

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 27th June 2016, at
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Paul Sawtell
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Linda Davies
Cllr. Douglas Wood
Cllr. Robin Lewis (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. Philio Williams

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Roche Davies

In the absence of Cllr Russell Williams (Chairman) the meeting was chaired by Cllr Robin Lewis (Vice Chairman).

1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

1.1. See above. The apology was 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 Annual Meeting and the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9th May, 2016 and the Interim Community Council Planning Committee Meeting held on 23rd May, 2016 (previously circulated).

2.1. That the minutes of the aforementioned meetings held on Monday, 9th May and Monday, 23rd May, 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 Council's press release about defibrillators which appeared in the Friday, 3rd June edition of the County Times was circulated amongst Councillors for them to see and was duly noted. Cllr Jean Williams gave the Council the sad news that Hazel Cook had died on Friday, 24th June and there was a unanimous vote to send a sympathy card to her family. She will be greatly missed.

ACTION: The Clerk is to purchase a suitable sympathy card and send it to David Cook.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

1) Mochdre CC bank statement £6,817.60. Cash book stands at £6,817.60 (includes first Precept instalment of £1,934.00). There are no outstanding cheques. The Clerk also gave an update on the Council's latest VAT repayment – it has been paid into someone else's account in error by HMRC! This was flagged up by the Clerk and HMRC are in the process of sorting it out. Duly noted.

2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £595.53. Cash book stands at £595.53. There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted.

4.2. To consider invoices for payment:

- 1) Clerk's salary (new tax code in operation) - £636.60.
- 2) HMRC (PAYE tax) - £88.40.

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

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016 (No.2016/84) – The Council unanimously voted to adopt the amended Code. The “Notification of Adoption of the New Code” Form was duly signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

ACTION: The Clerk is to forward the signed “Notification of Adoption of the New Code” Form to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (deadline is 26th July 2016) and advertise the Council's adoption of the new Code in the “County Times” to comply with the laid down requirements.

6.0. Planning Applications

- 6.1. Application Ref: P/2016/0626 Grid Ref: 307203.6/290964.55 for Construction of a 20m x 40m Manège with an “all purpose” surface. Including the installation of ground drainage, stone sub base with top surfacing and fencing of the area at Penstrowed Hall, Penstrowed, Caersws, Powys. There was a unanimous vote in favour of this application being allowed to proceed to determination.

ACTION: The Clerk is to forward the Council's response to the Planning Office by the required deadline.

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Reception to be held at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show 2016 – Monday 18th July from 6:00 until 7:30pm (drinks and a light buffet). Cllr Robin Lewis was happy to represent the Council at this event

ACTION: The Clerk is to forward Cllr Lewis's name to Elizabeth Protheroe, advising her of his attendance.

- 7.2. Proposals with regard to refuse disposal (flagged up by Cllr Jill Kibble of Abermule with Llandyssil CC) - During discussion of the above the Council voiced its concern that these measures would result in an increase in the dumping of rubbish in rural areas. It also wished to support the staying open of the facilities at Potters which are for this type of refuse.

ACTION: The Clerk is to write to County Cllr W John T Powell with the Council's comments.

- 7.3. Powys War Memorials Project. Duly noted – Councillors asked what had happened to the framed Stepside War Memorial when Stepside Chapel was sold recently.

ACTION: Cllr Jean Williams is to investigate and report back at the next meeting.

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. Update to Financial Regulations and Standing Orders – As per LTN 87 and Legal Briefing LO5-15 of January, 2016. Clerk is still awaiting revised information relating specifically to Wales. Duly noted.

- 8.2. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Return – In the interests of transparency the panel requires councils to publish NIL returns on their websites/noticeboards and submit NIL returns to the panel by 30th September each year.

ACTION: The Clerk is to compile the NIL return, forward it to the panel and publish it on the website/noticeboards before the required deadline.

- 8.3. Council's proposed Motion for OVW AGM – The Council unanimously voted in favour of approving the proposed motion as worded.

ACTION: The Clerk is to forward it on to OVW before the required deadline.

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. Potholes in Gelli Lane – The Council felt that this issue had been quickly attended to by Powys County Council and, as such, it should be thanked for its swift response. However, the Eagle Road Rally 2016 which took place shortly after the completion of this work had managed to slightly disturb the repairs. It was duly noted that they are still fit for purpose, but the Council also raised several potential safety issues in relation to the rally being held on public roads which it felt should be brought to the attention of the rally organisers.

ACTION: The Clerk is to forward the Council's thanks on to PCC and also forward the Council's concerns on to Newtown and District Automobile Club with regards to holding rallies on public roads.

10.0. Proposed Severn Trent Water Works in Mochdre

- 10.1. These are due to start late July/early August and there will be a public drop in session at Mochdre Old School on Thursday, 30th June between 4:00 and 7:00pm to enable Amey to answer any questions residents might have (advance warning information letters are being sent out prior to this meeting, and a copy has been e-mailed to Councillors by the Clerk for information prior to this meeting). It was decided

that as many Councillors as possible would attend the drop in session and bring up their concerns about safety issues and the possibility of businesses suffering as a result of these works.

ACTION: Councillors will attend the drop in session and report back to the next meeting.

11.0.SLCC

11.1.CiLCA Update – The Clerk reported that she has been notified that her CiLCA Portfolio has passed and that she has now applied to become a Member of the ILCM – Institute of Local Council Management (this will cost her £40.00 per year and require Continuous Professional Development). The Council congratulated her on her achievement.

11.2.ALCC Update – The Clerk has applied for membership of the Association of Local Council Clerks (this is complimentary this year for current full members of the SLCC who have a renewal date which falls before the 31st December 2016, it will subsequently cost the Clerk £10.00 per annum). Duly noted.

12.0.Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

12.1.ACCB Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 31st May, 2016 – Cllr Robin Lewis reported that this committee had been set up originally because it was thought that there would be some considerable community benefits (large sums of money) to be divided up. However, this has not been the case and the committee has not met for some time. The purpose of this meeting was to make the decision of how to go forward. The majority of community councillors present felt that the committee should continue as a body, as a way of disseminating information to their councils. It would appear that it is going to be difficult to decide on how the Garreg Lwyd Hill benefits should be distributed.

12.2.OVW Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting on 8th June – Attendees reported that the usual items for discussion were on the agenda. The next meeting will be held at Penstrowed Church Hall.

ACTION: Cllr Douglas Wood is to arrange the hire of the hall, etc for the meeting.

12.3.Meeting regarding Llys Glan Yr Afon extra care (Commercial Street, Newtown) on 17th June – Cllr Linda Davies gave a comprehensive and informative report concerning this development of approximately 40 flats for supported living (for the elderly and those with mental health problems). Applications have been received from all over Wales for the flats which will cost £200 to £210/week rent (this cost includes utilities and meals in the dining room for residents). There will also be guest rooms for relatives, who have travelled from a distance, to stay in. The development is expected to be completed in October this year.

13.0.Charities/Donations (if any)

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

14.0.Community Council Grant Requests (if any)

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

15.0. **Correspondence** – to receive items of general correspondence for information.

15.1. Ombudsman Annual Report 2015/2016 – This has been received and was duly noted.

16.0.To receive questions from Councillors:

16.1.PCC need to be made aware of the Council's concerns regarding this year's grass verge cutting or rather lack of it! It has been 4 weeks late, giving rise to potential safety issues. Why, having used a good local contractor in the past, has PCC short-sightedly chosen to use someone else this year – Green Fingers – who have so far not fulfilled their contractual obligations.

ACTION: Clerk to write strong letter to County Cllr John Brunt with the Council's concerns.

16.2.Potholes at bottom of Hendre pitch need attention.

ACTION: Clerk to report with a view to getting them filled in.

17.0.Chairman's Announcements

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

18.0.Date of next meeting

18.1.Next meeting will be on Monday, 1st August, 2016.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.