrew Jones reference the Council's request for a 50mph speed limit on the main road through Penstrowed. Andrew apologised for the delay, he has brought this to the attention of the Welsh Government and the Bypass Team for their input. Duly noted.
- 9.3. Update from Emma Guy reference the footbridge on footpath 13 near Stepside and the obstruction at Quarry Lane. Footbridge nearly complete following some holdups because of the weather and the obstruction has now been removed, so she will be taking no further action. Duly noted.
- 9.4. Response from Emma Guy reference the Mochdre footpath – Follows concerns raised about the safety of the path. She is going to look at this later this week and report back. Duly noted.
- 9.5. Response from Chris Lloyd refusing the Council's request for a sign stating "No long Vehicles" rather than "Unsuitable for Long Vehicles" as it is at the moment, was read out. Duly noted.

#### **10.0. Website**

- 10.1. Quotation received from Upper Bridge Enterprises for a replacement website platform. This was discussed at length and agreed in principle, but the council requires some assurance first that this new Umbraco platform is robust and will remain in place much longer than the Sharepoint one has (albeit down to circumstances beyond their control).

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to request said assurance and also forward the links supplied by Upper Bridge to sample Umbraco websites to councillors so that they can see what the new format will be like.

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

#### **12.0. Community Council Grant Requests**

#### **13.0. Correspondence**

- 13.1. Resource Efficient Wales – Offers free impartial energy advice to households.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to put this information on the website.
- 13.2. OVW Annual membership Renewal notification - £63.00. The council was unanimous in its decision to renew its membership.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amount.
- 13.3. Powys Local Development Plan Schedule of Focussed Changes – For information.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to copy the information from the disc supplied and forward it to councillors (either on disc or via e-mail).
- 13.4. Grant Awarding Policy – Following discussion and slight amendment the policy was duly adopted by the Council.
- 13.5. Welsh Government's Nest Scheme – See 8.2. above, duly noted.

#### **14.0. Chairman's Announcements**

- 14.1. Diversion of Footpath 6 at Penstrowed Quarry - Last year the Council's consent was requested to said proposed changes, to enable the changes to take place (23rd March, 2015 meeting, Minute Ref. 6.2.). David Ladd was duly advised of the Council's consent and he stated that he would forward it on to Sian Barnes (Definitive Map and Commons Registration Officer). It has been brought to the Chairman's attention that Sian Barnes has not received the Council's consent for this (David Ladd, who was going to forward it on to her, omitted to do so).

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's consent to Sian Barnes direct, to enable the changes to take place.

#### **15.0. Date of next meeting**

- 15.1. Next meeting will be on Monday, 21st March, 2016.  
Meeting closed at 8:45pm.