

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2014, at 7:05pm at  
Mochdre Old School.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)  
Martin Turley (YFC)

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 Monday, 10th March, 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. An update was requested with regards to the progress of Application Number **P/2014/0165** at Kincoed (previously discussed at the last meeting – see Minute Ref 6.1, 10th March 2014 meeting). Intimation was given that this application may have been passed, but the Planning Portal has not yet been updated to reflect this. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to monitor the Planning Portal for the decision date/letter and await the letter from the Planning Department.

**4.0. Finance**

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £2,842.23. Cash book stands at £2,842.23. There are no outstanding cheques.

**To consider the payment of:**

1) Zurich Insurance Renewal (due 1st June, 2014) - £243.80 (Including Insurance Premium Tax), no increase from last year's renewal cost and the level of cover is the same as last year. The Council were in unanimous agreement to use this insurance provider again this year.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amount.

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.

At the last meeting Councillors were asked to think about some ideas for how to spend this money (see Minute Ref. 4.2, 10th March, 2014 meeting) and it was intimated at that time that the YFC should receive some funding because it had done so well in recent competitions. It was then agreed to discuss this in more

detail at the next meeting i.e. on 12th May. Present at both that meeting and tonight's meeting was Martin Turley (representing the YFC), who presented a letter indicating what the YFC would like any Community Council funding to be used for. The YFC has recently purchased a "Special Recognition Award" Cup which it is happy for the Council to have engraved as it wishes. Councillors were in full agreement that it be called The John Jandrell Memorial Trophy and engraved accordingly. After further discussion it was agreed to award the YFC the sum of £250.00 towards the cost of the above trophy, its engraving and the engraving of other trophies plus the purchase of replica trophies. It was also unanimously agreed that a sum of £50.00 will also be awarded in future to the YFC on an annual basis to help with the cost of replica trophies.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to raise the cheque for £250.00 for signature at this meeting (the cheque was then given to Martin Turley); that Cllr Philip Williams would advise Margaret Jandrell of the idea of the Memorial Cup and ask her permission for the wording on the trophy; that Martin Turley would advise the YFC of the Council's request for the words to be engraved on the trophy.

- 4.3. Presentation of Annual Return for year ending 31st March, 2014 for approval, following return from internal Auditor. There was unanimous agreement for approving the accounts, which were then signed by the Chairman.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to despatch the Annual Return to BDO for external audit.

#### **5.0. National Assembly**

- 5.1. Inquiry into making laws in the Fourth Assembly – The purpose of the inquiry is to consider how laws are being made in the Fourth assembly and is asking for views on specific matters related to this. The Council was in unanimous agreement to go with any response put forward by One Voice Wales on this matter.

#### **6.0. Planning Matters**

- 6.1. **Application Ref: P/2008/0785** Full: Erection of 23 Wind Turbines and associated infrastructure at Garreg Lwyd Hill, between Felindre and Llanbadarn Fynydd, Llandrindod Wells, Powys **AND** **Application Ref: P2013/0733** 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, etc. – Notification received that both applications are going to appeal (e-mailed to Councillors on 20th March, 2014 for their information).

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to research the history of these applications and monitor the progress of the appeal.

#### **7.0. Powys County Council**

- 7.1. Annual Inspection of Children's Play Areas Letter and Form received. Not applicable to the Council at this time. Duly noted.
- 7.2. Online DBS Checks (previously CRB Checks) letter received. For information – the DBS Unit can process forms for volunteer groups, local clubs or large organisations, for clients who are not registered to process themselves. Duly noted.
- 7.3. Register of Electors, in force 10th March, 2014, has now been received from the Senior Elections Officer. Duly noted.
- 7.4. Queen's Baton Relay – Duly noted.

#### **8.0. One Voice Wales**

- 8.1. Montgomeryshire Area Committee meeting held on 16th April, 2014 at Carreghofa - A comprehensive feedback report was given by Cllr Russell Williams, who felt it was an excellent meeting covering a variety of topics. OVV will be holding a celebration shortly to celebrate its 10th anniversary and the AGM is on the 11th June at Castle Caereinion.
- 8.2. Thank you letter and receipt for OVV membership cheque received. Duly noted.

#### **9.0. Highway Matters**

- 9.1. Response received to the Clerk's e-mail to Adrian Jarvis with reference to the proposed road widening by Chapel Close was read out. An update was also received from County Cllr. Roche Davies, who will speak to John Powell and Adrian further at the next Area Meeting and report back at the next Council meeting.
- 9.2. Newtown Bypass – Following the public information exhibition held at the Elephant and Castle Hotel on 8th April, 2014, the Council unanimously agreed that it was a good idea to hold a meeting here in Mochdre to enable local residents closely affected by the proposed development to discuss queries/concerns with Alun Griffiths Ltd.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to organise and advertise such a meeting as soon as possible.

## **10.0.Charities/Donations**

10.1.Cllr. Dave Forster reported on his findings with reference to considering a possible contribution to the Dolau for the community use of its outside toilet facility (see Minute Ref. 11.3, 10th March, 2014 meeting). It now transpires that the Dolau is not overly worried about receiving such a contribution. The Community Toilet Scheme grant aid for such purposes ended in April, 2013 so it was unanimously agreed not to pursue this issue further.

## **11.0.Community Council Grant Requests**

11.1.Request received from Bro Hafren Choir for a grant towards helping to keep the choir operational. Following discussion, the Council unanimously agreed to donate £100.00 to the Choir.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to raise the cheque for £100.00 for signature at this meeting, to be forwarded to the Choir as soon as possible.

## **12.0.Ambulance Service in Rural Areas - Concerns**

12.1.This request, received from Cllr Philip Williams, to be included for discussion at this meeting was duly discussed and serious concerns were raised about ambulance response times in this area. It was unanimously agreed that a letter should be sent to the Chief Executive of the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust expressing these concerns.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to write said letter.

## **13.0.Correspondence**

- 13.1.**Press Coverage of Community Council Meetings** – Andrew Morris (Reporter – Shropshire Star) wishes to cover more Parish and Community Council meetings, and has requested details of meetings, plus agendas.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to notify him that the information he requires is available on the website.
- 13.2.**Planning Application Ref: P/2014/0401** – Grid Ref: 308329.53/290386.89 for Full: Conversion of upper floor of garage block into 2 no. residential units together with installation of sewage treatment plant at Garage Buildings at Glanrhyd, Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys. 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 (making reference to GP6 requirements).
- 13.3.**One Voice Wales – “Informing the Public” Community Council Workshops, 2014** – To explain the Council’s obligations under both the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Acts on 18th September, 2014 at Howey Village Hall, Howey from 6:30 to 9:00pm, cost £15.00 per person.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to circulate details to Councillors to see who might be interested in attending.
- 13.4.**One Voice Wales – Details of training sessions available up to 24th July, 2014** – For information. Duly noted.
- 13.5.**National Eisteddfod – Proclamation Ceremony, Saturday 5th July, 2014** – Invitation to name 2 representatives from the Council to take part in the Civic Procession on the occasion of the proclamation. The decision was unanimous that none of the Councillors wished to take part.

## **14.0.Chairman’s Announcements**

- 14.1.Cllr Russell Williams expressed his thanks for being duly re-elected as Chairman.
- 14.2.Response from Andrew Jones (with reference to when the Penstrowed signage will be put in place) was read out and duly noted.
- 14.3.Brushing Hollybush Lane – The issue has been identified but cannot be addressed until after 23rd August (in line with the Single Farm Payment Scheme).

## **15.0.Date of next meeting**

15.1.Next meeting will be on Tuesday, 1st July 2014.

Meeting closed at 9:05pm.



