

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2015, at
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. David Forster
Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Robin Lewis (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. Philip Williams
Cllr. Linda Davies

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Douglas Wood
Cllr Russell Williams (Chairman)

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 15th December, 2014 were a true record of what there and then transpired and were signed by the Chairman (Cllr Robin Lewis took the chair in the absence of Cllr Russell Williams).

3.0. Information from the Minutes.

3.1. The Clerk gave an update on the defibrillator situation – she has established that the current insurance would cover the proposed new equipment and that Coleg Powys does not have its own defibrillator at the moment – they are looking into possibly obtaining one (however if they did have one, it would not be allowed to be used outside the college grounds because that would nullify their insurance). County Cllr Roche Davies then supplied the Clerk with the contact details for Hazel Cook (St John's Ambulance – Llandinam) as promised at the last meeting so that investigation into this matter could continue.

4.0. Finance

- 4.1. Update on Accounts: Mochdre CC bank statement £5,596.62 (including last instalment of precept £2,117.00 received at the end of December, 2014). Cash book stands at £5,422.02. There are two outstanding cheques for £97.60 and £77.00. Duly noted.
- 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. Duly noted.

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2015-2016 – Notification received that the limit for 2015-2016 is £7.36/elector. Duly noted
- 5.2. Acknowledgement letter for the council's Newtown Bypass letter sent in support of local residents was read out and duly noted.
- 5.3. National Transport Plan 2015 – The "Easy Read" document e-mailed to councillors on 20th January, 2015 was discussed.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should forward the Council's comments before the deadline.

6.0. Planning Matters

- 6.1. Latest letter from Mr Hikins received on 9th January, 2015 – This was discussed at some length. Following a discussion that Cllr Russell Williams had with Del Morgan (OVW) at the last Montgomery Area Committee meeting concerning this matter, the Clerk had sent details of the situation c/w copies of all Mr Hikins' letters to Del as per his request and his comments are awaited.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should send Mr Hikins a letter of acknowledgement for his letter, advising him that the Council is investigating the most effective way of assisting him and get a Certificate of Posting for the letter (as proof of postage).
- 6.2. Notice to Remove Hedgerows ref: **HEDG/2014/0012** in respect of hedgerow removal at fields east of Lower Talwrn, Stepside, Mochdre, Powys (308574.79/289722.54) – Additional information received i.e. Method Statement. Duly noted.
- 6.3. Amended Proposals Consultation for Application Ref: **P/2014/0946** – Grid Ref: 306936.85/288684.98 for Householder: Demolition of single storey extension and erection of a two storey extension at The Oak, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys – E-mailed to Councillors on 6th January, no comments received so allowed to proceed to determination. Duly noted.
- 6.4. Application Ref: **P/2014/1217** Grid Ref: 306971.9/288622.69 - For FULL: Change of use of agricultural land into domestic (Use Class C3) retrospective at The Oak, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys. Following a site visit (see Minute Ref. 6.6 15th December, 2014 meeting), councillors were happy for this to proceed to determination. Duly noted.
- 6.5. Update on the progress of Planning Application **P/2014/0165** – Erection of a dwelling (outline) at Kincoed, Mochdre. Duly noted.
- 6.6. Newtown Bypass - Sample letters received from Hilary Kewley, to assist residents when writing to the Welsh Government. Duly noted.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would now take these off the website as the deadline had passed.

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Request Form for copy of new Electoral Register – Completed and returned on the 6th January. Duly noted.
- 7.2. Community Delivery – an invitation to participate in an exploratory meeting on Monday, 2nd February, 2015, received from Newtown Town Council. The Clerk responded on the Council's behalf that unfortunately this coincided with the community council meeting, but that perhaps they may be able to have another meeting at a later date for those in a similar position. As a result the Clerk had been contacted to say that it may be possible to arrange such a meeting – details to follow.
- 7.3. Village Hall Annual Revenue Grant Scheme – Form completed and e-mailed on the 17th January. Duly noted.

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. New Model Financial Regulations - Duly noted, for discussion/adoption at the next meeting.
- 8.2. Electronic Standing Orders – Duly noted, for discussion/adoption at the next meeting.
- 8.3. Joint One Voice Wales/SLCC Event – 14th May, 2015 at the Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells. Duly noted.
- 8.4. Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting on 27th January, 2015 at Llanbrynmair – Feedback from attendees not available, as both were absent from the council meeting.

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. Information received from Keith Beddoes (Local Environment Highways, P.C.C.) with reference to the road widening scheme near Chapel Close. This was duly noted - the start date is now awaited.

10.0. Charities/Donations

11.0. Community Council Grant Requests

- 11.1. Three quotes to supply and install a Lincat EB4F hot water tap system have now been received:
- 1) Morgan's Plumbing and Heating Ltd. - £1,345.68 + VAT £269.14 = £1,614.82
 - 2) Flamecare (Powys) Ltd. - £885.00 + VAT £177.00 = £1,062.00
 - 3) EOM Ltd. - £597.00 + VAT £119.40 = £716.40
- The EOM quote, although the cheapest of the three, stated it was dependent upon the existing electrical and plumbing installations being in good order. Their representative had pointed out various things that may need attention when he came to look at the job, so the council felt that if they did the job

the costs could escalate once work commenced and make it effectively much more expensive. The other two quotes had included the extra work required. Following discussion, the council voted unanimously in favour of the Flamecare (Powys) Ltd quotation.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would duly inform Morgan's and EOM that they had been unsuccessful, and inform Flamecare that they had been successful.

- 11.2. Construction of new community noticeboard (to replace the one demolished recently) – The new noticeboard is nearing completion, using free donated materials and labour. A sheet of Perspex is now required for the doors, in order to finish this off, which will cost approximately £100. The Council voted unanimously in favour of funding this item.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should submit the paid invoice for the Perspex to the council so that the amount can be refunded.

12.0. Correspondence

- 12.1. Amendments to the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005 – Consultation on an inquiry into the consideration of powers of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales was discussed.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should forward the Council's comments on before the deadline.

- 12.2. Register of Electors (in force 01/11/14 to 30/11/15) – Received for record purposes. Duly noted.

- 12.3. Highway Matters – Response from Adrian Jervis was read out. Duly noted.

13.0. Chairman's Announcements

- 13.1. Rhydydwrt – It was noted that leaves have been cleared in this area but swept into the ditch.

14.0. Date of next meeting

- 14.1. Next meeting will be on Monday, 23rd March, 2015.

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm.