

**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 2nd September 2013,
7:00p.m. at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Philip Williams

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 was one Declaration of Member's Interest made.

Name of Councillor	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Robin Lewis	6.3.	√	√

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

2.1. That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 8th July, 2013 were a true record of what there and then transpired and were signed by the Chairman.

3.0. **Information from the Minutes.** There was no information from the Minutes.

4.0. Finance

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £1,831.36. Cash book stands at £1,663.36. There are two outstanding cheques for £143.00 and £25.00 respectively.

To Pay (see Minute 4.1. 8th July, 2013 meeting):

Reimbursement of Clerk for "Local Council Administration 9th Edition" - £63.00, bought online via SLCC, using a personal credit card.

To consider the payment of:

1) OVW Invoice for Strong Roots Training - £60.00

2) BDO Invoice for Audit - £72.00

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amounts but to check with OVW regarding the bursary which was applied for in respect of Strong Roots training, before sending the payment off.

4.2. Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £296.91. Cash book stands at £296.91. There are no outstanding cheques. This was noted.

4.3. Annual Audit returned from BDO external auditor was approved and accepted unanimously by the Council, which completes the audit. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit will now be displayed giving contact details for arranging public inspection by appointment between 04/09/12 and 27/09/12.

5.0. National Assembly

5.1. Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery – Informal drop-in session on 13th August, 2013 at Plas Dolerw, Newtown. There were no attendees.

6.0. Planning Matters

- 6.1. Ref. Planning Application Ref: P/2013/0510 – Householder: Erection of a replacement garage at 4, Brook Terrace, Mochdre. Notification that Full Planning Permission has been granted has been received. Duly noted.
- 6.2. Application Ref: P2013/0733, Grid Ref: 308600/284900 for 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.
For information only. Duly noted.
- 6.3. Application Ref:P2013/0855, Grid Ref: 299434.5/287116.15 for Full: Installation of a single 15kW wind turbine measuring 26.131m to blade tip (hub height of 20.584m) and associated infrastructure at land SW of Rhydfaes, Oakley Park, Llandinam, Powys. The Council was in full agreement that it is a neighbouring Community Council whose area will **not** be affected by the development.

7.0. Community Council Website

- 7.1. Grant application paperwork has now been received, completed and sent off before the 31st July, 2013 deadline. The Grant will be distributed with the Precept payment which is to be sent out at the end of August. Duly noted.
- 7.2. Roger Malvern of Upper Bridge Enterprises has had it confirmed to him by PCC that the Grant allowance can include the first 2-years' service charge. Duly noted.
- 7.3. Adoption of Complaints Procedure – With the imminent acquisition of a website placing the Council even more in the public domain there was discussion as to whether it feels there is a requirement for this.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward copies of a sample Complaints Procedure in PDF format to Councillors to enable them to make a decision on this at the next meeting.

8.0. Powys County Council

- 8.1. War Memorials Project – In remembrance of the centenary of World War 1, 2014 – 2018. It was agreed at the last meeting that this could be something that the YFC members may be interested in as a research project for the Mochdre with Penstrowed community. Cllr Gordon Jones, following his approach to the YFC concerning this project, stated that some interest had been shown. The YFC has only recently resumed after its summer break, with the AGM just last week, but he should have more information by next month. The YFC has also expressed its thanks for the Council's recent donation.
IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Jones would report back again at the next meeting.

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. Hyde Park Pitch – Drain concerns. These were sorted out satisfactorily by P.C.C. the same week as the walkabout took place.
- 9.2. The response (ref. query about road signs for Penstrowed) received from Andrew Jones (Route manager [North Powys], North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent) was read out. This was followed by some discussion in which there was unanimous agreement that the smallest parish in Wales deserved recognition, i.e. by having a suitable road sign (bearing in mind that Pentre and Stepside have road signs and they are areas within a parish). If P.C.C. are reluctant to erect a sign, perhaps local businesses in Penstrowed would be willing to 'sponsor' a sign and then use P.C.C.'s manpower to erect it.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk writes in the first instance to Andrew Jones to express the Council's opinion.
- 9.3. Cllr. Russell Williams has spoken to Janet Davies reference weed killer spraying on the grass verges around Pen-y-Graig ground. The outcome was that Janet is happy to let things go until next year in the current circumstances, and see what happens then.
- 9.4. The "walkabout" with Councillors and John Ward and Emlyn Jones of P.C.C. took place on 21st August, 2013. All matters raised were visited, Councillors attending gave feedback and a report is now awaited from P.C.C.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk chases John Ward for the aforementioned report.

10.0.Charities

- 10.1.Request for financial support has been received from Shelter Cymru. The Council felt this is a good organisation but, as it is not a local one, voted unanimously not to support it at this time.
- 10.2.Newtown 'Memory Walk' on Wednesday, 11th September, 2013 in aid of Alzheimer's Society and Bupa Care Homes. The Council voted unanimously not to support this event.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council discusses the following at the next meeting: Using the charity money allocated in the budget for causes/projects in Mochdre with Penstrowed itself.

11.0.Applications for Financial Support:

11.1.Following the presentation of further information about the work of Menter Iaith Maldwyn, the Council voted unanimously not to support it at this time.

12.0.SLCC

12.1.Following the presentation of further information about the SLCC Regional Conference for Wales, the Council voted unanimously not to attend this event.

12.2.SLCC National Conference – Thursday, 17th October to Saturday, 19th October (for Clerks, Deputies Assistants and RFO's only). The Clerk expressed an interest in attending this event.

IT WAS RESOLVED that this be left to the Clerk's discretion to analyse further to ascertain if attending would benefit the Council directly. If that was found to be so, the Council voted unanimously that the Clerk should then attend.

13.0.Welsh Language Communities Alliance

13.1.Following the presentation of further information about the invitation to the Community Council to be a member of the Welsh Language Communities Alliance, the Council voted unanimously to take the invitation up, provided there is no cost involved.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk progresses this.

14.0.The Wales Yearbook

14.1.Notification received about the free inclusion of data on the Community Council within this publication. Duly noted.

15.0.Correspondence

15.1.**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. – Both applications are to be considered at the County Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee on Thursday, 5th September 2013. The meeting will be webcast. Duly noted, with Councillors advised that access to the webcast was via PCC's website.

15.2.Revised Dates for Montgomeryshire Community Health Council Meetings

Meetings arranged for Wednesday, 11th September and Wednesday, 13th November 2013 have been changed to Wednesday, 23rd October and Wednesday, 4th December, 2013 respectively (venues to be confirmed). Duly noted.

16.0.Chairman's Announcements

16.1. It was pointed out by Cllr Jean Williams that the low energy replacement street light bulbs promised in July had not yet materialised and there were at least 3 lights out in Stepside alone.

IT WAS RESOLVED that County Councillor Roche Davies would chase this up and report back at the next meeting.

16.2. It was pointed out by Cllr Gordon Jones that part of the path by the Walkmill is very overgrown, making it difficult for people to use. He asked for the Council's approval for him to cut back the overgrowth, which would be quicker than asking P.C.C. to do it. The Council voted unanimously in favour of this action.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Jones cut back the overgrowth as soon as he is able.

16.3. The point/concern was raised that residents in the community have not yet been notified about the implications of the proposed Newtown By-Pass and the effect it will have on the community.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Russell George expressing this concern, requesting details of the itinerary of the build programme for the said By-Pass in relation to the community and asking when the community will be consulted.

17.0.Date of next meeting

17.1.Next meeting will be on Monday, 7th October, 2013.

Meeting closed at 8:22pm.

K. Wigley
Clerk/y cleric
Sept, 2013

