

**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 8th July 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)

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Linda Davies
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	10.3.	√	

2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting and Interim Community Council Planning Meeting (previously circulated).

2.1. That the minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 14th May, 2013 and Interim Community Council Planning Meeting held on Friday, 14th June, 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 £2,796.48 (includes 1st Precept instalment of £2,150.00). Cash book stands at £2,646.79. There is one outstanding cheque for £149.69.

To consider the payment of:

- 1) "Local Council Administration 9th Edition" - £60.00 if bought via SLCC, a saving of £15.00.
- 2) Clerk's quarterly salary = £552.50
- 3) HMRC PAYE tax payment = £135.00
- 4) Invoice for Room Hire for 2012 - 2013 = £143.00
- 5) Internal Auditor's Fee = £25.00
- 6) Clerk's Expenses (from September 2012 to June 2013) = £127.93

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should order "Local Council Administration 9th Edition" online from SLCC at a cost of £60.00 + £3.00 P & P using a personal credit card and be reimbursed accordingly at the next meeting; that the cheques for items 2) to 6) inclusive be signed and that the Clerk forward them on to the recipients.

4.2. Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £1,096.91. Cash book stands at £296.91. There are four outstanding cheques of £200.00 each. Duly noted.

- 4.3. Presentation of Annual Return for year ending 31st March, 2013 for approval, following return from external Auditor. There was a majority vote in favour of approving the Annual Return, which was duly signed by the Chairman.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should send the approved Annual Return back to BDO for certification of Section 3 and issue of the Final audit certificate and opinion, before 15th July, 2013.

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. Consultation on draft Social and Environmental guidance to Ofwat – Consultation Response Form to be completed.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond with the comments that this type of paperwork is increasing and the Council questions the value of it.
- 5.2. Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 Part 7: Communities and Community Councils Guidance, including Statutory Guidance, to Principal Councils and Community and Town Councils in Wales. Paperwork issued to the Councillors for circulation.
- 5.3. Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery – Informal drop-in session takes place on 13th August, 2013 at Plas Dolerw, Newtown. Feedback will be required at the next meeting from any attendees.

6.0. Planning Matters

- 6.1. Decision on Planning Application Ref: P/2013/0160 - Construction of a single 50kw wind turbine at Cloddiau, Kerry, as per minutes of the Regulatory Committee meeting on 6th June, 2013. Duly noted.
- 6.2. Llandinam Windfarm 2013 Supplementary Environmental Information (on DVD) – Further copies for circulation (as per request at last meeting) were distributed to Councillors.
- 6.3. Application P/2013/0357 – Erection of an extension at Pwll Glas, Mochdre, Newtown – Notification received that Full Planning Permission has been granted. Duly noted.
- 6.4. Application P/2013/0155 – Conversion of Barns 1 and 2 from agricultural buildings to 3 no. residential units and change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage at Glanrhyd, Llanidloes Road, Newtown – Notification received that Full Planning Permission has been granted.
- 6.5. **Planning Application Ref: P/2013/0450 Grid Ref: 308629.29/289007.02 for:** Installation of a sewage treatment plant at The Old Barn, Perth Y Bu, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys. The Clerk contacted Mr Paul Duffy (the applicant) and arranged a mutually convenient site meeting with him and the Planning Committee on Wednesday, 22nd May, 2013. Following this meeting the Planning committee advised the Clerk that it was quite happy for the application to go ahead, and the Planning Department was notified accordingly. Notification that Full Planning Permission has been granted has since been received. Duly noted.
- 6.6. **Planning Application Ref: P/2013/0510 Grid Ref: 308683.13/289778.83 for:** Householder: Erection of a replacement garage at 4, Brook Terrace, Mochdre Lane, Newtown, Powys - owner Mr Brian Gilliam. As the Councillors attending the site meeting at Perth Y Bu were the constituent members of the Planning Committee, they also made a site visit to 4, Brook Terrace. The Committee felt that the proposed application would be an improvement as the existing garage is very run down. There were no problems envisaged and it was felt that the application should be supported. The Clerk notified the Planning Department accordingly. Duly noted.
- 6.7. **Application Ref: P2008 0785 Grid Ref: 312758.74/280228.46 for Full:** Erection of 23 Wind Turbines, Wind Monitoring Mast, Access Tracks, Crane Hardstandings, Water Crossings, Control Building, Substation Compound, Car Park, Offside Road Improvements, Temporary Compounds, Borrow Pits, Masts & Welfare Facilities at Garreg Lwyd Hill, between Felindre and Llanbadarn Fynydd, Llandrindod Wells, Powys – Supplementary Environmental Information CD supplied, **for information only**.

7.0. One Voice Wales

- 7.1. "Strong Roots" training on Monday, 3rd June 2013 at Montgomery Town Hall - Feedback from Councillors attending: There was a good turnout for the training which was mostly concerned with what Councils can do in relation to climate change. It was not deemed to be applicable to a rural farming community such as Mochdre with Penstrowed.
- 7.2. Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th June 2013 at Llanidloes Town Hall – Feedback from Councillors attending: It was a well attended meeting, during which Christopher Salmon (Police and Crime Commissioner) gave an interesting presentation.
- 7.3. "The Councillor" training on 3rd July at Castle Caereinion – Cancelled on 27th June, 2013. Duly noted.
- 7.4. Website software package in collaboration with Vision ICT. Duly noted.
- 7.5. Pre-notice of OVW 2013 Conference and AGM – Saturday, 5th October, 2013. Duly noted.
- 7.6. Two copies of "The Voice" (Summer Edition) received for circulation, plus details of costs of extra copies.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council would stay with the 2 free copies issued, and these were circulated.
- 7.7. Appeal for donations to the "Welsh National Memorial – Flanders" campaign. Duly noted.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council would not donate at this time.

8.0. Community Council Website

8.1. Roger Malvern of Upper Bridge Enterprises has confirmed that the monthly fee includes *provision* of the domain name, but it will be registered in the name of the council, who will be the official owners of the domain name. Duly noted and a majority vote followed in favour of using this website provider.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Upper Bridge Enterprises to get the website underway once the grant has been received.

9.0. Powys County Council

9.1. War Memorials Project – In remembrance of the centenary of World War 1, 2014 – 2018. It was agreed that this could be something that the YFC members may be interested in as a research project for the Mochdre with Penstrowed community.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Gordon Jones would contact the YFC to sound them out.

9.2. Further to the Consultation Proposal on the Provision of Secondary Education in the John Beddoes and Newtown Catchment Areas received and circulated around the Councillors for their information, Statutory Notice for the proposals to be implemented has been received. Duly noted.

10.0. Highway Matters

10.1. Concerns about the signed path from behind the Church down to the footbridge - the affected area has now been cordoned off so that it can still be used but concerns have been expressed about the footbridge that leads from it onto a footpath up to Cae Colley, concerns as to whether the brick work actually meets the bank.

10.2. Rhyd Y Cwrt Bridge – It was recently noticed that, as the road curves round to the right, there seems to be crumbling of the bank underneath the barrier on the left which may threaten the safety of traffic pulling in to the left if not attended to.

10.3. Condition of Cae Colley lane has been recently noted. The lane is full of potholes and the surface is clearly being washed away by rainwater. A drain near the gate is also either blocked or broken resulting in rainwater running into Cae Colley yard and causing deep ruts.

10.4. Condition of Hollybush lane has been recently noted. Promised work has not been done i.e. the mending of potholes.

10.5. Hyde Park Pitch – Concrete has been splashed by a concrete mixer lorry, en route to a new building near Pen Rheiw. This has caused water to deviate away from the drains.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Russell Williams would establish which company was involved so that a suitable letter can be compiled.

It was further noted that there is an absence of white lines by the Perth Y Bu turning. There was a majority vote in favour of a site visit by Adrian Jervis (Andrew Jones has moved to another area) in order to view the highway matters above .

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Adrian Jervis for his diary in order to arrange a mutually convenient date and time for a “walkabout” with Councillors.

11.0. Charities

11.1. Thank you received from Mochdre and Penstrowed YFC for the Council's £200.00 donation. Duly noted.

11.2. Thank you received from Stepside Chapel for the Council's £200.00 donation. Duly noted.

11.3. Thank you received from Mochdre WI for the Council's £200.00 donation. Duly noted.

12.0. Applications for Financial Support:

12.1. From Menter Iaith Maldwyn. There was a majority vote in favour of requesting further information as to what this organisation does in order to be able to ascertain if it is a cause the Council would wish to support.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts them for further information.

12.2. From Gwyl Cerdd Dant Ystrad Fflur a'r Fro 2013. Felt not to be a cause which the Council wishes to support.

13.0. BDO

13.1. Notification of new scale of audit fees from year ended 31st March, 2013 – The Council's audit fee will increase to £130.00. This was duly noted.

14.0. Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

14.1. Annual Report 2012/2013 received, for information. Duly noted.

15.0. Correspondence

15.1. Letter received from Owen James (Schools Modernisation Support Manager) - Duly noted.

15.2. Letter received from the Post Office about changes to Mochdre Post Office (Mochdre, Colwyn Bay, LL28 5DS!!). For information/amusement! – Duly noted.

- 15.3. Letter from Mid-Wales “Welsh for Adults Centre” in North Powys asking for coverage in the community newsletter to advertise their Welsh classes.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts them to advise them that the Council is in the process of setting up a website, and if they are still interested in advertising once it is up and running it might be possible, but at a small charge.
- 15.4. Application Ref: **VAR/2013/0011** Grid Ref: 307358.97/287854.79 for Application to discharge section 106 Agreement attached to M22259 (occupancy condition) at The Bungalow, Lower Rock, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys. After some discussion, the Council voted in favour of this proceeding to determination.
- 15.5. Letter from Janet Davies reference weed killer spraying on the grass verges around Pen-y-Graig ground.
IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Russell Williams would speak to Janet Davies in the first instance.
- 15.6. Invitation to the Community Council to be a member of the Welsh Language Communities Alliance. The Council felt that more information was required to enable it to make an informed decision.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts them for more information.
- 15.7. SLCC Regional Conference for Wales – Wednesday, 18th September at Llandudno. The Council requested more information, to enable a decision to be made next meeting about whether to attend or not.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts them for more information.
- 15.8. E-Mail from PCC Scrutiny Manager Wyn Richards regarding Government Grant of £500.00 towards development of the Council’s website. There was a majority vote in favour of applying for this grant.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk completes the necessary grant application paperwork once it has been received and submit it by the required deadline.

16.0. Chairman’s Announcements

- 16.1. There was some good news with regard to highway matters – the water leak opposite the Dolau has now been repaired and new hydraulic arms have been fitted to the bin at the top of Hyde Park Pitch.
- 16.2. The Council congratulates Enid Morgan on being awarded the BEM.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk writes a letter of congratulation to Enid.
- 16.3. Possibility of having new community noticeboards, which could be funded by the P&L Trust funds. This was mentioned for Councillors to consider.
- 16.4. The Chairman has received a letter from Russell George AM, congratulating him on his re-election.
- 16.5. The opening of Penstrowed Parish Hall on 6th July, 2013 went very well, with good attendance.
- 16.6. Cllr Douglas Wood pointed out that there are no road signs for Penstrowed, and could this be rectified?
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk investigates this further through the “Trunk Roads” section of PCC.

17.0. Date of next meeting

- 17.1. Next meeting will be on Monday, 2nd September, 2013.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm.

K. Wigley
Clerk/y clerck
July, 2013

