

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 21st March, 2016, at  
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Jean Williams  
Cllr. Gordon Jones  
Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)  
Cllr. Paul Sawtell  
Cllr. Douglas Wood

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Linda Davies  
Cllr. Robin Lewis (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr. Philip Williams

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk) County Cllr. Roche Davies

**1.0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence**

1.1. See above. The apologies were accepted.

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, 1st February, 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. "Call.Push.Rescue" welcome pack has now been received. The Council has received Flamecare's quote for the supply and fit of the electrical supply for the Penstrowed defibrillator cabinet - £410.00 + VAT = £492.00. As it was in line with the amount the Council agreed (see Minute Ref. 3.1. 1st February, 2016 meeting), Flamecare has been given the go ahead by the Chairman and Clerk to get the job done – work commenced on Monday, 7th March (Roy arranged to liaise with Douglas Wood [as nominated by Rev Cowan] and the church wardens who are on site) and is now completed. After discussion, the council unanimously voted in favour of inviting Rev Lynda Cowan to the next council meeting, to discuss/address any reservations she may still have. There is a need for a "Defibrillator Champion" in Penstrowed, required to hold a similar role to that held by Cynthia Bateman in Mochdre, and the council was informed that Eryl Williams has volunteered for that role. The training sessions at Mochdre Old School attracted around 60 attendees over the two sessions. The WI made a donation of £50.00 to St John's Ambulance for its hard work and has asked if the council would be prepared to share the cost of this donation. The council voted unanimously in favour of covering the total cost of the donation and that the Clerk arranges similar training for members of the Penstrowed community (which could also be used as a photo opportunity to enable the council to thank Mochdre WI and YFC for their fund raising efforts towards the cost of the defibrillators plus CeltPower and the Big Lottery for their grants).

**ACTION:** The Clerk is to invite Rev Cowan to the next council meeting and arrange suitable training with Hazel Cook of St John's Ambulance for Penstrowed.

**4.0. Finance**

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £7,003.36. Cash book stands at £7,003.36. There are no outstanding cheques.

To consider the payment of:

- 1) Flamecare (Powys) Ltd Invoice for Mochdre Defibrillator Cabinet installation - £315.60
  - 2) Upper Bridge Enterprises Annual Website and Domain Name - £153.60
  - 3) Clerk's Salary - £625.00
  - 4) HMRC PAYE Tax - £100.00
  - 5) Mochdre WI (see 3.1. above) - £50.00
  - 6) Flamecare (Powys) Ltd Invoice for Penstrowed Defibrillator Cabinet installation - £492.00
- IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amounts.
- 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. Duly noted.

**5.0. National Assembly**

- 5.1. Notification received about Statutory Instruments which come into force on 1st April, 2016, No. 2016/85 and in particular "The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016 (No.2016/84). This order was made (i.e. signed) on 27th January, 2016 and means that within 6 months of this date the council must adopt a revised code of conduct to reflect these amendments. Thus the council has until 26th July, 2016 in which to do this. Previous revised versions of the Model Code of Conduct have been supplied by Powys County Council's Head of Legal, Scrutiny and Democratic Services closer to the time that the Statutory Instrument comes into force. The procedure is then that the council, on receipt of this, gives its approval and it is suggested that this should be done no later than the annual meeting (if possible). The clerk will monitor this and report back accordingly once the revised Model Code of Conduct has been received. Duly noted.
- 5.2. National Development Framework Draft Statement of Public Participation – After discussion, the council felt that its only response must be to point out that plain, understandable English was required to make this Statement intelligible!
- ACTION:** The Clerk is to forward the council's response before the 25th April, 2016 deadline.

**6.0. Planning Matters**

- 6.1. Application Ref: **P/2016/0187** Grid Ref: 306826.9/288054.42 for Erection of an extension and demolition of existing lean-to at Tyn-Y-Bar, Newtown, Powys. The council was unanimous in supporting this application and was happy that it should be allowed to proceed to determination.
- ACTION:** The Clerk is to forward the council's observations on to the Planning Department before the deadline.
- 6.2. Application Ref: **P/2016/0161** Grid Ref: 308285.59/290472.54 for Change of use of residential annexe to use as a separate dwelling at Glanrhyd, Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys. An extension to time for observations has been granted by the Planning Officer. The council was unanimous in supporting this application and was happy that it should be allowed to proceed to determination.
- ACTION:** The Clerk is to forward the council's observations on to the Planning Department before the deadline.
- 6.3. Application Ref: **P/2010/0762** for Wind Energy development comprising 13 wind turbines, etc at Land adjacent to Carno Wind Farm, Carno, Powys was considered at the County Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee on 10th March at County Hall, Llandrindod Wells. – For information. Duly noted - awaiting the minutes from the meeting.
- 6.4. Letter from RES reference road works for Garreg Lwyd Wind Farm construction e-mailed to councillors on 12th March, for information. Duly noted.
- 6.5. Letter from The Planning Inspectorate reference Developments of National Significance (DNS). The Clerk has registered the council's request, which means that it will be notified of any DNS application made in the area. Duly noted.
- 6.6. Application Ref: **P/2015/1196** for Change of use of land to form extension to concrete batching plant on agricultural field north of existing site at Concrete Batching Plant, Penstrowed, Caersws, Powys – Went to committee on 29th February and, according to the agenda for the meeting (no minutes as yet available), the recommendation was that the permission be granted, subject to planning conditions. Duly noted - awaiting the minutes from the meeting.

**7.0. Powys County Council**

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

**8.0. One Voice Wales**

- 8.1. The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations – 21st April, 2016. Following a short meeting on 10th March at 6:45pm, attended by Cllrs Russell Williams and Jean Williams and the Clerk, (see Minute Ref. 8.4. 1st February, 2016 meeting) with representatives from Mochdre PCC (IEnid Morgan) and Mochdre YFC

(Olivia), it was agreed that there would be an afternoon tea for older residents at the Old School at 3:00pm that day (Enid Morgan to organise for PCC), and a BBQ + bar, bonfire and fireworks starting at 6:30pm (Mochdre YFC to organise). It needs to be established that the Dolau is happy to do the bar. The Clerk has investigated insurance implications and, because the YFC is organising their event, the council has no liability. The Council will make funds available towards both events, but needs a quotation from each in order to be able to decide on how much these funds will be (the council will not fund the firework aspect of the evening event). A sample commemorative medal has been received by the Clerk. After discussion it was decided that this would not be something the Council would wish to purchase.

**ACTION:** The Clerk is to write to Chris at the Dolau to confirm that she is happy to run a bar; Cllr Jones is to ask the YFC for an estimated cost and the Clerk is to ask the PCC for an estimated cost.

- 8.2. Thank you received for renewing OVV membership, and receipt for the council's payment. Details of representatives supplied as requested by OVV. Duly noted.
- 8.3. March Training Schedule details for information. Duly noted – nothing being run locally.

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

- 9.1. The Clerk reported that, after some investigation, she had managed to establish that Bryan Davies had now left the authority and that Nick Townsend is temporarily in post in his stead. After discussion, the council agreed that Nick should be contacted to request a site meeting at Rhydcwrt, impressing upon him that there are genuine Health and Safety concerns relating to this issue and stating that the council would also be interested to know what Powys County Council's Legal Department might feel about an accident happening as a result of the road giving way.

**ACTION:** The Clerk is to contact Nick Townsend (cc to Adrian Jervis) with a view to organising a site meeting and County Cllr Roche Davies will also follow this up.

- 9.2. Further to the response from Andrew Jones reference the Council's request for a 50mph speed limit on the main road through Penstrowed, the council has received a letter from Edwina Hart in which she states that it is recommended that the existing speed limit is retained at this location. She has passed the council's comments on to her officials for information. Duly noted.
- 9.3. Diversion of Footpath 6 at Penstrowed Quarry – E-mail received from Sian Barnes confirming that the response sent to her by the clerk is more than adequate for her needs and will allow them to take the proposal forward. Duly noted.
- 9.4. Response from Emma Guy reference the Mochdre footpath – She has now looked at it and thinks it may be possible to create a few simple steps to make the worst section easier to use and possibly install a section of wooden railing. She is looking into the options. Duly noted.

#### **10.0. Website**

- 10.1. Upper Bridge Enterprises quotation for a replacement website platform – After discussion, councillors voted unanimously to give Upper Bridge the necessary approval to go ahead.

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

#### **11.0. Boundary Commission**

- 11.1. Pre-Advice received that the Commission will commence the 2018 Review of Parliamentary constituencies during the course of this year. Initial proposals for the Parliamentary constituencies in Wales will be published later this year and followed by a period of consultation. Duly noted.

#### **12.0. SLCC**

- 12.1. Letter received explaining important proposed changes to the Society's legal status. Duly noted.
- 12.2. CiLCA Update – The Clerk has completed her CiLCA Portfolio, and it has gone off for marking. Duly noted.

#### **13.0. HM Courts & Tribunals Service**

- 13.1. Letter received explaining important changes in the way that justice is accessed and delivered – for information. Duly noted.

#### **14.0. Charities/Donations**

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

#### **15.0. Community Council Grant Requests**

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

**16.0. Correspondence – General Items for Information.**

16.1. Notification received from Powys County Council about the proposal to close both Llanbister and Llanfihangel CP Schools at the end of this year. The council felt that this would mean that the children involved would lose “the personal touch” and that the communities as a whole would be affected. It also wondered if there was sufficient capacity at Crossgates to accommodate these children.

**ACTION:** The Clerk is to write expressing the council’s views by 5th May, 2016.

16.2. Notification received from “Grow Wild” that a seed kit is on its way! Duly noted – this should be in good time for planting.

**17.0. Chairman’s Announcements**

17.1. Cllr Jones has been successful in his bid to rent Church Field for the next 3 years, and is happy for it to continue to be used for community events, funeral parking, etc.

17.2. It has been brought to the council’s attention by Cllr Jones that the Old School car park is getting messy, especially during wet conditions.

**ACTION:** The Clerk is to check with Enid Morgan to find out who is responsible for the maintenance of the car park..

**18.0. Date of next meeting**

18.1. Next meeting will be on Monday, 9th May, 2016, **which will be the Annual Meeting followed by an Ordinary council meeting.**

Meeting closed at 8:25pm.