

**Cyngor Cymuned MOCHDRE gyda PHENSTRYWAID
MOCHDRE with PENSTROWED Community Council**

Ashford, The Bank, Newtown, Powys, SY16 2AB

**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 3rd September 2012, 7:00p.m. at
Mochdre Old School**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Adrian Owen

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Roche Davies
(Arrived at 7:30pm)

1.0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

1.1. See list above. Apology was received and accepted from Cllr Adrian Owen.

1.2. Declarations of Members' Interests.

Name of Councillor	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Cllr. Lewis	Item 6.2. Planning Matters	✓	

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

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 10th July, 2012 at Mochdre Old School and Addendum meeting held on Tuesday, 17th July 2012 at Mochdre Old School were a true record of what there and then transpired and were signed by the Chairman.

3.0. Information from the Minutes.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on accounts: Mochdre CC bank statement £1512.49 - Cash book stands at £1512.49 (includes SLCC Bursary payment of £62.50 towards Clerk's training costs). There are no outstanding cheques.

To consider the payment of:

Clerk's expenses to date of £55.64 (£11.55 postage, £0.99 sympathy card for Tony Leach and £43.10 ink cartridges for printer).

RESOLVED That the Clerk was instructed to pay expenses.

4.2. Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £128.55 – Cash Book stands at £128.55. There are no outstanding cheques. This was noted.

5.0. National Assembly

5.1. Consultation Paper about legislation governing the making of payments by Parish and Community Councils. Proposed Legislative Reform Order – The Council felt that this applied to larger councils and unanimously agreed that it wished to retain the current cheque signature arrangement.

RESOLVED That the Clerk submits comments by the specified deadline.

5.2. The Good Councillor's Guide 2012 - 8 copies received. The copies were issued to each of the Councillors.

6.0. Planning Matters

6.1. Application Ref: **P2012 0521** Conversion of former dairy milking parlour into a residential dwelling, installation of a sewage treatment plant and alterations to vehicular access (resubmission) at Penstrowed Hall Barn, Penstrowed, Caersws – Notification of full planning permission being granted was duly noted.

6.2. Application Ref: **P2012 0824** Grid Ref: 309469.83/287437.52 for erection of a 15KW micro generation wind turbine with hub height of 20m and maximum height to tip of 26m with control box and associated works (E:309456, W: 287420) at Garreg, Dolfor, Newtown, Powys. Councillors consulted the electorate for their comments, and a response was sent to the Planning Department (the deadline was the 6th of August). Concern was expressed by Cllr Linda Davies that people reading said letter might not appreciate the layout of Mochdre with Penstrowed and also asked if the turbine could be painted a colour other than white to make it less visually intrusive. Cllr Lewis took no part in the discussion.

RESOLVED That the Clerk writes to the Planning Department to relay additional comments.

7.0. Powys County Council

7.1. Free Code of Conduct training Session at Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool on July 11th. Feedback from attendees was that the meeting was more confusing than helpful, particularly in the area of Declarations of Interest.

7.2. The Enforcement Officer has been made aware of the situation regarding the caravan sited close to the reservoir (as per Cllr Robin Lewis request). This was noted.

8.0. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual report for 2013/2014

8.1. Section 4 – Payments to members of Community and Town Councils. The Council was unanimous that the community should not be made to 'pay' for their councillors (especially in respect of a council this size).

RESOLVED That the Clerk writes to relay comment before the specified deadline.

9.0. National Grid – Substation and Route Corridor

9.1. Sub-station and route corridor announcement meeting for Community Councillors at Welshpool. Feedback from attendees – Scottish Power stated that they were under a legal obligation to process the power; they tried to come across as sympathetic but had a 'rough ride'. They intend using wooden poles, but the siting of the hub will be looked at in detail once it is decided where the actual route will lie within the proposed route corridor. They will give a further presentation once this decision has been made.

9.2. Information received with reference to Cefn Coch, including a map showing the preferred route corridor positions. This was noted.

10.0. Boundary Commission

10.1. Replies to the letters sent to Russell George, Glyn Davies and the Prime Minister expressing concern at the treatment of Montgomeryshire in the BC proposals in respect of parliamentary constituencies in Wales were read out and duly noted.

11.0. Concurrent Functions – Recreation.

11.1. The Council discussed whether to apply for grant aid for recreational services for children. It was agreed that land would be required to site a recreation facility on and the preferred location was the field by the Church car park; that an interest in the land could be registered with Jones and Peckover and that possibly a grant obtained to purchase it.

RESOLVED That the Clerk contacts Mrs Enid Morgan for further details.

12.0. Urgent Highway Maintenance Matters

12.1. The response from the Rights of Way Officer to the Council's e-mail with reference to the Walk Mill footpath was read out and duly noted.
The pathway has now been cleared.

12.2. The response from STWA to the Council's e-mail reporting the water leak at Pen-Y-Gelli was read out and duly noted.
The leak has now been fixed.

12.3. The response from Andrew Jones to the Council's e-mail reporting complaints about grass cutting, various highway issues, and asking for a meeting with Cllr Russell Williams in order to tour problem areas was read out and duly noted. Mr. Jones had also supplied details of his calendar for September and that meeting has now been arranged for Thursday, 20th September, 2012 at 9:00am.
Cllr Russell Williams stated that at that meeting he will also 'push' for the trimming back of the roadside below Chapel Close in order to improve visibility (this has been an ongoing issue for many years). It was suggested that a record should be kept of 'near misses' in this area, to add support to the request for change. County Cllr Roche Davies will also follow this up at County level. Any other problems that need raising are to be passed to Cllr Russell Williams or the Clerk beforehand.

12.4. A request was made that the water leak opposite the Dolau Pub be reported to STWA.
RESOLVED That the Clerk contacts STWA.

13.0. **Charities**

13.1. NSPCC in its 25th Year – Request for donation.

13.2. Shelter Cymru – Newsletter, summary of audited accounts and request for donation.

13.3. Marie Curie Cancer Care – Request for donation.

All donation requests have been duly noted, but the Council was still in favour of suspending donations pending the receipt of more funds.

13.4. Age Concern Powys – 2 copies of the Summer edition of their newsletter. This was noted.

14.0. **Clerk's Training**

14.1. The course has been booked and a bursary of £62.50 has been received towards the cost. There is a further £50.00 reduction in the cost because the course-pack used by the previous clerk is still current. Hence the cost to the Council will only be £62.50 for the £175.00 course. This was noted.

15.0. **BT "Adopt-a-Kiosk"**

15.1. Councillor Robin Lewis has recently been asked by some members of the community about this scheme. The Adopt a Kiosk initiative is still in operation, but only applies to kiosks that are still in situ - if the kiosk has been removed BT will not replace it (the Pentre Kiosk was removed on 20th July, 2012). However, red K6 kiosks dating from 1935 to 1967 can be bought from the only BT approved remanufacturer and reseller called X2 Connect. Prices start at £2,250 up to £2,750, plus delivery and VAT at 20%. This was noted, the previous Council had made the decision not to adopt kiosks because of the Public Liability insurance implications.

16.0. **Budget 2013/2014**

16.1. The budget for the precept is in preparation. It has been suggested by Cllr Russell Williams that an open meeting be held for community residents in order to ascertain if they have any specific items they would like to be included for next year.

RESOLVED That a short public meeting immediately precedes the next Council meeting.

17.0. **Correspondence**

17.1. **PRP** – Tour Dates. This was noted.

17.2. **Welsh Government "Tackling Poverty Action Plan"** – This was noted.

17.3. **Hywel Dda Health Board** – Consultation on healthcare services. Cllr Russell Williams wishes to attend the Town and Community Councils Event and has taken the hard copy of the Consultation document for study prior to the event.

RESOLVED That the Clerk submits Cllr Russell Williams' name as a representative.

17.4. **One Voice Wales** – Equality Act 2010. Held on computer for information. This was noted.

17.5. **Countryside Council for Wales** – Funding Newsletter August and September 2012. Held on computer for information. This was noted.

17.6. **Big Lottery Fund Village SOS – funding for rural communities.**

RESOLVED That the Council had 'missed the boat' on this for this year, but could perhaps take advantage of it next year.

17.7. **Powys County Council** – List of successful candidates for Powys Standards Committee Community Sub-Committee received, of which the Council's nominee Derrick Pugh (Trefeglwys) was one. This was noted.

17.8. **Llaithddu Wind Farm – Traffic Management Plan.**

RESOLVED That the Clerk forwards comments on to the Secretary of State no later than 5th September, 2012.

17.9. **One Voice Wales** – List of motions for debate at the AGM on 13th October, 2012. This was noted.

17.10. **One Voice Wales** – Research Study: "The Potential of Community and Town Councils in Economic Development" Questionnaire to be returned by end of week beginning 3rd September, 2012.

RESOLVED That the Clerk completes and submits by deadline.

17.11. **One Voice Wales** – Power of Wellbeing Guidance Consultation Document. Deadline is 23rd November 2012.

RESOLVED That this be 'left on the table' for another meeting. Hard copy to be circulated around those unable to access the document on-line in the interim.

17.12. **Welsh Government** – Citizen Panels for Social Services in Wales. E-mailed to Councillors on 24th August, 2012, including details of how to apply. This had been noted.

17.13. **SLCC** - Invoice for £150.00 (£125.00+VAT) for Clerk's Training.

RESOLVED That the Clerk was instructed to pay the invoice.

17.14. One Voice Wales – 2 Copies of the Summer 2012 edition of 'The Voice' and details of their current Training Courses. This was noted.

17.15. Powys County Council – B2N Conference. None of the Councillors expressed an interest in attending.

17.16. SLCC – Notice of Annual General Meeting. For Clerk's information. This was noted.

17.17. HSBC – Changes to Business Banking Services. For information only. This was noted

18.0. Chairman's Announcements

18.1. Presentation of commemorative seat – the 'County Times' news coverage was passed around the Councillors. The Chairman thanked Cllr Robin Lewis for sourcing the bench.

18.2. A card of condolence has been sent to Tony Leach.

18.3. Community members have expressed their thanks to the Community Council for getting the County Council to clear the footpath by Walk Mill.

18.4. A reminder to all Councillors about the One Voice Wales meeting on the 2nd October. Refreshments will need to be available from 6:30pm onwards for those attending the meeting. Cllr Gordon Jones gave his apologies as he is unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

19.0. Date of next meeting – Monday, 8th October, 2012.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

K. Wigley
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September 2012

