

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd March 2015, at
7:00pm 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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Douglas Wood
Cllr Philip Williams
County Cllr. Roche Davies

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

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 2nd February, 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 gave a further update on Defibrillators (see Minute Ref. 3.1. 2nd February, 2015 meeting) following a discussion with Hazel Cook (St John's Ambulance – Llandinam). Hazel is quite happy for the Council to organise a get-together with her, so that it can look at a Defibrillator and see how it works etc. She is also willing to train people in CPR.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact Hazel Cook to arrange a mutually convenient time and date for a get-together initially with the Council. Following on from this a similar meeting could then be arranged for Mochdre YFC, Mother's Union and Women's Institute to attend.

4.0. Finance

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £5,422.02. Cash book stands at £5,422.02. There are no outstanding cheques.

To consider the payment of:

- 1) One Voice Wales Annual Membership – £61.00
- 2) Upper Bridge Enterprises Annual Website Fee - £144.00 (£120.00 + VAT £24.00)
- 3) Clerk's salary – £605.00 (Reflects the annual increase of £150.00 from 01/01/15, as agreed in the budget [see Minute Ref. 4.3, 27th October, 2014 meeting]).
- 4) HMRC PAYE Tax - £120.00

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. "Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People White Paper" - Closing date for responses is 28th April 2015. Following discussion, the Council completed the relevant part of the survey.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's responses to the part of the survey relevant to the Community Council sector to the Welsh Assembly Government prior to the deadline.
- 5.2. Tax Devolution in Wales – Land Transaction Tax Consultation - Closing date for responses is 6th May 2015. A hard copy of the Consultation was given out for circulation amongst the Councillors.
IT WAS RESOLVED that this item would be included for discussion at the next meeting.
- 5.3. Landfill Disposals Tax Consultation – Closes on 19th May, 2015. A hard copy of the Consultation was given out for circulation amongst the Councillors.
IT WAS RESOLVED that this item would be included for discussion at the next meeting.
- 5.4. Newtown Bypass – The response (dated 9th March, 2015) received to the Council's letter sent in support of directly affected residents (dated 4th March, 2015) was read out. In it Peris Jones asked for confirmation as to whether the Council wished to be regarded as a co-promoter of the Alternative Route, or whether it preferred to be regarded only as a supporter of the Alternative Route. After discussion, the Council was unanimous in its decision to be regarded only as a supporter of the Alternative Route.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to inform Peris Jones accordingly.
- 5.5. Amendments to the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005 Consultation – E-mail received in response to the Council's comments (see Minute Ref. 12.1, 2nd February, 2015 meeting) and e-mailed to councillors on 26th February, 2015. Duly noted.

6.0. Planning Matters

- 6.1. 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) – Letter received, informing the Council that this is to go to committee on 26th February, 2015. E-mailed to councillors on 24th February, 2015, for information. Duly noted.
- 6.2. Proposed Diversion of Footpath 6 at Penstrowed Quarry – Request for the Council's consent to said proposed changes received, to enable the changes to take place. E-mailed to councillors on 17th February, 2015. Of the 7 out of 8 replies received, all were in favour of the changes. David Ladd (Definitive Map and Commons Registration Officer) was duly advised of the Council's consent. Duly noted.

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Stepside, Mochdre: C2025 Road Safety and Visibility Improvement - Letter from Keith Beddoes (giving the proposed start date for this project as week commencing 2nd March, 2015) received and e-mailed to councillors on 12th February, 2015. Duly noted.
- 7.2. Reduction in Branch Library Opening Hours, effective from 7th April, 2015 - For information. Duly noted.

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. New Model Financial Regulations - Following discussion the Council voted unanimously to adopt them.
- 8.2. New Electronic Standing Orders – Following discussion the Council voted unanimously to adopt them.
- 8.3. Further to Del Morgan's advice with reference to Mr Hikins (whose battle is clearly with Powys County Council), the Council unanimously voted in favour of its general support for Mr Hikins' plight, whilst having no remit or statutory responsibility to do anything further.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would write to Mr Hikins accordingly, getting a Certificate of Postage for record purposes.
- 8.4. April Training Sessions – Several councillors and the Clerk expressed an interest in attending the "Understanding the Law" module, due to take place on Tuesday, 28th April, 6:30pm to 9:00pm at Montgomery Town Hall.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would book Cllrs Jean Williams, Linda Davies and David Forster and the Clerk on to the course and also apply for a bursary for same.

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. The bank by Rhyd-y-Cwrt is "kicking out" onto the road, leaving a covering of slippery mud.
- 9.2. A progress update was requested regarding the letter from Mr and Mrs Dunwell, Rhyd-y-Cwrt, which was sent to the Highways Department on 8th January, 2015 (see Minute Ref. 12.2., 15th December meeting).

9.3. On Rhyd-y-Cwrt pitch there is an entrance being widened and other things going on also. The Council resolved to keep a watching brief on this.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact Bryan Davies re. items 9.1. and 9.2.

10.0.Charities/Donations

11.0.Community Council Grant Requests

12.0.Correspondence

12.1. "Adopt a Kiosk for as little as £1" offer information (again!). This has cropped up previously and, after discussion, the council resolved that this might be a possibility in the future but not at this present time.

12.2.Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd. – Feedback survey requested on energy issues. Duly noted, but the council, following discussion, resolved that it was not deemed suitable for it to get involved in this.

13.0.Chairman's Announcements

13.1.Congratulations were expressed to the YFC for their recent impressive performance.

13.2.It would appear that the **Application Ref: P/2014/0944** Grid Ref:307413.54/287950.78 for Full: Erection of a dwelling and detached garage; formation of new vehicular access. installation of sewage treatment plant and all other associated works at Land at The Waun, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys (see Minute Ref. 6.3., 27th October, 2014 meeting) has been passed. The Clerk confirmed that nothing had as yet been received from Powys County Council to that effect.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would look on the Planning Portal/ring the relevant Planning Officer to check on the application's status and report back.

14.0.Date of next meeting (Annual Meeting followed by Ordinary Meeting)

14.1.Next meeting will be on **Tuesday**,5th May, 2015.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm.