

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

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**Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th May
2015, at 7:05pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

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 23rd March, 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. Feedback was given following the meeting with Hazel Cook ref. Defibrillators (see Minute Ref. 3.1. 23rd March, 2015 meeting) held on 21st April. Six out of eight councillors attended and felt it was a thorough and proficient demonstration. The best place to site the proposed defibrillator units was discussed, and it was deemed to be in a church porch. Cllr Wood is to ask if this is acceptable at Penstrowed Church, and Enid Morgan is to be similarly approached with regard to Mochdre Church. It was noted that Mochdre W.I. will be holding a coffee morning at the Dolau on 9th May, to raise funds towards a community defibrillator.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact Hazel Cook to arrange a mutually convenient time and date for a similar get-together for Mochdre YFC, Mother's Union and Women's Institute to attend, and also investigate available funding channels.

4.0. Finance

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £4,636.02. Cash book stands at £4,492.02. There is one outstanding cheque for £144.00.

To consider the payment of:

1) Zurich Insurance Renewal (due 1st June, 2015) - £243.80 (Including Insurance Premium Tax), no increase from last year's renewal cost and the level of cover is the same as last year.

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

- 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.
- 4.3. Presentation of Annual Return for year ending 31st March, 2015 for approval, following return from Internal Auditor. There was a unanimous vote in favour of approving the Annual Return, which was duly signed by the Chairman
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should send the Annual Return back to BDO for certification of Section 3 and issue of the Final Audit Certificate and opinion, before the 27th May, 2015.

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. Tax Devolution in Wales – Land Transaction Tax Consultation. Duly noted.
- 5.2. Landfill Disposals Tax Consultation. Duly noted.
- 5.3. Newtown Bypass – Feedback from the Pre-Inquiry Meeting was given. It was felt that the Chairman had made a favourable impression. He seemed to be fair and has the relevant qualifications to enable him to do the job in hand. It was felt that objectors could take confidence from his attitude. The Inquiry itself begins at 10:00am on Thursday, 25th June, 2015, at the same venue.
- 5.4. Outline Statement - Newtown Bypass. Duly noted.
- 5.5. Consultation on Exemptions to the Council Tax Premium for Long-Term Empty Homes and the Consultation on Exemptions to the Council Tax Premium for Second Homes – After discussion, the questionnaire was completed by the Council.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's responses by the required deadline.

6.0. Planning Matters

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1 General Dispensation – School Modernisation and School Transport Review received from Clive Pinney (Solicitor to the Council). Duly noted.

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. 28th April Training Session – Understanding the Law – Feedback from attendees was that the course was worthwhile, interesting and informative.
- 8.2. Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting on 22nd April, 2015 - Feedback was that it was an informative meeting, covering amongst other things 106 agreements and the proposed Local Government re-organisation.
- 8.3. Receipt for Membership Payment received. Duly noted.
- 8.4. Copy of "The Voice" received for circulation. Duly noted and circulated.
- 8.5. Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (Commencement No.2) Order 2015 – Information with reference to the electronic publication of information received. Duly noted.

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. Request from Monica Bradley for re-instatement of 30mph limit sign. She is concerned that with the new visibility layout, cars will speed in this area and may go through the low-level bank which separates her garden from the road.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to contact Keith Beddoes about this.
- 9.2. Response received concerning matters raised at the last meeting (see Minute Refs. 9.1. & 9.2. 23rd March, 2015 meeting).
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to "chase" these items further.

10.0. Charities/Donations

11.0. Community Council Grant Requests

12.0. Correspondence

- 12.1. Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Revised Guidance on the Code of Conduct (e-mailed to Councillors on 1st May, 2015). This is a separate version for town and community councillors.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to print off a hard copy for each councillor.
- 12.2. Application Ref: **P/2010/0650** Grid ref: 303336.06/281337.35 for Full: Erection of nine wind turbines with a maximum height to blade tip of 125m, a permanent sub-station and compound, a permanent 80m meteorological mast, borrow pits, transformer units, crane pads, cabling and the culverting of watercourses, access track construction, off-site highway works and temporary construction compounds at land known as Hirdydwel, 6.5km to south east of Llanidloes, Powys.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the Vattenfall website link to Councillors.

12.3. One Voice Wales – Invoice for training (“Understanding the Law”) which took place on Tuesday, 28th April, 2015, £90.00 (total cost £140.00 less the applied for Bursary £50.00).

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

12.4. Powys County Council – Feedback received from Cllr Linda Davies who attended the Community Delivery meeting hosted by Newtown Town Council on 23rd April, 2015 was that the meeting concerned clustering of councils and the devolution of services i.e. joining together to cover such things as grass cutting, brushing of verges, maintenance of stiles and gates on footpaths, etc. These meetings are ongoing and Cllr Davies felt they were well worth attending.

12.5. One Voice Wales – Training Sessions for May. Duly noted.

12.6. One Voice Wales – Grants for War Memorials scheme. Duly noted.

13.0. Chairman’s Announcements

13.1. Mochdre YFC is looking for suggestions for any community projects they can get involved in. After discussion it was suggested that the flower beds at the Old School need tidying up and is something that they might possibly do.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to contact Mochdre YFC with this suggestion.

13.2. The council discussed its concerns about work being done in the area by Mochdre Lake – particularly the conversion of College Barn into a thatched house. This building had been lived in during the late 1970’s but has been derelict since then, and no Planning Application has been received by this council concerning its development.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to contact Powys County Council Planning Department for more information concerning this project.

13.3. The Chairman read out the letter of resignation he had received from Cllr David Forster and had accepted in his role as Chairman. Cllr Forster is moving away from the area with his work. The Chairman wished him all the best and thanked him for all his work and help over the last 3 years. Notices need to be posted of Casual Vacancy (as per Local Government Act, 1972 (Sec.87(2)) and the Returning Officer is to be issued with a copy on the day the notices are posted.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to post notices and issue a copy of the notice on that day to the Returning Officer.

14.0. Date of next meeting

14.1. Next meeting will be on Monday, 15th June, 2015.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm.