

**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 11th November 2013,
7:00p.m. at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Douglas Wood
Cllr. Jean Williams

County Cllr. Roche Davies

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

A one minute silence was observed for Remembrance Day prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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, 7th October, 2013 were a true record of what there and then transpired and were signed by the Chairman.

3.0. Information from the Minutes.

3.1. Further to the resolution at the last meeting (as per Minute 10.1, 7th October, 2013) the Clerk submitted the proposed notice for Community noticeboards (advertising the availability of funding for local causes/projects) for wording approval prior to posting. The wording was unanimously approved by the Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to post the notice on Community noticeboards.

4.0. Finance

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £4,078.36. Cash book stands at £3,360.86. There are 3 outstanding cheques - for £30.00, £552.50 and £135.00. No invoice as yet received from Upper Bridge, so the cheque (for £150.00) approved at the last meeting has been retained until the invoice has been received.

To consider the payment of:

1) Grant towards upkeep of Mochdre Old School - £200.00

2) Reference Grant payment to St. Gwrhai's Church - £100.00, agreed at last meeting (Minute Ref. 4.1, 7th October, 2013). Cheque to be cancelled and a new one made out to Penstrowed Parish Church, because the bank will not accept one made out to St. Gwrhai's Church (as per payments in previous years).

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 £1,503.61. Cash book stands at £1,503.61. There are no outstanding cheques. This was duly noted.

4.3. Revised Draft Annual Budget - 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015. This was presented for approval.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council unanimously approved and agreed the revised Budget at £6,350.

5.0. National Assembly

5.1. Designated Persons Order (Number 1) – Under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, Consultation Document – The Council was unanimous in its opinion that there are sufficient layers of scrutiny already in place without yet another layer of bureaucracy being added.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to convey the Council's opinion before the deadline.

5.2. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual report for 2014/2015 – The Panel wished to draw attention to the section of the report regarding payments to members of community and town councils. The Council reiterated its opinion that it did not feel that community and town councillors should be paid.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to convey the Council's opinion before the deadline.

5.3. Welsh Government Nature Funding – The Council was unanimous in its opinion that some of this money should be invested in the “call of nature” (i.e. to prevent public conveniences from closing) as well as nature itself!

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to convey the Council's opinion before the deadline.

6.0. Planning Matters

6.1. Application Ref: **P/2013/0978**, Grid Ref: 306758.33/290949.65 for Engineering operations comprising slope stabilising of quarry faces at Penstrowed Quarry, Penstrowed, Caersws, Powys. There was unanimous agreement to support this application.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should e-mail Tom Evans conveying the Council's support.

7.0. Community Council Website

7.1. To set up the “building blocks” for the website, Roger Malvern had suggested an action plan for the Council, and this was duly discussed. It was unanimously agreed that local businesses should be asked to pay a fee of £15.00 per annum for advertising on the website (in order to cover the monthly fees) and that the Council should have a meeting once the draft website is available to view.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to advise Roger Malvern of the proposed advertising cost so that it can be included on the draft website.

7.2. Draft Complaints Procedure – This was presented for approval and, after some discussion, unanimously adopted.

8.0. Powys County Council

8.1. Powys Community Nectar Trees Application – For land recently acquired close to Penstrowed Church, which has been earmarked as a community garden. An application has been submitted for 5 fruit trees and the outcome of the application is now awaited.

8.2. Concurrent Functions – Recreation Provision Application form for funding towards the maintenance/support of existing recreation provision. Duly noted.

8.3. Concurrent Functions Scheme – Cemeteries Application Form for funding to assist the management of cemeteries. Funds for this have already been allocated in the draft Budget for 2014/2015. Duly noted.

8.4. Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – PCC has requested that their notice be posted on community noticeboards and this was unanimously approved by the Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to post the notice.

9.0. One Voice Wales

9.1. Training Programme for 2014 – Notification of the availability of additional new training modules. Duly noted.

9.2. Planning Training Module – Confirmation has been received that the trainer is available for the 12th December (course to run from 6:30 to 9:00pm) and that the 12 spare places have been advertised by OVW to other councils.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to send a reminder to Councillors close to the time.

10.0. Highway Matters

10.1. Map received from Andrew Jones, reference nameplate signs for Penstrowed. Feedback from residents as to their suggestions for suitable locations to site the road signs was discussed and the Council unanimously agreed that it would be a good idea to have a meeting with Andrew Jones to show him the proposed sites, rather than try to explain in an e-mail.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to arrange the proposed meeting with Andrew Jones.

10.2. “Walkabout” Report from John Ward – Emlyn has completed his part, but is awaiting information from John Ward with regards to the Cae Colley adopted road query and also the long standing query about road widening by Chapel Close.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to “keep prodding” for the report, and also contact County Cllr Roche Davies to see if he could “jockey them along a bit”. Cllr Russell Williams will also contact Hugo Van Rees with regards to the road widening matter.

11.0.Charities

- 11.1.Request for financial contribution from Newtown Citizens Advice Bureau. Duly noted.
- 11.2.Request for financial contribution from the National Eisteddfod of Wales (Meifod, 2015).Duly noted.
- 11.3.Request for financial contribution from the Urdd National Eisteddfod, 2014. Duly noted.

12.0.Street Lighting

- 12.1.The light by the telephone kiosk is now on. There was some discussion concerning the possibility of having an additional light installed at the top of Mill Lane.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to ask Cllr. Jean Williams if she would canvas her neighbours to see if they wanted this.

13.0.SP Energy Networks

- 13.1.Electricity Act 1989: 132kV Overhead Line Connection from Llandinam Wind Farm to Welshpool Substation – CD received with the 2013 updated Environmental Statement on, which updates and replaces the Environmental Statement published in 2009. Duly noted.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to check if this new information also includes the proposed route.

14.0.Concerns with reference to By-Pass Build Programme.

- 14.1.Discussion took place itemising community concerns identified by Councillors (prior to the Clerk contacting Alun Griffiths Ltd. to arrange a meeting). The main concerns were the disruption which may be caused during the build phase; that safe access should be maintained throughout and that there should be plenty of advance warning of potential disruption so that residents can make alternative arrangements if necessary.
IT WAS RESOLVED to wait until the New Year, in order to see how things are progressing, before asking for a meeting with Alun Griffiths Ltd.

15.0.Correspondence

- 15.1.**War Memorials Trust** – Information received, concerning ensuring local war memorials are preserved, was duly noted.

16.0.Chairman's Announcements

- 16.1.**Mochdre YFC Bonfire Night, which was due to take place on 8th November, now re-scheduled for 13th November** – It was decided to judge after the event to see if a contribution to YFC funds may be required.
- 16.2.**Enid Morgan's BEM Presentation, which took place on 1st November** – This was a wonderful evening in true Mochdre style. An update of the costs incurred has been received, amounting to £519.71. There was a unanimous vote in favour of reimbursing Enid with this amount out of P & L funds.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amount.

17.0.Date of next meeting

- 17.1.Next meeting will be on Monday,16th December, 2013.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm.

