

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 1st September 2014, at
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Douglas Wood

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 meeting held on Tuesday, 1st July, 2014 were a true record of what there and then transpired and were signed by the Chairman.

3.0. Information from the Minutes.

3.1. Proposed road widening by Chapel Close (see Minute Ref 9.4.1st July, 2014 meeting) - County Cllr. Roche Davies updated the meeting on the progress of this item. He stated that it seems to be progressing – Adrian Jervis is going to give it priority – but he will also speak to the Portfolio Member for Highways and report back at the next meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to write to Russell George AM and draw his attention to this matter.

4.0. Finance

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £4,072.88. Cash book stands at £4,072.88. There are no outstanding cheques.

To consider the payment of:

1) Clerk's salary – £567.50. (It was explained that this was being paid early as the usual payment date of 25th of the month falls in between this and the next meeting).

2) HMRC – £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 £733.90. Cash book stands at £733.90. There are no outstanding cheques.

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. Devolution, Democracy and Delivery White Paper - Reforming Local Government (Responses by 1st October, 2014). This White Paper mainly focuses on unitary authority mergers, but it does give a brief mention to the local council sector (paras. 48 and 49). The Council can expect to receive a further paper in the autumn which will focus more on the fate of its sector and, following discussion, was in complete agreement to go along with the SLCC response to the current White Paper.
- 5.2. Consultation on improving the availability of allotments and community gardens – (Responses by 6th October, 2014). Following discussion at this meeting, the Council expressed the need to ensure that there would be no “knock-on” effect on Small Farm Payments.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to respond accordingly.
- 5.3. Llewellyn’s Monument, Cilmeri – Requests support in calling on Welsh Government to enhance, improve and promote this monument via the signature of an e-petition. The Council was in full agreement that the e-petition should be signed.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to sign the e-petition accordingly.
- 5.4. Developing the Welsh National Marine Plan: Consultation Document – Asking for views on the proposed vision for the Welsh National Marine Plan (deadline 10th November, 2014). The information was circulated to enable discussion at the next meeting.

6.0. Planning Matters

- 6.1. Application P/2014/0401 For Full Planning Permission: Conversion of upper floor of garage block into 2 no. residential units together with installation of sewage treatment plant at Glanrhyd, Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys – Letter received from Powys County Council giving notice that full planning permission is granted. Duly noted.
- 6.2. E-mail received from Paolo and Nesta Re thanking the council for its support in this matter. Duly noted.
- 6.3. Appeals by: RES UK and Ireland Ltd ref. Land at Garreg Lwyd Hill between Felindre and Llanbadarn Fynydd (for information).
Appeal reference: APP/T6850/A/13/2209593 Proposed Development: Full: Erection of 23 Wind Turbines, Wind Monitoring Mast, Access Tracks, Crane Hardstandings, Water Crossings, Control Building, Substation Compound, Car Park, Offside Road Improvements, Temporary Compounds, Borrow Pits, Masts & Welfare Facilities **AND**
Appeal reference: APP/T6850/A/13/2209595 Proposed Development: Full: Highway upgrades and associated works on 3rd party land between Newtown and the proposed Garreg Lwyd Hill Wind Farm to facilitate deliveries of abnormal indivisible loads and the construction of a new track and upgraded track from Cwm y Berllwyd across the proposed Llanbadarn Fynydd Wind farm to access the proposed Garreg Lwyd Hill Wind Farm.
The developer is seeking to revise the above scheme by reducing the number of proposed turbines from 23 to 17. Duly noted.

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Summer Ambassador programme – Involves going out into the community to engage with community groups about issues and suggestions they have about delivering council services. Some Councillors will attend the event being held at the Monty Club, Newtown on Monday, 29th September
- 7.2. A Sustainable Library Service for Powys Consultation – Deadline for responses is 19th September, 2014. E- mailed to councillors on 28th July, 2014 to enable them to complete the survey. The information has also been added to the website. Duly noted.
- 7.3. Powys LDP 2011 - 2026 Deposit Draft Public Exhibition information - E-mailed to councillors on 25th July, 2014 (to allow sufficient notice of the 5th August exhibition at Oriol Davies Gallery, Newtown). CD received with further information on the proposals for the LDP and the relevant sections have been copied to disc and given to councillors for their information. Duly noted.

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1 New Model Financial Regulations - These regulations have been revised (following discussion at the last meeting) and e-mailed to Councillors for them to read and digest. This will be on the agenda for adoption by the Council at the next meeting.
- 8.2. Electronic Standing Orders – These have been revised (following discussion at the 3rd February meeting, Minute Ref: 9.1.) and e-mailed to Councillors for them to read and digest. This will be on the agenda for adoption by the Council at the next meeting.
- 8.3. 2014 Conference and AGM – Saturday, 4th October, 2014 at the Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells. Closing date for registration is 19th September, 2014. List of the eight motions being put forward has been received. None of the Councillors wished to attend.

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. Newtown Bypass – Feedback from the follow-up public information meeting requested by Alun Griffiths Ltd on Monday, 28th July was that the meeting did not answer the issues raised at the first meeting, as had been promised. Hilary Kewley was in attendance and, being asked by the Chairman to speak, was very informative. She stated that the more people writing in can make a difference. The Council was unanimous in its decision to encourage those residents directly affected (those at Glandulas, Bontdulas and Brook Terrace) to write in and express their concerns (the greater the number doing so, the greater the likelihood of a Public Enquiry). In order to facilitate this, the Council voted to hold a meeting with those residents.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to ascertain the availability of the Old School for such a meeting on Monday, 22nd September, book it, produce/post notices to advertise said meeting and also produce a suitable draft letter for residents to send off.

- 9.2. Overflowing Litter Bins – Response received from Frank Moore (CSP – Local Environment). Duly noted.
- 9.3. Hedge adjoining unclassified road to Broombush and Hollybush, Penstrowed – Copy of the letter sent by Bill Jones to Hugo Van Rees re. the aforementioned was read out. After discussion, the Council was unanimous that this issue is between PCC and the tenant, and is not a Community Council issue. However, County Cllr Roche Davies stated he will contact Hugo Van Rees to pursue it further.
- 9.4. White lining at Junction of U2818 and U2816 – Response received from Adrian Jervis. Duly noted.
- 9.5. Grounds Maintenance Service 2014 – Grass Cutting. Information received shortly after the last council meeting and e-mailed to councillors on 3rd July. The accompanying letter stated that "Communities and other local groups are encouraged to contact the Council with suggestions of how they might help with aspects of this service delivery and relieve some of the burden on the budget". This was duly noted and discussed. It was felt that residents pay enough for their Council Tax as it is which should entitle them to expect such services to be provided by PCC. There are also potential insurance implications for communities doing such work themselves.

10.0. Charities

- 10.1. Play Wales – Request for support from the national charity for play. Their application for WAG funding for the next 3 years has been unsuccessful which means they cannot continue their work. They are asking for support to help persuade WAG to change its mind by writing to the relevant Welsh Government Ministers and our Assembly Member and sign their on-line petition. The deadline for such actions has been extended to the 5th September, 2014. The Council was unanimous in its decision that this should be done.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to write to the relevant Welsh Government Ministers and the Assembly Member and sign their on-line petition.

11.0. Community Council Grant Requests

- 11.1. Possible grant for a new hot water tap system (easier and safer to use) instead of the existing urns for boiling water for drinks at Mochdre Old School was discussed and agreed in principle. It was unanimously agreed that 3 quotes to supply and fit same should be received by the next meeting.
- IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to obtain said quotes.

12.0. SLCC

- 12.1. The Clerk has now completed and passed the Working With Your Council course (certificate received) and is prepared to go on to do CiLCA - Certificate in Local Council Administration, the customised qualification for the sector. The current registration fee for CiLCA is £250.00 and is an accreditation attached to the candidate, not the council. The Council was in unanimous agreement that the Clerk should do the course.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amount (made payable to SLCC) and send it off, complete with the relevant application form.

13.0. Vodafone Rural Open Sure Programme

- 13.1. This will give up to 100 rural communities across the UK, with little or no mobile coverage, the opportunity to have Vodafone 3G mobile coverage in their area. This was duly noted but was not deemed to be beneficial to the community as Vodafone has very poor reception in this area.

14.0. Correspondence

- 14.1. **Proposed Changes to Footpath 6, Penstrowed Quarry, Nr, Caersws** – Further to the successful planning application for engineering operations comprising slope stabilising of quarry faces at Penstrowed Quarry (granted in May, 2014), a condition on the planning permission

seeks to ensure the diversion of Footpath 6 that crosses the site to a more appropriate route in accordance with policy RL6 of the Powys Unitary Development Plan. Responses by 18th September. The Council was in full agreement of this and Cllr Russell Williams intimated that some of the requested work had already been completed.

- 14.2. Powys County Council Invitation to a Budget Conversation** – Powys County Council has to find savings to the tune of £70 million by the end of this decade. Powys teaching Health Board is similarly considering how to make changes to its budget. They are running a series of workshops to allow Powys people to understand more fully what is happening to the public purse and have their say on draft budget proposals. The Newtown workshops are on Monday, 29th September at the Monty Club (morning session 10am to 1pm and afternoon session 2pm to 5pm). Places must be booked by Friday, 19th September. For those unable to attend the workshops there is also a “drop-in” session from 6pm to 8pm and this was the preferred option for Councillors.
- 14.3. Update to Item 9.2. Reference Kerbside Recycling and Rubbish** – Wheeled bin deliveries. Duly noted.
- 14.4. National St. David Awards 2015** – Request for nominations (open until 28th October, 2014). The Council was unanimous in putting Clare Jones forward, in the Citizenship category.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to raise the nomination request.
- 14.5. Pre-Advice of SLCC Training Opportunities in Llandrindod Wells, 2015** – Finance and SLCC/OVW Conference. Duly noted.
- 14.6. Shelter Cymru Request for Financial Support.** Noted but the Council decided not to support this application.
- 14.7. Newtown Hospital League of Friends Request for Donation.** Noted and, as this is a local cause, the Council unanimously voted to donate £50.00.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to raise the cheque for £50.00 for signature at this meeting and forward it on to Newtown Hospital League of Friends.
- 14.8. Newtown Bypass Further Correspondence from Hilary Kewley** – Scanned in and e-mailed to Councillors on 31st August, 2014, for their information. This was duly noted and covered in the discussion at 9.1. above.
- 14.9. Booking of Penstrowed Village Hall for OVW Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 7th October** – As Cllr Douglas Wood was not at the meeting it was decided that the Clerk should check with him that the hall has been booked, and if not, ask him to do so.
- 14.10. Annual Audit has been returned from BDO external auditor** – The Council gave its full approval and acceptance of the audited accounts, which now completes the audit. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit will be displayed giving contact details for arranging public inspection by appointment between 04/09/14 and 25/09/14 (details will also be available on the website).
To consider the payment of:
1) BDO Invoice for Audit - £210.00 (Including VAT).
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amount.
- 14.11. Overhanging Trees by Collinson’s house in Stepside** – Trees are overhanging the road causing vehicles to have to pull out to go round them, which is dangerous. This is a Highways matter.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to write to Highways to ask them to approach the occupants on this Health and Safety issue.
- 15.0. Chairman’s Announcements**
- 15.1.** The Chairman expressed his thanks to County Cllr Roche Davies for his invitations to his recent Civic Service and meal, which was well attended.
- 15.2.** The Chairman stated that the Mochdre Church Community Open Air Service went very well and was extremely well attended, with items by Mike Brennan, Bro Hafren Children’s Choir and the YFC being included in the programme.

16.0. Date of next meeting

- 16.1.** Next meeting will be on Monday, 27th October, 2014.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

