

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

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

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12th November 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:

None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk) County Cllr. Roche Davies (Arrived at 7:10pm)

1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

1.1. See list above. The Chairman announced that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Adrian Owen, and that more details would be given later in the meeting (under the Correspondence section).

1.2. Declarations of Members' Interests.

Name of Councillor	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Robin Lewis	6.1.	√	

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

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 8th October, 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. Cllrs Jean Williams, Linda Davies and Russell Williams are to attend the Town and Community Council Planning Liaison Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, 21st November at Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool at 7:00pm (see Minute 16.9, 8th October, 2012 meeting).

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Accounts: Mochdre CC bank statement £2,373.85. Cash book stands at £1,831.05. There are four outstanding cheques for £200.00, £80.00, £217.80 and £45.00.

To consider the payment of:

One Voice Wales Invoice No. 835 – 'The Councillor' training for 3 councillors on 9th October, 2012 at Aberystwyth = £45.00 (Bursary of £45.00 has been granted towards the total cost of £90.00).

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amount.

4.2. Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £1,296.91. Cash book stands at £1,296.91. There are no outstanding cheques. This was noted.

5.0. National Assembly

6.0. Planning Matters

6.1. Planning Application Ref: **P/2012/0824** 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. Letter was received on Saturday, 20th October informing the Council that the application was to be considered at the Regulatory Committee on Tuesday, 23rd October at 1:00pm at the Town Hall, Welshpool.

Details e-mailed to Councillors on 22nd October, 2012 for information. This was duly noted and the minutes of that Committee meeting are awaited.

7.0. One Voice Wales

7.1. Information received via OVW about the Keep Wales Tidy pledge scheme with regard to the release of balloons and Chinese lanterns. E-mailed to Councillors on 23rd October for opinions to ascertain if the Council wishes to support the scheme. A vote was taken and there was a clear majority of the Councillors who wished to support the scheme.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to complete the statement in support of the scheme and e-mail it to Keep Wales Tidy.

7.2. Climate Change Adaptation Project – Notification of a survey that will be circulated to Councillors direct. E-mail forwarded to Councillors on 26th October, 2012 for their information. This was noted and Councillors are to “keep an eye out” for the arrival of the survey.

7.3. Power of Wellbeing Guidance Consultation Document – Online questionnaire to be completed by 23rd November, 2012. Cllr Linda Davies raised the question that, as the Power of Wellbeing would give local authorities a wide ranging discretionary power to do anything that they considered likely to promote or improve the environmental, economic and social well-being of their area and persons within that area, would there also be comprehensive guidance concerning the legal aspects of the use of such a power because of the regard they must have to their fiduciary duty to council tax payers?

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to complete the questionnaire by raising this question and ask that the response be kept confidential.

7.4. Feedback was received from attendees of “The Councillor” training session at Aberystwyth on 9th October, 2012. They felt that the course was very informative, reinforcing the fact that Council duties should not be taken lightly and that Councillors should always try to act in the interests of their electorate.

8.0. Powys County Council

8.1. Play Sufficiency Assessment and Open Space Assessment Consultation 2012/2013 – Questionnaire requesting the position to be marked on a supplied map of any existing allotments or play areas within the Community Council area and details of said allotments or play areas. Clerk has responded that there are no allotments or play areas in the Community Council area (deadline for response 12th November, 2012). This was noted.

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

8.3. Concurrent Functions Scheme – Cemeteries Application Form for funding the management of cemeteries i.e. grass cutting.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk is to check if the Church (either at Mochdre or Penstrowed) would be eligible to receive this funding via an application submitted by the Community Council.

8.4. B2N in Powys Conference – Copy of the Summary of B2N Recommendations received. This was noted.

9.0. Boundary Commission

9.1. The map of the revised proposals published on 24th October was shown to the Council for discussion. The Council expressed its disappointment with the latest proposals as it felt that nothing had been done to address the concerns that had been raised in relation to the original proposals. Various points were raised that it was felt should be brought to the attention of the Boundary Commission (deadline is 18th December, 2012).

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to write to the Boundary Commission expressing the Council's concerns.

9.2. Response received to the letter sent to the Prime Minister in July concerning the above was read out and duly noted.

10.0. Highway Matters

10.1. The Council's letter to Mr and Mrs P. Morris about parking and their response to that letter were read out. It was obvious from their response that they were not happy about receiving a formal letter from the Council, but the Council felt that this had been the correct action to take. Cllr Russell Williams will have a word with them personally to calm their concern.

11.0. Charities

11.1. Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – request for contribution. This was noted.

11.2. Powys Citizens Advice Bureau – request for contribution. This was noted.

The Council voted that its resolution to suspend charitable donations until after the election is paid for should still stand.

11.3. Powys CAB and Trading Standards October, 2012 Newsletter – e-mailed to Councillors on 2nd October, 2012 for information. This was noted.

12.0. **Electoral Registration**

12.1. Request form for the supply of a copy of the Full Register of Electors received. Clerk completed and returned it and the Electoral Register (as at 16th October, 2012) was received on 29th October, 2012. This was noted.

13.0. **Dyfed-Powys Police Authority Questionnaire** – This was completed by the Council.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to submit the completed questionnaire.

14.0. **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority** – Draft Annual Improvement Plan 2013-2014. Questionnaire for submission before 10th December, 2012.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to complete and submit the questionnaire by the required deadline.

15.0. **Correspondence**

15.1. **Letter of Resignation from Cllr Adrian Owen** – Given to Cllr Russell Williams on 22nd October, 2012, and accepted by him in his role as Chairman, was read out. Notice to be posted of Casual Vacancy (as per Local Government Act, 1972 (Sec.87(2)) and the Returning Officer to be issued with a copy on the day the notices are posted.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to post notices at Stepside, the Pentre and Penstrowed on the 14th November, issue a copy of the notice on that day to the Returning Officer, and investigate the procedure for amending the Bank signatories.

15.2. **PAVO Conference and AGM** – Tuesday, 4th December, 2012. E-mailed to Councillors for information. This was noted.

15.3. **Copy of Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Community Plan for Powys**. For information, duly noted.

15.4. **One Voice Wales** – 2 copies of the Autumn 2012 edition of 'The Voice' received. For information, duly noted.

15.5. **HMRC – Getting Ready for PAYE Real Time Information** – Helpsheet received. For Clerk's information, duly noted.

15.6. **Montgomeryshire Community Health Council Meeting** –14th November, 2012, details e-mailed to Councillors for their information on 9th November, 2012. Cllr David Forster is to attend and report back at the next meeting.

16.0. **Chairman's Announcements**

16.1. **Brian Jones (The Birches) Gate**. Mr Jones has contacted Cllr Russell Williams on many occasions recently to ask when the Community Council is going to sort out his replacement for the gate damaged by the grass cutter earlier this year. It was agreed that this is outside the Community Council's remit and that he needs to take it up with Andrew Jones of Powys County Council. Brian Jones actually spoke to Andrew Jones about this matter on 16th August, 2012, and Andrew Jones followed up with an e-mail to him on 17th August, 2012 in which he stated: "The gate will be taken up with the contractor and will be replaced".

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to write to Brian Jones, advising him that the Community Council has done everything it can to help him in this matter, but that it is now time for him to contact Andrew Jones personally at Powys County Council.

16.2. **Street Lighting**. The question was put to County Cllr Roche Davies that now that low energy bulbs are to be used for street lighting, when will the rest of the lights currently off in the community be going back on? He will follow this up and report back.

16.3. **Attendance at Council Meetings**. Cllr Russell Williams reminded Councillors that they are **summoned** to attend Council meetings **not** requested, and that there was only a handful of excuses for non- attendance that were acceptable.

17.0. **Date of next meeting** – Monday, 17th December, 2012.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

K. Wigley
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November 2012

