

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 20th July 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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Robin Lewis (Vice Chairman)
County Cllr. Roche Davies

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

Mr Paul Sawtell (Co-option Candidate)

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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1.3. **Co-Option Vacancy – Election of candidate.** - A short presentation was given by Paul Sawtell followed by Councillor's questions, after which the candidate vacated the room whilst the vote was taken. The vote was a majority in favour of Mr Sawtell being co-opted on to the council. The Chairman called him back into the room and gave him the result.

1.4. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office** – This was signed by Paul Sawtell to enable him to participate fully in the meeting.

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

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th June, 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 Defibrillator demonstration for Mochdre WI has been organised for Thursday, 30th July, at 2:00pm at the Old School. The YFC and Mothers' Union have also been informed to see if they wish to attend, and the council agreed that the demo could be opened out to other parties also, including Penstrowed WI.

IT WAS RESOLVED that refreshments should be provided at the meeting.

4.0. Finance

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £5,367.22. Cash book stands at £5,317.22.

There is one outstanding cheque for £50.00.

To consider the payment of:

1) Clerk's expenses (October, 2014 – June, 2015) – £129.61.

2) Mochdre YFC Annual Award (to help with the cost of replica trophies) - £50.00 (as per Minute Ref 4.2, 12th May, 2014 meeting).

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 – the bill is still awaited from Roy Davies for the Lincat water heater (£1,062 incl. VAT).

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. Newtown Bypass Inquiry – Hilary Kewley's appearance at the Inquiry involved a full day spent in the "hot seat" and she acquitted herself well. Cllrs Jean Williams and Linda Davies also attended on the days relevant to the discussion of Alternative Routes 1 and 1A and were thanked by the council for having done so. Cllr Williams appeared as an individual, making a number of relevant points. It was felt to be unfair that the costings for route 1A were based on today's costs whilst those for the orange route were based on 2009 costs – not exactly "like for like". However, the general impression of the Inspector appointed to handle the Inquiry, William Wadrup, was that he is a fair, informed and impartial individual. His report, due out in two month's time is eagerly awaited.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to write and thank Hilary Kewley for her hard work and dedication to the task in hand.

- 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. This was duly discussed and the Council completed the Response to the Consultation.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the completed response before the deadline.

- 5.3. Developments of National Significance Consultation – This was duly discussed and the Council completed the Consultation Questions.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the completed Consultation Questions before the deadline.

- 5.4. Birthday Honours (2016) Nominations – After discussion, nominations were made (which must remain confidential as far as the individual is concerned, hence names have not been specified here as the minutes are put on the website and may be viewed by those concerned).

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward completed nominations forms before the deadline.

6.0. Planning Matters

- 6.1. College Barn Development, Mochdre (See Minute Ref 6.1, 15th June, 2015 meeting) – As a result of the Clerk chasing him for a progress report, a further letter has been received from Eddie Hrustanovic asking for the owners' details.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to suggest to Mr Hrustanovic that he contacts the Land Registry to try and ascertain the property owners' details.

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Community Delivery Cluster – Services/Asset Review. Following some discussion, the council felt that more information was required in order to enable it to make an informed decision.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to advise Powys County Council accordingly and request said information.

8.0. One Voice Wales

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. Re-Instatement of 30mph limit sign (see Minute Ref 9.2. 15th June Meeting) – Duly noted, the sign has been reinstated.

- 9.2. Possibility of the hedge being trimmed back by Chapel Close (see Minute Ref 9.2. 15th June Meeting). It has been established that this length of hedge belongs to College Farm (and not PCC, hence its being left as it is during the visibility improvements work). Martin Watkin (College Farm) has inspected the hedge and agreed to cut it back in September. Duly noted, but will be monitored by the council.

- 9.3. Mr and Mrs Dunwell's letter (see Minute Ref 9.2. 15th June Meeting) is still awaiting an answer, despite being chased on several occasions.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to chase Powys County Council for a response, using stronger terms.

- 9.4. Cllr Gordon Jones reported the good work done by Carl Davies in brushing the roads recently.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to convey the council's thanks to him via Powys County Council.

10.0.Charities/Donations

11.0.Community Council Grant Requests

12.0.Ombudsman's Annual Report 2014/15

12.1. The copy of the report was handed to Cllr Linda Davies for her perusal and circulation to the other councillors.

13.0.Correspondence

13.1.Factsheet concerning the Tax Collection and Management (Wales) Bill – Duly noted.

13.2.Response to the Celtpower Grant Application - £500 has been awarded towards the cost of community defibrillators (£250 to Mochdre and £250 to Penstrowed). Duly noted.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to progress the Big Lottery Grant Application.

13.3.An update on Mr Hikins' current situation was given and duly noted.

14.0.Chairman's Announcements

14.1.Cllr Russell Williams welcomed Mr Paul Sawtell to the council.

14.2.Cllr Russell Williams had begun the meeting by commenting on Cllr Dave Forster's hard work and dedication to his role as councillor.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to send him a formal letter of thanks.

15.0.Date of next meeting

15.1.Next meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, 1st September, 2015.

Meeting closed at 9:05pm.