

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 15th June 2015, at
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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:

None

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 ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 5th May, 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. A progress report was given on funding for the proposed defibrillators and arrangements for a demonstration for Mochdre YFC, Mother's Union and Women's Institute to attend (see Minute Ref.3.1. 5th May, 2015 meeting):

The Clerk has established that Celtpower provides funding for community projects and, having spoken to Rob Pryce (Celtpower), has put in an application for funding for 2 defibrillators (because of the timescale involved). The council was unanimously in favour of this. The Clerk has also completed (but not sent in) an application for funding for same from the Big Lottery, but this is dependent upon the outcome of the Celtpower application, which should be known in several weeks time.

Penstrowed Church and Mochdre Church are quite happy for the defibrillators to be sited in the church porches, but councillors asked if this had to be cleared with the Church in Wales first. Sadly, Hazel Cook who did the defibrillator demonstration for councillors, has since become ill and is undergoing a course of treatment, so will not be available for some time.

She has contacted one of her associates in St John's Ambulance, with a view to him coming along to do the demonstration in her stead. The Clerk is waiting for him to get in touch.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the council would await the result of the application to Celtpower; that the Clerk will contact the Church in Wales with regard to the placement of defibrillators on their property; that the Clerk will chase the St John's Ambulance contact in order to arrange a date for the demonstration for Mochdre YFC, Mother's Union and Women's Institute.

4.0. Finance

- 4.1. Update on Accounts: Mochdre CC bank statement £6,426.02 (includes the first precept instalment of £1,934.00). Cash book stands at £6,092.22. There are two outstanding cheques for £243.80 and £90.00.

To consider the payment of:

- 1) Clerk's salary – £625.00.
- 2) HMRC PAYE Tax - £100.00.
- 3) Invoice for Internal Audit Fee 2014-2015 - £50.00.

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. Duly noted.

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. Newtown Bypass – Welsh Government's Statement of Case and Witnesses' Proofs of Evidence received prior to the Inquiry which begins at 10:00am on Thursday, 25th June, 2015. The documents are available on the scheme website at <http://newtownbypass.co.uk/> and available to inspect at the WAG Offices at Ladywell House, Newtown from 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Duly noted.

- 5.2. Protecting Community Assets Consultation Document – The aim of the consultation is to gather views on how community assets across Wales can be protected. E-mailed to councillors on 1st June, 2015. Deadline for responses is 11th September, 2015.

IT WAS RESOLVED that this would be held over until the next meeting.

- 5.3. Developments of National Significance Consultation – E-mailed to councillors on 1st June, 2015. Deadline for responses is 12th August, 2015.

IT WAS RESOLVED that this would be held over until the next meeting.

6.0. Planning Matters

- 6.1. College Barn Development, Mochdre (See Minute Ref 13.2, 5th May, 2015 meeting) – Letter received from Eddie Hrustanovic confirming he is in the process of investigating the Council's concerns with regard to the current development of this property. Duly noted.

- 6.2. Application Ref: **P/2015/0387** Grid ref: 308309.97/290440.92 for Removal/Variation of Condition: Section 73: Removal of Condition 3 of P/2008/0120 (holiday unit restriction) at The Apple House, Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys. Because of the tight deadline for observations, this was e-mailed to Councillors on 6th May, 2015 and, as a result, the application is to be allowed to proceed to determination. Duly noted.

- 6.3. Application Ref: **P/2015/0487** Grid ref: 306929.05/290802.67 for Householder: Demolition of lean-to and erection of extension to create disability accessible bedroom, wet room and relocation of boiler room at The Birches, Penstrowed, Caersws, Powys. Observations by 22nd June, 2015. After discussion, the council voted unanimously to support this application.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would advise the Planning Office accordingly before the deadline.

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Powys Local Development Plan Consultation – Public Exhibition at Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool on Wednesday, 10th June, 2015 from 11am to 7pm. Information e-mailed to councillors on 1st June, 2015. Duly noted but no councillors attended.

IT WAS RESOLVED that councillors would inform the Clerk if they had any observations, to enable them to be forwarded on before the deadline.

- 7.2. Public Transport Consultation – Information e-mailed to councillors on 1st June, 2015. There is a drop-in session, at which you can have your say, at the Monty Club, Newtown on Wednesday, 17th June. Duly noted.

- 7.3. Best Decorated Business/Community Competition – Aim of this competition is to encourage communities throughout the area to dress their area up in readiness to celebrate the arrival of the National Eisteddfod to Montgomeryshire in August. Areas who wish to participate must register by 18th July, 2015. Duly noted.

- 7.4. Casual Vacancy Notice - Letter awaited from Deputy Returning Officer to inform the Council whether she has/had not received a request for an election to fill this vacancy from 10 electors of the ward. Deadline is 9th June, letter from Deputy Returning Officer is expected end of w/e 12th June. Duly noted.

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th June 2015 – The first part of the meeting was the AGM at which all officers were re-elected. The ordinary meeting which followed

concerned the LDP and Transport Plan. The re-allocation of services in the light of current cutbacks was also discussed and it was suggested that councils contact Gwilym Rippon, Clerk of Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council for a list of services that they should potentially be looking at. Next meeting will be on 6th October.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact Gwilym Rippon for said list of services.

9.0. Highway Matters

9.1. Re-Instatement of 30mph limit sign (see Minute Ref 9.1. 5th May Meeting) – E-mail received from Keith Beddoes, confirming that the limit sign would be replaced, was read out and duly noted.

9.2. Removal of mud on road by Rhyd Y Cwrt (see Minute Ref 9.2. 5th May Meeting) – E-mail received from Danny Jarman, confirming that the mud had been removed and the road swept, was read out and duly noted. Discussion then took place concerning the progress of Mr and Mrs Dunwell's letter and the possible trimming back of the hedge for better visibility by Chapel Close.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would get a progress update with regard to the limit sign, chase Andrew Jervis concerning the progress of Mr and Mrs Dunwell's letter and contact Keith Beddoes with regard to trimming the hedge by Chapel Close.

10.0. Charities/Donations

11.0. Community Council Grant Requests

12.0. The Pensions Regulator

12.1. Workplace Pensions Automatic Enrolment Legal Duties. The staging date for the Council is 1st May, 2017. Under the scheme the current Clerk will be regarded as an "Entitled Worker" who may choose to opt in, but the employer is not obliged to. The Clerk is the nominated point of contact. Duly noted.

13.0. Correspondence

13.1. Casual Vacancy Notice - Letter received from Deputy Returning Officer informing the Council that she has **NOT** received a request for an election to fill this vacancy from 10 electors of the ward. Therefore, in accordance with the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules (1986) the Council is now required to fill the vacancy by co-option. This was duly noted and the Clerk informed the council that Mr Paul Sawtell had already conveyed his interest.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk is to post Co-Option notices on 17th June, 2015 at the usual posting sites (with the deadline for other interested parties to convey their interest to the Clerk by Friday, 17th July, 2015, prior to the next council meeting on Monday, 20th July).

13.2. Powys Local Development Plan Revised Deposit Draft June 2015 – Received on CD 8th June, 2015. Duly noted and a copy for each councillor was distributed at the meeting.

13.3. Invitation to Town and Community Councils to a presentation by Powys County Council's Planning Policy and Development Management Service re. progress with the Local Plan, on Monday, 6th July, 2015 from 6.00 to 8.00pm at Powys County Hall, Llandrindod Wells. Cllrs Linda Davies and Russell Williams will confirm if they are available to attend.

13.4. Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Revised Guidance on the Code of Conduct. A hard copy for each councillor was given out at this meeting (printed by the Clerk as per Minute Ref. 12.1. 5th May meeting).

13.5. Planning Application Ref: **P/2015/0547** Grid Ref: 306292.43/289730.97 for Householder: Erection of a sunroom with associated works at Little Acre, Newtown. Observations by 29th June. After discussion, the council voted unanimously to support this application.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would advise the Planning Office accordingly before the deadline.

13.6. Glebe land near Mochdre Church is currently rented by Dave Forster, until November this year. Discussion took place as to whether the Council would be interested in renting it with the intention of making the land available for community use. Councillors raised the issue of the need for possible additional Public Liability Insurance and were concerned about the legality of sub-letting. Cllr Gordon Jones then expressed his interest in possibly taking it over after Dave Forster's lease runs out.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Jones would contact Dave Forster for details.

14.0. Chairman's Announcements

14.1. There were no Chairman's announcements other than to declare the meeting closed.

15.0. Date of next meeting - Next meeting will be on Monday, 20th July, 2015.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm.