

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

Ashford, The Bank, Newtown, Powys, SY16 2AB

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2014,
7:00p.m. at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)
Cllr. Douglas Wood

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

1.1. See above. The Chair was taken by Cllr Robin Lewis (Vice Chairman) in the Chairman's absence.

1.2. **Declarations of Members' Interests** – There was one Declaration of Member's interest made.

Name of Councillor	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Robin Lewis	6.1, 6.2, & 14.5.	✓	✓

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

2.1. That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 16th December, 2013 were a true record of what there and then transpired and were signed by the Vice Chairman.

3.0. Information from the Minutes.

3.1. The response from Andrew Jones confirming that there would not be any cost implication for the Penstrowed signage was read out and duly noted.

3.2. Feedback was received from Cllr Gordon Jones, following his meeting with PCSO Graham Jennings about Trem-Y-Cwrt issues.

IT WAS RESOLVED that a watching brief would be kept with regard to these issues.

4.0. Finance

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £4,403.73 (includes 3rd Precept payment of £2,050.00). Cash book stands at £4,032.73. There are 3 outstanding cheques - for £76.00, £160.00 and £135.00. No invoice as yet received from Upper Bridge, so the cheque (for £150.00) previously approved has been retained until the invoice has been received. This was duly noted.

4.2. Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £983.90. Cash book stands at £983.90. There are no outstanding cheques. This was duly noted.

5.0. National Assembly

5.1. Letter from Edwina Hart with reference to tourism brown signs in Wales. This was duly noted.

5.2. Letter from Edwina Hart with reference to "Safe Routes in Communities" schemes. This was duly noted.

5.3. Draft Planning Bill, which will eventually become the first Planning Act for Wales, and the consultation document called 'Positive Planning: Proposals to reform the planning system in Wales' was discussed. The Clerk was invited to give an overview of the consultation document, following her analysis of it.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should complete the questionnaire and return it before the designated deadline.

At this point in the meeting, the Vice Chairman stepped down (having declared an interest) and Cllr Philip Williams took the chair for the next 3 items in Planning Matters.

6.0. Planning Matters

6.1. Application Ref: P/2013/1071 – Grid Ref:309377.01/293266.92 for Installation of a 10kW wind turbine with a hub height of 15 metres and maximum blade tip height of 22.379 metres and associated works (grid ref:309341,293161) at land at Bedw Gwilym, Bryn Lane, Aberhafesp, Newtown, Powys. The Council has been consulted as a neighbouring Community Council whose area may be affected by the development. The Council unanimously agreed that this would not affect the Community Council area, and duly noted item 14.5. on the agenda, that notification has been received that this application is going to Committee on 06/02/2014.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to advise PCC Planning Office accordingly.

6.2. Application Ref: P/2013/1093 – Grid Ref:309895/292150 for Installation of a single 100kW wind turbine with a hub height of 22.6 metres and tip height of 34.4 metres, formation of hard standing, new access track and all other associated works at land at The Bryn, Bryn Lane, Newtown, Powys. The Council has been consulted as a neighbouring Community Council whose area may be affected by the development, and the Council unanimously agreed that its response should contain the statement that it did not normally comment on this type of consultation request. However it felt that in this case, it needed to comment as it **would** affect the Community Council area and made the following observations:

1) This is a large scale turbine which will be visually intrusive to certain residents of the Community Council area.

2) It was felt that the size and scale of the turbine is overlarge for the power requirements of the farm.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to advise PCC Planning Office accordingly.

6.3. Application Ref: DECC/2014/0001 – Grid Ref:306282.08/285355.6 for Section 37 of the Electricity Act for erection of an overhead 11Kv line at Land at the Dugwm, Mochdre, Powys. The unanimous decision was that the application should be allowed to go to determination.

At this point in the meeting, Cllr Philip Williams stepped down and the Vice Chairman re-took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

7.0. Community Council Website

7.1. The Disclaimer for the Local Businesses Sheet was discussed and unanimously approved by the Council.

7.2. Training by Upper Bridge on the management of the website is now to be arranged. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr David Forster should also attend the training with the Clerk.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's approval of the Disclaimer on to Upper Bridge, and contact Roger Malvern to get the training organised (liaising accordingly with Cllr Forster).

8.0. Powys County Council

8.1. Village Hall Annual Revenue Grant Scheme 2014/2015 Precept Form – The Clerk has duly completed and returned it before the deadline. This was duly noted.

9.0. One Voice Wales

9.1. Electronic Standing Orders – 'Required fields' in Model Standing Orders were discussed and filled in, to enable the Clerk to complete the proposed new Standing Orders.

9.2. Response from Paul Egan reference Council's comments on the Planning Training in December. This was duly noted – the Council did not fully agree with his response but unanimously decided not to comment further.

9.3. Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 21st January, 2014 at Abermule Community Centre – Feedback not available from attendees as both were absent from the meeting.

9.4. 2 Copies of "The Voice" were distributed to Councillors.

9.5. Invitation to Chairman to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Nomination form completed and sent before the deadline of 24th January, 2014. This was duly noted.

10.0. Highway Matters

10.1. Drainage pipe in between Jean Williams' and Eleanor Murray's houses – A break in the existing line of pipe sited between the properties means that, during excessive rain, debris backs up and causes water to overflow on to the 2 properties.

10.2. "Vicar of Dibley" style pothole on Foxes Pitch – This has appeared during the recent bad weather and urgently needs repairing. It is currently marked with a road cone to alert the public.

The Chairman had contacted the Clerk to say that he had spoken to Emyln Jones about these matters and they are in hand, including another pothole which requires attention.

10.3. There are also 3 other matters requiring attention:

- a) On the C2025, the roads urgently require sweeping on the Pentre side.
- b) On the U2817, from Vaughanland down the road to Perth-Y-Bu there is water build-up and some subsidence, and also a pothole which requires filling in.
- c) On the U2829 by Lettynbryn there is a broken pipe under the road, causing water to erode the road surface.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to advise John Ward/Emlyn Jones of these matters.

11.0. Keep Wales Tidy

11.1. Wild Weekend for Wales – Apply to have a “Wild Weekend” and get up to £150 of National Garden Centre Vouchers to help you carry out a small project to benefit pollinators – bees and butterflies.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward this information to Cllr Douglas Wood (for him to perhaps apply with Penstrowed community garden in mind).

12.0. Request for Completion of Student Questionnaire

12.1. Paul Watson is asking Community Councils if they would complete his questionnaire, to give him numeric evidence of public opinion in Powys with regard to Wind Turbines (for his research thesis). The Council was in unanimous agreement not to partake in the questionnaire (some of the questions were deemed not to be relevant to the subject in hand).

13.0. Charities

13.1. Spinal Injuries Association – Request to advertise their Great British Fish & Chips Supper by displaying their poster on the community noticeboard was unanimously approved.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to post the said notice.

14.0. Correspondence

14.1. **Public Rights of Way Map – Newtown By-pass** – Copy of draft map received from Walking Newtown Group & Alan Rugman and shown to Councillors for their information. No request has yet been received for the Council to comment on this

14.2. **Montgomeryshire County Music Festival** – Request for donation. Duly noted, but the Council was unanimous in its decision not to donate at this time.

14.3. **Public Conveniences/Asset Transfers** – Update for Town and Community Councils. Duly noted.

14.4. **Business Start Up Services in Powys** – E-mail from Dafydd Evans (Manager/Business Advisor, Powys for Antur Business). Duly noted.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to post the said notice on the community noticeboard.

14.5. **Application Ref: P/2013/1071 (See minute 6.1. above for details)** – Notification received that this is going to Committee on 06/02/2014 was duly noted and dealt with at the same time as item 6.1.

14.6. **Letter from Ian Roberts, Interim Head of Schools Service** – Notification of consultation on restructuring services for Additional Learning Needs. Duly noted.

14.7. **Temporary Road Closure C2062, Stepside** – Pre-Advice of temporary road closure on Monday, 31st March, 2014 from 9:00am to 4:30pm was duly noted.

15.0. Chairman's Announcements

15.1. There is an Eisteddfod fund raiser on Friday, 7th January, if anyone is interested in attending.

16.0. Date of next meeting

16.1. The next meeting was due to take place on Monday, 24th March, 2014, but Cllrs Philip Williams and Gordon Jones asked if this might be changed to Monday, 10th March (as they would be tied up with lambing towards the end of March and thus unable to attend the meeting).

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to check the availability of the room for 10th March and advise Councillors accordingly.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm.