

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

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 15th December 2014,
at 7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Roche Davies

Residents of Glandulas, Bontdulas and Brook Terrace

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 last council Meeting and the Interim Community Council Planning Meeting held on 17th November, 2014 (previously circulated).

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 27th October, 2014 and the interim planning meeting held on 17th November were a true record of what there and then transpired and were signed by the Chairman.

3.0. Information from the Minutes.

3.1. Newtown Bypass Draft Orders – Residents of Glandulas, Bontdulas and Brook Terrace attended to discuss this matter. Hilary Kewley gave an overview on what she has been doing and what has been happening since May 2014. She also produced packs of useful information for distribution to those concerned. After discussion the consensus of the residents was that the Orange Route is neither environmentally nor economically the best route, and asked the Council to write to WAG in support of their concerns.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to compile a letter of support for the parties involved and send it off to the Welsh Assembly Government prior to the deadline of 23rd January, 2015.

3.2. Ambulance Service in Rural Areas – Consent letter produced by the Clerk was read out by Cllr Philip Williams.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Williams would supply the date of the incident to the Clerk, in order for the letter to be completed.

4.0. Finance

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £4,855.77. Cash book stands at £4,069.52. There are six outstanding cheques for £146.25, £250.00, £125.00, £125.00, £125.00 and £15.00.

To consider the payment of:

- 1) Clerk's salary – £589.90
- 2) HMRC PAYE Tax - £97.60
- 3) Clerk's Annual SLCC Membership Renewal - £77.00

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. Introduction of Planning (Wales) Bill with 5 Consultation Documents and a final Circular on planning conditions – responses requested by 16th January, 2015 – for discussion. Duly noted.

- 5.2. "Badger Found Dead" Survey – For information. Duly noted.

- 5.3. Planning and Related Decisions of the Welsh Ministers Consultation Document – This was discussed and the response form was completed

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's comments before the deadline.

- 5.4. Community Health Councils in Wales: Proposed Changes Consultation Document – Following discussion, the Council voted unanimously against the proposed unification of the current two CHCs.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's comments before the deadline.

6.0. Planning Matters

- 6.1. Application Ref: DECC2014 0022 - For section 37 consent of the Electricity Act 1989 to keep installed an 11kv overhead line (retrospective) at Land at Craig Dugwm, Nr Dugwm Farm, Mochdre – E-mailed to Councillors on 24/11/14 prior to the deadline (5th December, 2014). There were no comments.

- 6.2. Notice to Remove Hedgerows ref: HEDG/2014/0007 in respect of Application for hedgerow removal at fields east of Lower Talwrn, Stepside, Mochdre, Powys (308575.18/289722.27) - E-mailed to Councillors on 30/10/14 prior to the deadline (5th December, 2014). There were no comments.

- 6.3. Further Letter from E. Hikins re. Dugwm Turbine Planning Application – Received on 19/11/14 and e-mailed to Councillors for information. Duly noted.

- 6.4. Application Ref: **P/2014/1198** Grid Ref: 306540.01/286067.15 - For Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing Use, namely erection of a dwelling with unrestricted occupancy (Use Class C3), together with the erection of two outbuildings ancillary to residential use and creation of two vehicular accesses at Bryn Hafod, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys.

IT WAS RESOLVED that, as there were no comments, the application should proceed to determination.

- 6.5. Letter from Planning Aid Wales – Looking for host councils that can provide a venue for training, free of charge, for which the council would receive two free spaces at the event (value £60.00). Duly noted.

- 6.6. Application Ref: **P/2014/1217** Grid Ref: 306971.9/288622.69 - For FULL: Change of use of agricultural land into domestic (Use Class C3) retrospective at The Oak, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would try to get an extension to the time for observations, to enable councillors to have a look at the site/obtain further information.

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Precept for 2015/2016 – Unanimous approval was given for the submission of a request for a precept of £5,800 once the application form is received from P.C.C.

- 7.2. Revised Branch Library Opening Hours letter – For information, duly noted.

- 7.3. Letter from Christopher Salmon (Police and Crime Commissioner) – Key questions to help him understand what the public wish to pay for their policing service, as he works towards setting the 2015/2016 Council Tax policing precept, involving the completion of a survey by 4th January, 2015.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would e-mail the survey link to councillors to enable them to complete and submit it within the required deadline.

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. New Model Financial Regulations - The regulations have been revised for discussion/adoption by the Council. Duly noted, for discussion at the next meeting.

- 8.2. Electronic Standing Orders – Revised for discussion/adoption by the Council. Duly noted, for discussion at the next meeting.

- 8.3. Invitation to Chairman to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Unanimous approval was given for the nomination form to be completed.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would complete and return the form before the deadline of 2nd January, 2015.

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. STWA water pipe just down from Brookside, Mochdre, which is exposed because the concrete has broken away, has been reported and noted by the STWA officer attending. Duly noted.
- 9.2. Potholes in the Gelli Lane have now been filled in. Duly noted.

10.0.Charities/Donations

- 10.1.Receipts from Penstrowed Parish Church for £125.00 donation and payment of £15.00 room hire for OVW meeting received. Duly noted.
- 10.2.Urdd National Eisteddfod (Caerphilly), 2015 – Letter requesting financial contribution. The council voted unanimously not to donate at this time.
- 10.3.Montgomeryshire and the Marches National Eisteddfod (Meifod), 2015 – Letter requesting financial contribution. The council voted unanimously not to donate at this time.
- 10.4.The Stroke Association Christmas Appeal - Letter requesting financial contribution. The council voted unanimously not to donate at this time.
- 10.5.Welsh Hearts Christmas Appeal - Letter requesting financial contribution. The council voted unanimously not to donate at this time.

11.0.Community Council Grant Requests

- 11.1.Possible Council grant for a new hot water tap system (Lincat Filter Flow, or similar) – 3 quotes to supply and install have been requested, but only one received despite the others (Mark Bufton and Andrew Barrett) being chased.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should approach other plumbers for quotations for the job of supplying/installing the new hot water tap system.
- 11.2.Consideration by the council of a grant application to the "Big Lottery Fund" for community automated external Defibrillators x 2 (one for Mochdre and one for Penstrowed). This was discussed at some length.
IT WAS RESOLVED that County Cllr Roche Davies would e-mail the Clerk with contact details for Hazel Cook (St John's Ambulance); that the Clerk would check the current insurance to see if the aforementioned defibrillators would be included or need additional cover; that the Clerk would check if the College has a defibrillator installed for public use.

12.0.Correspondence

- 12.1.Powys County Council – Precept Request Form has now been received. Duly noted – see Minute Ref.7.1. above.
- 12.2.Letter from Rhydydwrt received expressing concerns over several highway issues.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should pass this on to P.C.C Highways Dept (Emlyn) and also Adrian Jervis.

13.0.Chairman's Announcements

- 13.1. Coed-y-Rhos – Concerns were expressed that it was time that a change of use should be requested, from agricultural to commercial, (there are 4 businesses registered at this address). Also their lorries are compounding problems on the community's roads.
- 13.2. Caravan at Fish Farm - The Council is to monitor developments and keep a watching brief.
- 13.3.The Chairman thanked County Cllr Roche Davies for his Christmas card to the Council and sent seasons greetings to Councillors and their families.

14.0.Date of next meeting

- 14.1.Next meeting will be on Monday,2nd February, 2015.

Meeting closed at 9:05 pm.

