

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd November 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Mochdre Old School

1.0. Attendance, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Members' Interests

- 1.1. There were three apologies for absence, namely, Cllrs Tony Leach, Delwyn Jerman and County Cllr Roche Davies
- 1.2. No declarations of Member's interests were received.

2.0. Minutes of Meetings-to approve and sign the minutes as a correct record

- 2.1. Minutes of meeting held on 12 September 2011 at Mochdre Old School, having previously been circulated were agreed to be true record and signed by the Chairman.

3.0. Matters Arising from Minutes.

- 3.1. Reference para 15.1 White lines and give way symbols at junctions had been repainted but only on those roads recently resurfaced – Clerk to write

4.0. Finance

- 4.1. Bank statement £3518.24 - Cash book also stands at £3518.2414, there being no uncashed cheques. The breakdown of funds is £1389.69 for Mochdre CC and £2128.55 for P&L Trust. There are still two payments to make, travelling allowances to attend training Cllrs Russell Williams and Robin Lewis..
- 4.2. Annual Budget for 1st April 2012 to 31 March 2013 was discussed and approved in principle, there was some concern with regard to the cost of the election due in May 2012 – Clerk to seek advice
- 4.3. Cheque for £1128.10 received from P&L Trust

5.0. National Assembly

6.0. Planning matters

- 6.1. Proposed Wind Farm Development at Neuadd Goch – notification of consultation meetings at Velindre and Dolfor Community Halls on 21 and 22 October respectively - noted
- 6.2. National Grid – Connection Project – Connecting Windfarms through Mid Wales and Shropshire – Meeting at Welshpool Town Hall 20 October 2011- noted
- 6.3. National Grid Connections – Project News - noted
- 6.4. Letter from Russell George AM Re: Mid Wales Connection Project.- noted
- 6.5. Letter fro Powys County Council Standards Committee re: Councillors dispensation with regard to Renewable Energy Issues – noted copies distributed to councillors
- 6.6. Powys County Council Local Development Plan – Settlement Facilities questionnaire
- 6.7. Full Planning Permission granted Section 3 application to vary condition 2 attached to planning permission P2008 0794 (design amendments) at Waen Mochdre - noted
- 6.8. Letter from Alison Davies Conservation of Upland Powys to Mr Griffiths AM Minister for Environment and Sustainability Welsh Government re: TAN8 – noted considered a good letter

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Annual Council Reporting Framework (ACRF) - noted
- 7.2. Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 Leisure Equipment: Freestanding Goal Frames.- noted not applicable
- 7.3. Powys Regeneration Partnership – “The Regenerator” newsletter Issue 7 October 2011 - noted

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. Appointment of Training Champion. This item was discussed and Cllr Russell Williams agreed to accept the post
- 8.2. Notification of Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting Wednesday 19 October 2011 and minutes of meeting held on 6th July 2011 - noted
- 8.3. The Voice Issue No 17 Autumn - noted
- 8.4. Big Lottery Fund – Programmes in Wales - noted
- 8.5. Feedback on Councillors' courses. Councillors who had attended course gave very favourable feed back; considering the training to be very useful and informative. The venue, Castle Caereinion Community Centre was not thought to be suitable, better Newtown or Berriew - Clerk to write

8.6. Russell George AM, who has been campaigning relentlessly to resolve the traffic problem in Newtown, has written to Cllr Derrick Pugh, Chairman of OVW Montgomeryshire Area Committee, asking for support; as a result, Newtown Town Council has now issued an invitation to One Voice Wales to hold the next Montgomeryshire Area Committee at Newtown early in 2012, which Cllr Pugh and his colleagues were happy to accept.

9.0. Environment Agency Wales

9.1. Important Message for Septic Tank Owners

10.0. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons – 4th July 2012

10.1. A Guide to Taking Part issued by The Pageant Master Bruno Peek OBE MVO OPR – noted.

11.0. Montgomeryshire Community Health Council

11.1. Championing Patients Rights in Montgomeryshire Press Release giving information on vacancies for volunteer members within Montgomery Community Health Council.

12.0. Clerk's Conditions of Service

12.1. Clerks's Conditions of Service and Contract of Employment were discussed and agreed

13.0. Complement

13.1. It was recognised that Cllrs Tony Leach and Delwyn Jerman, have both tendered apologies for absence for some time; Councillor Delwyn Jerman is unlikely to return to duty, and his resignation, if tendered, would be accepted. Councillor Tony Leach will probably tender his resignation at the time of the next election.

14.0 P & L Trust Fund.

14.1. Receipt of grant from P & L Trust Fund

14.2. Application for grant aid from St Gwrhai's Church Penstrowed. The application came via the architect overseeing the work. Councillors were of the opinion that the application should have come via Parochial Church Council. A request will be made, to St Gwrhai's, that this should be the case.

15.0. Charities

15.1. Acknowledgement and thanks for recent donation from Marie Curie Cancer Care - noted

15.2. Request for donation from Citizens Advice Bureau Newtown – agreed to donate £35

15.3. Request for donation from Hope Africa – agreed to 'leave on the table'

16.0. Correspondence.

16.1. Planning application P2011/1233 for installation of solar panels on existing buildings at Glanrhyd Llanidloes Road Newtown – no objections

16.2. Planning Liaison meeting to be held at Neuadd Maldwyn Welshpool on 5th December 2011

16.3. Letter from OVW re traffic chaos in Newtown Newtown Town Council has issued an invitation to hold the next Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting at Newtown

17.0. ACCB

17.1. Cllr Robin Lewis reported that the draft Constitution had been agreed. There appeared to be a difference of opinion between Montgomeryshire and Radnorshire members of the Committee with regard to the rate of progress being made. There was public opposition in Montgomeryshire against the subsequent building of a hub and pylons, it was therefore thought prudent to 'hang fire' for a while until the situation became clearer.

18.0. Community Notice Board in Old School

18.1. It was suggested that Community Council make a request for permission to use part of the school notice board. Clerk to pursue

19.0. Highways

19.1. Concern was expressed about the safety of junction of A489 with U2608 (lane to Broombush and Hollies); where a number of 'near misses' have occurred. It is feared that a serious accident will happen if the junction is not improved. County Cllr Roche Davies has met with residents to discuss the situation. Clerk to write to Highways

20.0. Chairman's Announcements

21.0, Date of next meeting - Monday 19th December 2011 at 7.00 pm 21.0 Meeting closed at 9:05pm