

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

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

**Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 17th December 2012, 7:00p.m. at  
Mochdre Old School.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman) (Arrived at 7:55pm)  
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

**1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence**

1.1. See above. Cllr Russell Williams (Chairman) was unavoidably detained (arriving at 7:55pm) so it was unanimously decided that the meeting should be chaired by Cllr Robin Lewis (Vice Chairman).

1.2. **Declarations of Members' Interests** – There were no Declarations of Members' Interests made.

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

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 12th November, 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. Concurrent Functions Scheme – Cemeteries Application Form (see Minute 8.3, 12th November, 2012 meeting). That the Clerk had completed the application, due to the tight deadline, and asked for a grant of £100 for St Gwrhai's (the usual amount and recipient) and that this had now been allocated was duly noted.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk looks next year at applying for funding for either Mochdre Church or Pentre Chapel, and then on a rota system for ensuing years.

3.2. Highway Matters (see Minute 10.1, 12th November, 2012 meeting) – Concern was raised by Cllr Philip Williams that Cllr Russell Williams might be setting a precedent by his proposed action with regard to this matter.

**4.0. Finance**

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £1,831.05. Cash book stands at £1,786.05. There is one outstanding cheque for £45.00.

**To consider the payment of:**

1) Clerk's quarterly salary = £180.00.

2) HMRC PAYE tax payment = £45.00.

3) Clerk's annual membership renewal for the SLCC = £75.00.

**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 £1,296.91. Cash book stands at £1,296.91. There are no outstanding cheques. This was duly noted.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that ideas for ways in which the P & L funds might be used for the benefit of the Community shall be discussed at the next meeting.

**5.0 National Assembly**

5.1. Sustainable Development Bill Bulletin received and duly noted.

5.2. 'Marine Conservation Zones – Next Steps' was duly noted.

5.3. Consultation on the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill – Invitation to submit written evidence to assist in the Committee's scrutiny of the Bill, via completion of a questionnaire, was duly noted. A hard copy of the consultation was passed on to Councillors for circulation prior to discussion and completion of the questionnaire at the next meeting.

## **6.0. Planning Matters**

6.1. Planning Application Ref: **P/2012/1273** Grid Ref: 308326.84/290396.04 for Full: Conversion of Barn 1 and Barn 2 from agricultural buildings to 3 no. residential units and change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage at Barns, Glanrhyd, Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys. Councillors, having attended a site meeting organised by Cllr Russell Williams on 8th December, 2012, were unanimously in favour of supporting the application.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk should e-mail Arwel Evans conveying the Council's support (response to indicate that reference had duly been made to GP6) by 18th December, 2012.

## **7.0. One Voice Wales**

7.1. Climate Change Adaptation Project Survey. This was duly noted.

## **8.0. Powys County Council**

8.1. Invoice to cover the costs of the Community Council Election held on 5th May, 2012 received - £839.51. In order to reduce administration costs, this sum will be deducted from the precept payment due to the Community Council on 31st December, 2012 (thus the Council will receive £1,067.00 - £839.51 = £227.49). This was duly noted and Councillors expressed their relief that the final bill was much less than expected.

8.2. Casual Vacancy Notice - Letter received from Deputy Returning Officer informing the Council that she has **NOT** received a request for an election to fill this vacancy from 10 electors of the ward. Therefore, in accordance with the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules (1986) the Council is now required to fill the vacancy by co-option. This was duly noted.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk is to post Co-Option notices on 19th December, 2012 at the usual posting sites (with the deadline for interested parties to convey their interest to the Clerk by 4th February, 2013).

8.3. Powys County Council Precept Request Form has now been received. Unanimous approval was given for the submission of a request for a precept of £6,250 (see Minute 4.3, 8th October meeting).

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk completes the precept request and submits it before the required deadline.

8.4. Village Hall Annual Revenue Grant Scheme Form – Clerk has completed the form as requested by Powys County Council (for Mochdre Old School). This was duly noted.

8.5. LED Streetlight Replacement Scheme – County Cllr Roche Davies reported that Mochdre with Penstrowed community was low down on the list for replacement lights, the work being scheduled to be done in July, 2013. There was also a discrepancy in the number of lights requiring replacement, which requires clarification.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk writes to Leigh Williams (Street Lighting Operations Manager), stressing the urgency of this matter due to the rural nature of the area and confirming what the Council perceives to be the number of lights involved.

8.6. Town and Community Council Planning Liaison Meeting, 21st November – Attendees reported that the presentation dealt with proposals rather than concrete details as it is still a work in progress. It was useful from the point of view of giving guidance on the criteria that should be used when assessing Planning Applications.

## **9.0. Keep Wales Tidy**

9.1. KWT pledge scheme with regard to the release of balloons and Chinese lanterns – Council has received a thank you from KWT for its support, via e-mail. This was duly noted.

## **10.0. Highway Matters**

10.1. Blocked drain at Hyde Park Pitch, causing water to back up and run into Rhodri Thomas's garden. This needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

10.2. Mobile caravans sited near Lake Mochdre – There seems to be some movement on the site, involving a digger. Two new gates have been installed in addition to a lock-up and some containers.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Council maintains its 'watching brief'.

10.3. Surface water is eroding the roadside at Foxes Pitch and this needs addressing.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk contacts Andrew Jones to make him aware of 10.1 and 10.3. and request another tour to view current highway matters.

## **11.0. Charities**

11.1. Severn Hospice – request for a grant towards its work. This was duly noted.

11.2. All Wales Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Helpline – request for financial assistance. This was duly noted.

11.3. Marie Curie Nurses in North Powys – request for a donation to fund a nurse for one shift (a night shift of nine hours in a patient's home costs £180.00, but is always free to patients and carers). This was duly noted.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk compiles a list of charities who have requested financial assistance this year for discussion so that monies may be allocated in the New Year.

**12.0. Montgomeryshire Community Health Council Meeting, 14th November, 2012**

- 12.1. Cllr David Forster gave a full report. The main item coming out of the meeting was that there is to be one health commission for the whole of Powys. There is a building already being built in Builth Wells to cover all disciplines, i.e. escalation wards for the winter months and 12 single en-suite rooms for respite care, in conjunction with elderly people care.

**13.0. Boundary Commission Revised Proposals**

- 13.1. The Council has received a thank you letter from the Boundary Commission for its letter (see Minute 9.1, 12th November, 2012 meeting). This was duly noted.

**14.0. Correspondence**

- 14.1. **Understanding the Assembly and Government of Wales** – CPD certified course. This was duly noted but the Council felt that there must be a cheaper way of getting the information offered by the course.
- 14.2. **Correspondence Concerning Council Minutes** – This was duly noted and Councillors felt that setting up the Council website would sort things out.
- 14.3. **Welsh Government Rural Broadband Grants** – For individual households or communities who have a broadband connection which is **consistently** less than 2Mbps.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk posts notices on Community noticeboards to draw this availability to community members' attention.
- 14.4. **National Grid** – Copy of the latest edition of 'Project News' received. This was duly noted.
- 14.5. **The Stroke Association in Wales** – Christmas Appeal for a donation received. This was duly noted and will be included on the list of charities to be considered next year.
- 14.6. **OVW Policy Consultation Volunteer Responders** – Details e-mailed to Councillors on 11th December, 2012 for information. This was duly noted and Cllr Russell Williams was given a hard copy of the details as he had been unable to download them.
- 14.7. **Powys County Council Precept Request Form** - This has now been received and was duly noted.
- 14.8. **Powys County Council - Council Tax Reduction Scheme Consultation** – Questionnaire completed (hard copy) by Councillors.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk completes the on-line version and submits by the deadline.

**15.0. Chairman's Announcements**

- 15.1. The green bin at Hyde Park Pitch has lost its hydraulic arms. Therefore it tends to get left open as this has rendered it very difficult to close.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk writes to request that replacement hydraulic arms be fitted.
- 15.2. Cllr Gordon Jones brought the matter of Mrs Griffiths to the Chairman's attention. She has been bullying some of the community's elderly to such an extent that they are actually afraid to go out of their own houses. She has also been taking a swing at vehicles with her stick as they go past, and has successfully hit several thus making her a danger to herself as well as the occupants of said vehicles.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk contacts the police initially (she has already had an ASBO) to voice these concerns and find out if there is anything that can be done to alleviate the problem.
- 15.3. The Chairman stated that, on a better note, as 2012 comes to a close, he felt that the Council comprised a good team ready to take on the challenges of 2013.

**16.0. Date of next meeting – Monday, 4th February, 2013.**

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

K. Wigley  
Clerk/y cleric  
December 2012

