

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 26th October, 2015, at
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Douglas Wood

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Roche Davies

PCSO Kerry Powell attended and, prior to the meeting beginning proper, gave an overview of what has been going on in the area and listened to policing issues the Council has been made aware of by members of the community. She informed the Council that she was looking at the reintroduction of Farm Watch and Neighbourhood Watch in the community area and will keep the Council posted as to her progress. The Clerk is to keep her informed about future Council meetings taking place, so that she can attend if available.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting a one minute's silence was held in memory of Donald Hughes, in recognition of his past service to the Council.

The meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

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 Tuesday, 1st September, 2015, the Interim Planning Committee Meeting held on 21st September, 2015 and the Defibrillator Update Meeting held on 24th September, 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 grant applied for from the Big Lottery (£1,470.00) has been paid in full and cleared funds are in the Council's bank account. Cheques from Mochdre WI (£740.00) and Mochdre with Penstrowed YFC (£300.00) have been received and banked. The Celpower grant of £500.00 has not yet been received. Hazel Cook has looked into where the Council can buy the Defibrillators more directly as opposed to via the Internet. She has sent the Clerk an Ambulance Service AED Referral Order Form enabling the Council to deal with Zoll direct (once approval has been given by the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS

Foundation Trust) at competitive prices with no delivery charge. The Clerk has applied for a "Call.Push.Rescue Training Pack" from the British Heart Foundation to enable CPR training to take place (as per Cynthia Bateman's suggestion) and is awaiting delivery.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to:

Immediately raise the following cheques for signature at this meeting, with the council's unanimous approval:

- 1) From the Council's main account to cover the cost of 2 x Zoll AED Plus Lay Responders + VAT = £2,340.00 (which leaves £170.00 of the funds raised and grants received to date).
- 2) From the Council's No 2 Account (P & L) to cover the cost of 2 x Aivia 200 Heated and Alarmed Cabinets + VAT = £1,080.00,

obtain approval from the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust to enable the form to be completed and, once completed, send the form (plus cheques) off to Zoll to enable the order to be raised and processed; enquire at the time of ordering if anything could be thrown in e.g. free consumables, because of the size of the order; establish if Roy Davies would do the job of wiring the cabinets in electrically; arrange a promotional photo-shoot once the defibs. and cabinets have been put in place (to recognise the hard work of fund raisers and acknowledge grants received).

4.0. Finance

- 4.1. Update on Accounts: Mochdre CC bank statement £8,905.61 (includes £1,470.00 Big Lottery Grant and fund-raising cheques from Mochdre WI and Mochdre with Penstrowed YFC). Cash book stands at £8,855.61. There is one outstanding cheque for £50.00.

To consider the payment of:

- 1) BDO LLP (External Audit Fee) – £210.00.
- 2) Room Hire (01/04/14 to 31/03/15) invoice - £120.25
- 3) Annual Grant towards Upkeep of Mochdre Old School - £250.00.
- 4) Mochdre Parish Church Annual Grant - £150.00.
- 5) Penstrowed Parish Church Annual Grant - £150.00.
- 6) Pentre Chapel Annual Grant - £150.00.

The Clerk requested that items 4, 5 and 6 be held over to the next meeting as the cheque book was low on cheques and the Council unanimously approved this.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to pay 1, 2 and 3 above and hold items 4, 5 and 6 over to the next meeting.

- 4.2. Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £2,155.64. Cash book stands at £2,155.64. There are no outstanding cheques – see 3.1. above.
- 4.3. The Annual Return for year ending 31st March, 2015 was unanimously approved and accepted, following its return from the External Auditor, who stated that "There were no matters which came to our attention which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report".
- 4.4. Wales Audit Office – External Audit Arrangements: Annual Returns 2015-16, 2016-2017, 2017-18. This was duly noted, as well as what happens in 2018. There is an option to extend the arrangement for an additional 2 years, but the Council will be notified of this at the appropriate time.
- 4.5. The Draft Annual Budget for 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 was presented for discussion. Councillors requested that the allowance set aside for "Defibrillator Maintenance" be reduced from £500.00 to £400.00, and unanimously agreed that a request for a £5,800.00 Precept was acceptable. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to amend the draft budget accordingly and present it for approval at the December meeting.

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report – February 2016. Section 10 refers specifically to the changes proposed for Town and Community Councils. Following a short discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Council is not in favour of any type of remuneration for councillors.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's comment, to be received no later than 30th November, 2015.

- 5.2. Draft Statutory Guidance for the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – For information, because the Council does not meet the criteria laid down by the Act to be subject to the duty required of the Act. Duly noted.

6.0. Planning Matters

- 6.1. College Barn Development, Mochdre – Edin Hrustanovic is waiting for a reply to his Land Registry request. This was discussed at some length.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Sawtell would check other sources of information for ascertaining owners' details, Cllr Philip Williams would make further enquiries locally and the Clerk would do some further

research in the Community Council's Planning Archives.

- 6.2. Mr Hikins' Latest Letter – Following receipt of same, the Clerk took advice from Del Morgan (OVW) to ascertain the best way forward and, following his recommendation, established who Mr Hikins' solicitor is (Phil Sherrard at Geraint Jones) and forwarded on to him all the Council's documentation on this issue, asking him if he would be the point of contact as Mr Hikins is very difficult to communicate with (having no postal delivery or electronic means of communication). The Clerk also re-emphasised to Mr Sherrard that Powys County Council, as the Planning Authority in this case, should be the target of any challenge by Mr. Hikins. Duly noted.
- 6.3. **Application Ref: P/2014/0165** – Grid Ref:307386.39/287824.39 for Erection of a dwelling (outline), formation of vehicular access, installation of a septic tank and associated works at Land at Kincoed, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys. Notification that this application is going to Committee on 22nd October, 2015 received on Saturday, 17th October and e-mailed to Councillors on 19th October (complete with other relevant documentation) for information. Duly noted.

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1 Mr Jacobs' Enforcement Notice re. tented accommodation at the top of College Drive, by the Ready Mix Works – After the last meeting Cllr Wood went to see Ken at College House, to ask him if he had a copy of the enforcement order. Ken said that he had never seen it. Mr Jacobs has now left the site but Cllr Wood has been told by a third party that Mr Jacobs does intend to return and live on the site permanently in the future.
- 7.2. Community Delivery – Letter from Barry Thomas. Duly noted.
- 7.3. Concurrent Functions and Village Hall Grants – Future Funding. Letter received from Paul Griffiths. Duly noted.

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. OVW Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting (held on Tuesday, 6th October, 2015) – No feedback available as apologies received from attendees prior to the meeting.
- 8.2. Legal Briefing L05-15 concerning Public Contracts Regulations 2015 & Legal Topic Note LTN 87 – Having been analysed by the Clerk, these both impact on the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations recently adopted by the council, thus requiring some small alterations to be made. Details of these alterations were given by the Clerk for approval by the council. There was a unanimous vote in favour of the alterations being made.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to make the alterations and bring the revised sheets to the next meeting for formal adoption.
- 8.3. Grow Wild Funding to help Communities Bloom – Applications for 2016 funding must be received by 1st December, 2015. Free 2016 Grow Wild seed kits are available and can be obtained by registering to receive them by 14th February, 2016. Following discussion, there was a unanimous vote in favour of applying for one of the Grow Wild seed kits, to be used on the bank side coming into Mochdre.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to apply for one of the kits.

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. Update on the progress of the issues raised in Mr and Mrs Dunwell's letter (see Minute Ref 9.2. 15th June Meeting). Cllr Russell Williams and County Cllr Roche Davies have inspected the stretch of road in question. It has recently been tarred and chipped, thus filling in the cracks and making them less visible but not solving the problem. Following discussion there was a unanimous vote in favour of the following:
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to chase Bryan Davies yet again, and County Cllr Roche Davies will also look into this further.
- 9.2. Mr William Jones (Broombush) has brought to the Council's attention that the hedge adjoining the unclassified road to Broombush and Hollybush has once again got out of hand, resulting in no light on the lane consequently meaning that the road surface never dries out and pot holes keep returning. Since his query the Council has been up the lane and repaired some of the potholes and cut the hedge well back, improving visibility. However, the hedge at the bottom of the lane which is on Gareth Lloyd's field is still in need of plething and unfortunately, this is the tenant's responsibility not Powys County Council's. Cllr Russell Williams will ask Gareth again if he is prepared to pleth the hedge.
- 9.3. The council's attention was drawn to a scrap maroon coloured car which appears to have been dumped by the roadside in Penstrowed. It is close to Stone House Cottage which is now empty and was left there during the clean up by the owner. Duly noted. The following matters were also brought to the council's attention:
 - i) STWA's disregard for people living in the area during the recent water main leak at Pen-Y- Graig and the inconvenience it caused.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to write a strongly worded letter of complaint to STWA
ii) A request was made that a sign for “A483 Llandrindod Wells” be sited at the Dolau, pointing up the Pentre Road, effectively for through traffic.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to write to Adrian Jervis and request same.

10.0.Charities/Donations

10.1.Request for financial assistance from Powys Citizens Advice Bureau, Newtown. After discussion there was unanimous approval for a £50.00 donation.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to raise the cheque for signature at this meeting.

10.2.Request for financial assistance from Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod. After discussion there was a unanimous vote in favour of not supporting this cause at this time.

11.0.Community Council Website

11.1.E-mail received from Upper Bridge Enterprises explaining that the Sharepoint Public Website feature on which the website is built is being withdrawn by Microsoft in March 2017.This means that from that date the website will no longer operate on that platform. His e-mail outlines their proposal to resolve this problem and the attendant financial implication. This was duly noted and provision has been made in the draft budget.

12.0.Zurich Insurance

12.1.Notification has been received from Zurich about the increase in Insurance Premium Tax from 6% to 9.5%, effective from 1st November, 2015 (as per the Chancellor’s Summer Budget this year). This was duly noted and provision has been made in the draft budget.

13.0.Community Council Grant Requests

14.0.Correspondence

14.1.E-mail received from Hazel Cook reference buying the Zoll AED Plus from a source other than off the Internet (Clerk’s query) with an “Ambulance Service AED Referral Form” attached. Duly noted – see 3.1. above.

14.2.Powys County Council Mid-Year Fee Increases – Request by OVW for the council to write to the County Council and ask that this decision be rescinded on the basis that precepts have already been set for this current year. There was a unanimous vote in favour of supporting this.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to write to PCC accordingly.

14.3.Response from Emma Guy reference footpath issues raised by the council. Duly noted.

14.4.Cllr Sawtell has volunteered to be the council’s representative at the meeting with Mobile Network Operators on the 13th November, and his place has been confirmed. Duly noted.

14.5.Welsh Assembly Government Consultation: Draft Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill Consultation closes on 18th January, 2016.This has been e-mailed to councillors today to enable them to read and digest prior to discussion at the next meeting.

14.6.Welsh Assembly Government is currently consulting on a Green Paper which looks at improving the quality of healthcare services in Wales and is holding two events in November. Councillors asked that the link to this information be sent to them for their comments.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the link accordingly.

14.7.CPRW Best Kept Village in Montgomeryshire competition 2016, plus an invitation to consider becoming a member of CPRW. Duly noted, but the council is not interested at this time.

14.8.OVW Code of Conduct training session at Montgomery on Thursday, 19th November which it is recommended for Cllr Sawtell to attend if he is available. He will check his availability and let the Clerk know.

14.9.Three weekly waste collections update received from Powys County Council today and e-mailed to councillors for information. Duly noted.

14.10.Phone call, concerning a proposed single wind turbine application to be sited in the Community Council area, had been taken by the Clerk prior to the meeting. The caller said he was from the turbine supply company, that it was early days yet but he wanted to keep the community informed and, as he would be in the area this evening, wanted to call in to the meeting. The Clerk suggested (as there was a very full agenda already) that it would be better to send all his details via e-mail for presentation at the meeting but nothing was received. Duly noted.

15.0. Chairman's Announcements

15.1. With the proposed advent of the Newtown Bypass causing concern over the possible increase in the volume of traffic, there was a unanimous vote in favour of a request for a 50mph speed limit on the main road through Penstrowed.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's request on to Andrew Jones (Route Manager – North Powys) North and Mid-Wales Trunk Road Agent.

15.2. The trees on Foxes Pitch which were creating a tunnel effect have been speedily and effectively dealt with and the Council voted unanimously to send its thanks.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's thanks on to Adrian Jervis.

16.0. Date of next meeting

16.1. Next meeting will be on Monday, 14th December, 2015.

Meeting closed at 9:45pm.