

**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 10th March 2014,  
7:00p.m. at Mochdre Old School.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Linda Davies

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Roche Davies

Prior to the start of the meeting, a one minute's silence was held in memory of the late John Jandrell.

On a happier note, congratulations were also extended to Cllr. Gordon Jones and his wife, Claire on the birth of their son Evan.

**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, 3rd February, 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. There was no information from the minutes.

**4.0. Finance**

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £4,032.73. Cash book stands at £4,032.73. 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.

**To consider the payment of:**

- 1) Renewal of OVW Annual Membership - £59.00
- 2) Clerk's quarterly salary - £552.50
- 3) HMRC PAYE Tax payment - £135.00

**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 £983.90. Cash book stands at £983.90. There are no outstanding cheques. This was duly noted, and suggestions were requested for discussion at the next meeting as to whom Councillors wished to be recipients of monies from this account.

## **5.0. National Assembly**

5.1.

## **6.0. Planning Matters**

**6.1. 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. This was discussed at some length, with a vote being taken on the proposal: To reject this application in the first instance. There was a majority vote against the proposal. The Council resolved that it is in full support of keeping local people in the community, but felt it was preferable that the site of the proposed dwelling was moved closer to the farm house and that the existing access (to be altered in line with Planning Application Ref: **P/2013/0111**) be used rather than creating a new one.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Department accordingly.

**6.2. Application Ref: P/2014/0205** – Grid Ref: 306936.85/288684.88 for Householder: Demolition of a single storey extension; erection of a two storey extension, together with the erection of a detached garage and formation of hardstanding at The Oak, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys, SY16 4JS. After some discussion, the Council voted unanimously in favour of supporting this application.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Department accordingly.

## **7.0. Community Council Website**

7.1. Training by Upper Bridge on the management of the website for the Clerk and Cllr David Forster was completed on 25th February. The website is now 'live'. This was duly noted.

## **8.0. Powys County Council**

8.1.

## **9.0. One Voice Wales**

9.1. Training Course Schedule for February to July 2014 received from Paul Egan. This was duly noted and reference was made to the Code Of Conduct training available, particularly with Cllr. Douglas wood in mind.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to e-mail Cllr. Wood with the details, so that he could decide which of the two training sessions would be most convenient for him to attend and let the Clerk know so that the training can be booked.

## **10.0. Highway Matters**

10.1. With reference to the matters outlined in Minutes 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3, 3rd February, 2014 meeting, Emlyn Jones has addressed items in 10.1 and 10.2 and John Ward will endeavour to address the issues in 10.3. as soon as possible (see response received). This was duly noted and Cllr Russell Williams will ring Emlyn Jones to arrange a "ride around" to look at any new issues. Discussion followed outlining concerns that the proposed road widening by Chapel Close is no nearer to being done and the financial year is swiftly coming to an end which means that funds may no longer be available for this project.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that County Cllr. Roche Davies will speak to Hugo Van Rees and Portfolio Member John Powell about this matter, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Adrian Jervis also about this matter.

## **11.0. Charities/Donations**

11.1. Victim Support Newtown – Request for donation to support their work. This was duly noted.

11.2. Powys CAB – Powys County Council were proposing to cut all funding to Powys CAB from April 2014, which would have a devastating effect on it. The Council was informed that this has now been over-ruled and there has subsequently been a decision made to reduce CAB's funding by 15%, with CAB able to access funding from other sources.

11.3. To consider possible contribution to the Dolau for the community use of its outside toilet facility. After discussion the Council felt it required more information in order to come to a decision on this matter.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that Cllr. Dave Forster will investigate further and report on his findings at the next meeting.

11.4. PAVO Info Engine - To consider registering (for free) on Powys's fastest growing online directory of services. The Council were unanimously in favour of this.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk will register the Council accordingly.

## **12.0. Correspondence**

- 12.1. Request Form for Register of Electors – As this is standard procedure, the Clerk has completed it and sent it off to the Senior Elections Officer. This was duly noted.
- 12.2. Repeal of s150 (5) of the LGA 1972 - Implementation – This is now in force (facility for electronic payments). It has been some time since the Council's Model Financial Regulations were updated, and the Clerk is awaiting the new Model Financial Regulations from NALC to help expedite this process (but retaining the 3 signature rule, as per the resolution in Minute 5.1. 3rd September, 2012 meeting). This was duly noted.
- 12.3. Invoice from Upper Bridge Enterprises – Invoice for initial website fee and first annual fee now received, so the earlier cheque (for £150.00) needs to be cancelled and a new one raised for £444.00 for this invoice. The Council were unanimously in favour of this.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to cancel the earlier cheque and raise a new one for the revised amount of £444.00.

## **13.0. Chairman's Announcements**

- 13.1. Feedback from Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting at Abermule was received from attendees. Two representatives from Orange gave a talk on mobile connections in Wales, which proved to be very interesting.
- 13.2. YFC Entertainment – Congratulations were extended to Mochdre YFC on its coming third.
- 13.3. The Council requested that a sympathy card be sent to Margaret Jandrell and family, and a letter of condolence.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to do this.

## **14.0. Date of next meeting**

- 14.1. Next meeting will be on Monday, 12th May, 2014.

Meeting closed at 8:22pm.