

Cyngor Cymuned MOCHDRE gyda PHENSTRYWAID
MOCHDRE with PENSTROWED Community Council

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

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th October 2012, 7:15p.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

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a two minutes silence was held for April Jones from Machynlleth.

1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

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

1.2. Declarations of Members' Interests.

Name of Councillor	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Russell Williams	10.2.	√	
Robin Lewis	6.1. and 16.7.	√	

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

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 3rd September, 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.

3.1. The Clerk gave a report on Concurrent Functions – Recreation (see Minute 11.1, 3rd September, 2012 meeting). The outcome of discussions with Mrs Enid Morgan were reported and also some of the aspects which would have to be covered in the setting up of a play area should ground be available.

IT WAS RESOLVED to put this project aside, possibly for the future.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on accounts: Mochdre CC bank statement £2,579.49 (includes 2nd instalment of precept £1,067). Cash book stands at £2,373.85. There are 2 outstanding cheques for £55.64 and £150.00.

To consider the payment of:

1) Annual Grant to Mochdre Old School - £200.00.

2) Invoice for last financial year's room hire at Mochdre Old School - 8 meetings x £10.00 = £80.00

3) Clerk's quarterly salary - £180.00, plus travelling expenses for attending WWYC course - £37.80 = £217.80

4) HMRC PAYE tax payment - £45.00

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 £128.55. Cash Book stands at £1,296.91 (includes P & L Trust grant of £1,168.36). There are no outstanding cheques. This was noted.

- 4.3. Annual Budget for 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014 was discussed. There were no points raised at the preceding public meeting to incorporate, as there was zero attendance. Increases over last year are due to larger training budget (for both Councillors and Clerk); increased training travel allowances (due to higher fuel costs); larger charitable donations budget; inclusion of budget for Chairman's allowance, Council website and reserves towards the next election expenses and the increase in the Clerk's salary.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council unanimously approved and agreed the budget at £6,250 and the Clerk's increase in salary (from 1st January, 2013).

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. Heritage Protection Bill – drop-in event information, e-mailed to Councillors on 24th September, 2012. This was duly noted.
- 5.2. Appointment of the Expert Advisory Panel for the National Literacy Programme – e-mailed to Councillors on 29th September, 2012, for information. This was duly noted.

6.0. Planning Matters

- 6.1. Planning Application Ref: **P/2012/1039** Grid Ref: 313022.5/287285.23 for Installation of a 5kW micro generation wind turbine with hub height of 18.7m and all associated works (E:312997, N: 2873328) at Caebettin, Kerry, Newtown, Powys. Councillors consulted the electorate for their comments, and a response was sent to the Planning Department stating no objections as it was felt that the proposed turbine would be neither visually nor audibly intrusive to members of the community. (Observations had to be submitted by the deadline of 22nd September). This was duly noted.
- 6.2. Application P/2012/0383 – for Certificate of Lawful Use or Development, Applicant: Mr. G F Grigg of G F. Grigg Ltd. The confirmation of the lawful use was duly noted.

7.0. One Voice Wales

- 7.1. Training Needs Survey 2012 – completed and e-mailed by Clerk. This was duly noted.
- 7.2. Power of Wellbeing Guidance Consultation Document. (Deadline is 23rd November 2012). Hard copy is being circulated, and comments will be required at the next meeting. This was duly noted.
- 7.3. Fair Trade Wales Survey - to establish opportunities for the future development of Fair Trade within the community. Online survey is available until 31st October, 2012.
- IT WAS RESOLVED** that this was not applicable to Mochdre with Penstrowed.

8.0. SP Energy Networks – Mid Wales Connections Project Consultation Stage 2

- 8.1. Information received concerning an additional series of public events – this information was e-mailed to Councillors prior to the meeting as these events are to take place either before or almost immediately after the Council meeting. This was duly noted.

9.0. Boundary Commission

- 9.1. Newsletter concerning publication of revised proposals on 24th October (will also be available to view on the Commission's website www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk). The proposals will be available for consultation for a period of 8 weeks, until 18th December, 2012.
- IT WAS RESOLVED** to look into this in more detail at the next meeting, when the proposals will be to hand.

10.0. Urgent Highway Maintenance Matters

- 10.1. Cllr Russell Williams gave a comprehensive report on his meeting with Andrew Jones, at which many matters were covered on a tour of the community. Andrew Jones agreed to another such tour in a couple of months. It is hoped that the trimming back of the roadside below Chapel Close to improve visibility may be achieved in the next financial year, as funds are available for allocation to this project according to a letter received by County Cllr Roche Davies from Adrian Jervis. County Cllr Davies will ask again in 6 months time if the money **has** indeed been allocated.
- 10.2. Letter received from Bill and Betty Jones, Broombush about hedge issues both at the entrance to and along the unclassified road leading to Broombush and Hollybush.
- At this point Cllr Russell Williams stood down from the Chair and Cllr Robin Lewis was voted in as temporary Chair to cover this item.**
- The letter was read out and the contents discussed.
- IT WAS RESOLVED** that Cllr Russell Williams will pletch the length of hedge he is responsible for; that County Cllr Roche Davies will approach Gareth Lloyd to advise him of the work required to be done by him and ask for a timescale as to when it will be done (as he has previously approached him on this matter); that the Clerk writes to Mr and Mrs Jones advising them of the outcome of the discussion and that matters will hopefully be sorted out this winter.

At this point, Cllr Robin Lewis vacated the Chair, and Cllr Russell Williams retook it.

11.0. Charities

- 11.1. As more funds have been received, the Council discussed if it was still in favour of suspending donations. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that all were in favour of continuing the suspension of donations until the cost of the election was confirmed.
- 11.2. Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales – fund raising initiatives. This was duly noted.
- 11.3. Powys CAB and Trading Standards September, 2012 Newsletter – e-mailed to Councillors on 24th September, 2012 (and amended version on 1st October), for information. This was duly noted.

12.0. Clerk's Training

- 12.1. Clerk's comments on the WWYC course (that it was extremely informative and useful) were duly noted.

13.0. Hywel Dda Health Board

- 13.1. "Your Health, Your Future" Consultation, details of public meeting at Llanidloes Community Centre on 19th October, 2012 e-mailed to Councillors on 19th September. This was duly noted.
- 13.2. Town and Community Councils Event - Cllr Russell Williams reported that it was a good meeting, but centred mainly around Bronglais hospital. However, he was informed at the event that a Mid-Wales Health Board is going to be a possibility.

14.0. Police and Crime Commissioner Elections on 15th November, 2012

- 14.1. Information e-mailed to Councillors on 18th September to enable them to make people aware of what is happening and how to take part. This was duly noted.

15.0. Powys Joint Community Consultative Meeting on Monday, 22nd October, 2012

- 15.1. This will take place at Welshpool Town Hall at 6:45pm and is an opportunity to receive information about and share thoughts on tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and community safety in your area. This was duly noted.

16.0. Correspondence

- 16.1. **Dyfed-Powys Police Authority Questionnaire** – Seeks information in relation to policing priorities and council tax precept.
IT WAS RESOLVED to hold this over to the November meeting.
- 16.2. **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority** – Draft Annual Improvement Plan 2013-2014 Questionnaire.
IT WAS RESOLVED to hold this over to the November meeting, as the deadline is 10th December.
- 16.3. **One Voice Wales Training Module – "The Councillor"**, 9th October 2012 at the Park Lodge Hotel, Aberystwyth. Cllrs Dave Forster, Linda Davies and Jean Williams to attend and a Bursary has been applied for. This was duly noted.
- 16.4. **BBC Audience Council for Wales** – Theatr Clera, Welshpool High School on Friday, 19th October. Names of those wishing to attend to be given to the Clerk for submittal by Friday, 12th October.
- 16.5. **One Voice Wales Planning Training Module** – Provision to be on a "demand" model (up to 31st December, 2012) and then reviewed before a decision is taken to offer the training on this basis for the long term. Standard planning course will cost £400 (which could be shared with neighbouring councils).
IT WAS RESOLVED to wait and see if any of the other Community Councils wished to be the 'lead council', so that the Council would only have to finance a small share of the cost.
- 16.6. **PAVO** – Invitation to participate and offer guidance about the new "Mental Health – Vision for Powys" strategic plan via an open session held at the Ponthafren Centre, Newtown. This was duly noted.
- 16.7. **Planning Application P/2012/1091** – Grid Ref:307373.52/282499.37 for Variation of condition 2 of permission P/2011/0723 to allow the approved turbine type to be altered from an "Endurance E-3120" with a maximum blade elevation of 34.2m to a "Northwind 100" which has a maximum blade elevation of 34.585m (also a neater profile and quieter in operation), at Esgair Draenllwyn, Llaithddu, Llandrindod Wells. Cllr Robin Lewis took no part in the discussion.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council did not wish to comment and thus the application should be allowed to proceed to determination.
- 16.8. **Blanket Dispensations received from Clarence Meredith (Strategic Director, Law and Governance) for:**
D2.2 Powys County Council School Modernisation Programme (extends to school transport issues also) and B2.1 Windfarms/Renewable Energy. These were duly noted.

16.9. Town and Community Council Planning Liaison Meeting, to be held on:

Wednesday, 21st November at Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool at 7:00pm.

Names of those wishing to attend are required by the Clerk by 19th October at the latest.

16.10. Highway Matters – It has been brought to the Council's attention by some community members that there is occasionally inconvenient parking outside Pennant bungalow. Vehicles are sometimes parked such that someone driving towards Newtown would have to swing out onto the wrong side of the road on a blind bend to get round them.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Mr and Mrs P. Morris, advising them that complaints have been received and pointing out the risks.

16.11. Welsh Government – Appointment of Members and Chair to the Advisory Panel on Substance Misuse.

For further details and to apply, go to <http://wales.gov.uk/publicappointments>. This was duly noted.

17.0. Chairman's Announcements

18.0. Date of next meeting – Monday, 12th November, 2012.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

K. Wigley
Clerk/y cleric
October 2012

