

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 29 March 2012, 7:00 p.m. at Mochdre Old School

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

- 1.1. Cllrs Rees Williams (Chairman), Russell Williams (Vice Chairman), John Jandrell, Robin Lewis, Derek Hamer, Adrian Owen and County Cllr Roche Davies were in attendance. Apology for absence received from Cllr Tony Leach.
- 1.2. There were no declarations of members interests.

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

- 2.1. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6th February 2012 at Mochdre Old School, having been previously printed and circulated, were agreed to be a true record and signed as such by the Chairman.

3.0. Matters Arising from Minutes.

4.0. Finance

- 4.1. Bank statement £2088.32 - Cash book stands at £2088.32. The breakdown of balance is £959.77 for Mochdre CC and £1128.55 for P&L Trust.
- 4.2. Audit Briefing - Winter 2012 received from auditors BDO LLP for use in completing Annual Return for 2012
There is a change to timing of the audit – accounts must be certified and approved by the council, before 30th June.
After receipt of BDO's report of findings, the council should re-approve the annual return before 15 September to enable council to publish audited return by 30 September, previously 31 December
- 4.3. Annual Return for year ending 31 March 2012, accounts being completed, were presented to the council for approval.
Proposed by Cllr Derek Hamer and seconded by Cllr Robin Lewis.
- 4.4. HMRC PAYE Basic Tools Feb 2012 Version received

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Review of Payments to Community and Town Councillors
Questionnaire completed for submission

6.0. Planning matters

- 6.1. Planning Application P2012 0174 For conversion of former dairy milking parlour into residential dwelling and installation of a sewage treatment plant at Penstrowed Hall Penstrowed Caersws Powys – there were no objections.
Cllrs impressed by presentation of planning application, and pleased to see that the conversion would not alter the landscape of the immediate area.
- 6.2. Notice of Pre-Deposit Public Consultation for a Local Development Plan. The whole plan was available for viewing from a CD which came with a covering letter, the whole consisted of a large number of pages, of which only those which dealt with proposed Candidate Site Register areas within Mochdre with Penstrowed Community were printed. Some discussion took place, with particular attention paid to those areas within, or close to Stepside settlement, namely Site Reference Number 608 Tillers Rest, SRN 693 Land at Woodside and SRN 767 Land at Lower Talwrn, Stepside. Problems identified are (1) sewage system considered inadequate to cope with additional dwellings; the main sewer ends just below Oakwood House from there on it is private. There have been repeated sewage problems just opposite the Methodist Chapel in Stepside. (2) Mochdre Lane from Stepside to Mochdre Bridge needs to be widened before any further development takes place; should all the areas proposed be developed there would be an estimated 25 additional dwellings, with perhaps 50 extra vehicles, and all that that entails. Clerk to reply before 30 April

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. One Powys Plan 2011 – 2014 Chairman gave an overview. As key organisations responsible for delivering public services within the county, Powys CC and other agencies have agreed a new way of working together, called "One Powys" The aim of this new approach is to build upon a successful track record of working together to improve the well-being of the people of Powys. Councillors were very much in favour of this approach and thought that affordable housing was one of the important issues to highlight, be it, house purchase, 50-50 purchase/rent or simply the provision of properties for rent
- 7.2. Post Office Diversification Fund in Wales – Letter from Powys CC giving details of the Welsh Government's funding

Opportunity – alas, this community has no Post Office

- 7.3. 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales, letter from PCC giving details of changes; the proposals mean that the two Parliamentary constituencies for Powys will change, with Montgomeryshire being split between three areas. At the moment any changes will NOT affect Assembly elections. The aim of the exercise is to have constituencies of between 70k to 80k electors, objectors will be expected to present an alternative proposal

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. Invitation to Renew Membership of One Voice Wales – resolved to renew in April - £56.00
- 8.2. Invoice for £10 Strong Roots Course 6th March 2012. – resolved to pay
- 8.3. Clarification of Dates following the Local Elections - via email. Four days after the election on 3rd May current councillors retire and newly elected councillors take office. Explanation: 4 days after 3rd May (7th May) is a Bank Holiday and therefore, in accordance with section 243 of the Local Government Act 1972 8th May is the day the new councillors take office.
- 8.4. Further information on the Strong Roots project. This is a partnership between One Voice Wales, Cynnal Cymru-Sustain Wales and the Climate Change Consortium for Wales. The project is supported by the Welsh Government and contributes to their statutory duty to adopt the principles of sustainable development as a core principal. The project seeks to support councils and councillors in their roles and duties and builds upon the Local Government Wales Measure 2011 as well as anticipating the Sustainable Development Bill which will be passed by the current Welsh Government by 2015. Councillor Russell Williams who attended a training course 6th March, gave a short overview

9.0. A Voice for You Ltd

- 9.1. Request for volunteers to advocate for people with a learning disability. Training will be given. To be posted on community notice board.

10.0. Powys Teaching Health Board

- 10.1. Press release giving notice of 'Listening Events' being held at Llanidloes and Machynlleth
- 10.2. Hywel Dda Health Board - Pre-consultation Engagement. County Councillor Roche Davies attended meetings at Llanidloes and was given to understand that services would be retained; two consultants have agreed to defer retirement until replacements can be recruited.

11.0. Boundary Commission for Wales

- 11.1. Newsletter detailing Initial proposals for Parliamentary constituencies in Wales (see para 7.3. above)

12.0. Charities

- 12.1. Certificate of thanks from Wales Air Ambulance
- 12.2. Letter of thanks from Montgomeryshire Music Festival
- 12.3. Request for donation from 'Montgomeryshire Family Crisis Centre' resolved to 'leave on the table' until next meeting.
- 12.4. Walk for Life – Kidney Foundation Wales resolved not to support

13.0. Clerk's Resignation.

- 13.1. Advertisement in local paper advertising position.

14.0. Correspondence.

- 14.1. Letter advertising items for Queens Jubilee Celebrations
- 14.2. Countryside Commission for Wales to issue maps of open countryside and common land areas. Representations can be made between 16th July and 23rd November 2012
- 14.3. BDO auditors papers (see para 4.3.)
- 14.4. NALC Briefing Paper on 'Prayers at Council Meetings
- 14.5. Newsletter from Wales Illegal Money Lending Unit (WIMLU) Against Loan Sharks Across Wales. Details of action taken against loan sharks, victim's stories and how to obtain assistance.

15.0. Chairman's Announcements.

- 16.0, Date of next meetings** Monday 30 April 2012 Annual General Meeting 21 May 2012

The meeting closed at 20:30

