

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st September, 2015,
at 7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Roche Davies

1.0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

1.1. See above. However, Cllr Russell Williams had contacted the Clerk prior to the meeting to say that he would be late (he arrived at 7:25pm) and requested that Cllr Robin Lewis take the chair in his stead.

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 20th July, 2015 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 reported back on the Defibrillator Demonstration which took place on 10th August, 2015. An update was also given regarding the progress of grant applications. This was discussed at some length, culminating in a unanimous vote in favour of re-siting the defibrillator in the entrance porch of the Old School. There was also a unanimous vote in favour of the defibrillator being housed in its new location still in a climate-controlled cabinet, with its own designated mains supply, because the council was concerned that the frostat located in the porch would not be sufficient to maintain the requisite ambient temperature to prevent the gel on the pads embrittling and thus impairing performance.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact Cynthia Bateman with the costings for her information and arrange a meeting with her and Councillors to inform her of the project's progress.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Accounts: Mochdre CC bank statement £5,187.61. Cash book stands at £5,137.61. There is one outstanding cheque for £50.00.

To consider the payment of:

1)Clerk's salary – £625.00.

2)HMRC PAYE Tax - £100.00.

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 £1,970.19. Cash book stands at £1,970.19. There are no outstanding cheques.

To consider the payment of:

1)Flamecare Bill (supply and fit new Lincat EB4F water heater in Mochdre Old School) - £1,062.00 (inc. VAT).

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

- 4.3. Bank Mandate – Revised to take off David Forster and add on Paul Sawtell. This was completed by duly signing/initialling in the required places.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to return the completed form to the Bank so that its instructions could be implemented.

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. Draft Directions to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales – Responses by 9th November, 2015. The council duly completed the questionnaire after discussion.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to return the completed questionnaire before the deadline.

6.0. Planning Matters

- 6.1. College Barn Development, Mochdre (See Minute Ref 6.1, 20th July, 2015 meeting) – The Clerk wrote to Mr Hrustanovic as instructed by the council and suggested that he contacts the Land Registry to try and ascertain the property owners' details. Response received that he will do as suggested and keep the council informed was duly noted. County Cllr Roche Davies will approach Mr Hrustanovic to get an update from him.

- 6.2. The entrance below Coed-y-Rhos has been further developed – it has now been tarmacked.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the council would maintain a watching brief.

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Community Delivery Cluster – Services/Asset Review. Response received following the council's request for more information was duly noted.

- 7.2. Proposed 3 Weekly Bin Collection – This was discussed at some length, with the council expressing its main concerns, i.e. that it will encourage fly-tipping, vermin and flies; that it is a health and safety problem.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would send a strongly worded letter, expressing the council's concerns.

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. OVW Annual General Meeting (on Saturday, 3rd October, 2015) – The nine motions being put forward have been received for the council's consideration. Duly noted.

- 8.2. OVW Conference (on Saturday, 3rd October, 2015) – At Bont Pavilion, Pontrhydfendigaid, Ceredigion, SY25 6BB. Cost is £85.00 per person (£10.00 cheaper if booked before 4th September). Duly noted.

- 8.3. Legal Briefing L05-15 concerning Public Contracts Regulations 2015 – Impact on Standing Orders and Financial Regulations adopted by councils – to be analysed by Clerk to ascertain if any alterations will be required to be done to the council's recently adopted Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

- 8.4. Legal Topic Note LTN 87 concerning Procurement.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would analyse 8.3. and 8.4. prior to the October meeting.

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. Mr and Mrs Dunwell's letter (see Minute Ref 9.2. 15th June Meeting). After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that this is a safety issue which needs urgently addressing. County Councillor Roche Davies will take this up and it was felt that perhaps a site visit with PCC representatives would be a good idea.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would chase this up yet again (sending a copy to Mr and Mrs Dunwell so that they are aware that something is being done) and also request a site visit to inspect the safety issue in question.

- 9.2. It has been reported to the council that a public footpath on Quarry Lane has been blocked off.

- 9.3. It has been reported to the council that overhanging trees on Foxes Pitch are making it dangerous for pedestrians, with a couple of near misses recently.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact the Rights of Way Officer concerning 9.2. and contact PCC with reference to 9.3. to establish who owns the offending trees, so that they can be trimmed back to reduce the "tunnel effect".

Additionally Cllr Jean Williams brought the council's attention to the condition of the footbridge down the Gelli Lane – it is rather slippery underfoot.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would request that wire mesh be put on it.

10.0.Charities/Donations

11.0.Community Council Grant Requests

12.0.Correspondence

12.1.Award Winning Healthcare in the Rural Heart of Wales (incorporating the AGM) – Thursday, 17th September 2015 from 1 - 4pm at the Royal Welsh Showground. RSVP by Monday, 7th September. Duly noted.

12.2.Planning Training Workshop for Town and Community councillors at Sarah Brisco House, The Cross, Newtown on Monday, 30th November (£30.00 per head).It was felt that Cllr Sawtell might benefit from this workshop, which has previously been attended by councillors.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the e-mail containing the details of the workshop to Cllr Sawtell so that he could check his availability.

12.3.Response from St Asaph Diocesan Office re. request for permission to install a Defibrillator in the Old School is that they are happy for it to go ahead as long as the community is happy for it to do so. Duly noted.

12.4.Hilary Kewley's response to the Council's letter was read and duly noted.

12.5.Planning Application Ref: **P/2014/1079** Grid Ref: 299790.27/287669.46 for Full: Erection of single domestic scale 15kW micro wind turbine (27.131 metres to blade tip height and 20.584 metres to hub height) at Bwlch, Llandinam, Powys. Notification has been received that this is going to committee on 10/09/2015. Duly noted.

(The Council was consulted as a neighbouring Community Council whose area may be affected by the development in November, 2014, and it was agreed at the Interim Planning Meeting on 17th November, 2014 that the development would not affect the Community Council area).

13.0.Chairman's Announcements

14.0.Date of next meeting

14.1.Next meeting will be on Monday, 26th October, 2015.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm.