

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

Ashford, The Bank, Newtown, Powys, SY16 2AB

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 14th December, 2015,
at 7:00pm at Mochdre Parish Church*.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Douglas Wood
Cllr. Linda Davies

***Change of venue was due to a double booking of the Old School by the YFC for their Quiz night!**

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.

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2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting (previously circulated).

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 26th October, 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 has received the "Call.Push.Rescue Training Equipment" from the British Heart Foundation to enable CPR training to take place, but awaits the welcome pack containing all the supporting materials. The Council has received a favourable response from Bangor diocese re: siting of the Defib in Penstrowed Church Porch and subsequently awaits a response from Rev Lynda Cowan following their PCC meeting held in early December (indications are that she may not be comfortable with the unit being sited either in the Church porch or at the Village Hall). Roy Davies (Flamesure) has quoted £315.60 (Incl VAT) for the supply and fitting of an electrical supply for the defibrillator in the entrance hall at Mochdre Old School (which is close to the estimated cost of £250.00 + VAT allowed for grant purposes). The Council unanimously voted in favour of accepting his quote.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to advise Roy Davies that his quote has been accepted and request that he expedite the work ASAP.

Finance

4.1. Update on Accounts: Mochdre CC bank statement £6,385.36 (includes £500.00 Celtpower Grant). Cash book stands at £6,385.36. There are no outstanding cheques.

To consider the payment of:

- 1) Mochdre Parish Church Annual Grant - £150.00.
- 2) Penstrowed Parish Church Annual Grant - £150.00.
- 3) Pentre Chapel Annual Grant - £150.00.
- 4) Clerk's Annual SLCC Membership Renewal - £77.00

- 5) Clerk's Salary - £625.00
- 6) 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 £2,155.64. Cash book stands at £1,075.64. There is one outstanding cheque for £1,080.00.
- 4.3. Revised Draft Annual Budget for 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017. This was presented for approval. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Council unanimously approved and agreed the revised Budget at £5,800.00.

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. Welsh Assembly Government Consultation: Draft Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill Consultation closes on 18th January, 2016 for discussion. This was duly noted and the Council had no comments to make.
- 5.2. Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill Consultation – Closing date for responses is 15th February, 2016. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that this be held over to the next meeting to allow Councillors time to read and digest prior to discussion.

6.0. Planning Matters

- 6.1. College Barn Development, Mochdre Update – The Clerk has further searched through the Council's Planning Application Archives with regard to this and found relevant information which has been passed on to Edin Hrustanovic, for which he was very grateful. Duly noted. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk is to write to Mr Hrustanovic and suggest once again that he goes to look at the building.
- 6.2. Update on Mr Hikins – He has lost his recent appeal against his harassment conviction at Mold Crown Court and Phil Sherrard at Geraint Jones has read the e-mail containing documentation re. Mr Hikins sent by the Clerk in September, 2015 (no comments received). This was duly discussed and noted.
- 6.3. **Application Ref: VAR/2015/0045** Grid Ref: 307183.33/288718.67 for Discharge of 106 Agreement to M/2004/0866 – Occupancy condition at Min yr Eglwys, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk is to write to the Planning Officer requesting further clarification as to why this 106 Agreement is being requested to be lifted and, once received, forward the response on to Councillors.
- 6.4. Letter from PCC Planning Dept. – From 1st January, 2016 all planning consultations will be sent out electronically. Duly noted.
- 6.5. Planning Inspectorate Newtown Bypass Public Inquiry Report by W. S. C. Wadrup – At the meeting the copy of the report which has been received was given to Cllr Philip Williams to read and digest and afterwards circulate to other Councillors.

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Further letter received from County Councillor Barry Thomas reference Community Delivery. For information – duly noted.

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. Legal Briefing L05-15 concerning Public Contracts Regulations 2015 & Legal Topic Note LTN 87 – These both impact on the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations recently adopted by the council and have made it necessary for some small alterations to be made. Details of these alterations were given by the Clerk and there was unanimous approval of said alterations. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Council adopted the alterations.
- 8.2. Code of Conduct training session at Montgomery on Thursday, 19th November. Cllr Sawtell was available to attend on this date and was duly booked on to the course, but the date was then changed twice – to 18th November and then the 25th November, by which time he was not available! Duly noted and Cllr Sawtell hopes to attend the next convenient Code of Conduct training session.
- 8.3. Copy of OWW response to the Statutory Guidance for the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act consultation received for information. Duly noted.

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. Update on the progress of Mr and Mrs Dunwell's letter (see Minute Ref 9.2. 15th June Meeting) – Bryan Davies has suggested a site meeting with Councillors to analyse the problems. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk is to arrange said meeting and also inform the Dunwells so that they can be there to put their case across.
- 9.2. Update on Cllr Russell Williams' visit to see Gareth Lloyd re. pletching the hedge on his field at the bottom of the unclassified road to Broombush and Hollybush, as per Mr William Jones' (Broombush)

- request. Gareth Lloyd has stated he will do the work when he has both the time and the money to do so.
- 9.3. Response from STWA following the Council's letter concerning its disregard for people living in the area during the recent water main leak at Pen-Y- Graig and the inconvenience it caused. STWA was most apologetic, took the points raised in the letter on board and said they aim to do better next time.
- 9.4. Response from Chris Lloyd reference the Council's request that a sign for "A483 Llandrindod Wells" be sited at the Dolau, pointing up the Pentre Road was a categorical no. Following discussion there was a unanimous vote in favour of requesting a sign categorically stating **NO** large vehicles.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk is to write to Chris Lloyd and request same.
- 9.5. No response received yet from Andrew Jones reference the Council's request for a 50mph speed limit on the main road through Penstrowed.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk is to chase him again for a reply.

10.0.Charities/Donations

- 10.1.Request for donation from Wales Air Ambulance.
- 10.2.Request for donation from the British Red Cross.
- 10.3.Request for donation from Marie Curie Nursing Services.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council did not wish to contribute to any of the above at this time.

11.0.Mobile Network Operators

- 11.1.Cllr Sawtell, who was the council's representative at the meeting with Mobile Network Operators on the 13th November, gave a detailed and informative report of what transpired at the meeting. This was duly noted.

12.0.Police and Crime Commissioner

- 12.1.Link to survey (2 key questions) to help the Crime Commissioner understand what the public wish to pay for their policing was e-mailed to councillors on 30th November (survey ends on 8th January,2016). Duly noted.

13.0.Community Council Grant Requests

14.0.Correspondence

- 14.1.E-mail received from Hazel Cook saying she is now well enough to resume training. The Clerk asked her if it was OK to send her info to Cynthia Bateman so that they can liaise directly and, as she was quite happy with this, it has been done.
- 14.2.Thank you received from Powys Citizens Advice Bureau for the Council's donation of £50.00. Duly noted.
- 14.3.Precept 2016/17 Application Form received for completion.
IT WAS RESOLVED that, following the resolution at 4.3 above, the Clerk was instructed to complete the application for £5,800.00 and submit within the specified deadline.
- 14.4.Buckingham Palace Garden Party Invitation 2016 for Chairman – Received and completed. Duly noted.
- 14.5.Road Safety Review across trunk roads in Wales by Welsh Assembly Government – Traffic Wales website link received to access updated findings.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to e-mail said link to Councillors.
- 14.6.Water leak by Pen-Y-Gelli - Requires action before cold weather sets in.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to report said leak to STWA.

15.0.Chairman's Announcements

- 15.1.The Chairman updated Councillors regarding Mrs Griffiths' current situation. Duly noted.
- 15.2.The Chairman thanked Councillors, County Cllr Roche Davies and the Clerk for their attendance and their efforts over this last 12 months. County Cllr Roche Davies expressed festive greetings to all.
- 15.3.Cllr Jones gave an update regarding the renting of the Church field – He has to wait for the lease to run out and then await the Church's instructions.

16.0.Date of next meeting

- 16.1.Next meeting will be on Monday, 1st February, 2016.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.