

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

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**Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 9th May
2016, at 7:10pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Linda Davies
Cllr. Douglas Wood
Cllr. Robin Lewis (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)
Cllr. Philio Williams

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Paul Sawtell

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Roche Davies

1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

1.1. See above. The apology was accepted.

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

Name of Councillor	Item	Personal	Prejudicial

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

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 21st March, 2016 were a true record of what there and then transpired and were signed by the Chairman.

3.0. Information from the Minutes.

3.1. It has been established that the Church is responsible for the maintenance of the car park at Mochdre Old School (see Minute Ref. 17.2, 21st March meeting). Enid has said that she will get a working party together in the near future. Duly noted – Councillors stated they are happy to help if necessary.

3.2. The "Grow Wild" seed kit has arrived (see Minute Ref. 16.2, 21st March meeting), and is waiting to be planted, once weather conditions are suitable, by Cllrs Jean Williams and Linda Davies. Duly noted – planting has now been completed.

3.3. Rev Lynda Cowan is now happy with the situation regarding the defibrillator and did not feel the need to attend this meeting (see Minute Ref. 3.1, 21st March meeting). Duly noted.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

1) Mochdre CC bank statement £5,417.16. Cash book stands at £5,267.16 (of which £4,200 is reserves). There are 2 outstanding cheques, for £100.00 and for £50.00.

2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £1,075.64. Cash book stands at £1,075.64. There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted.

4.2. To consider invoices for payment:

1) Expenses for Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations (Afternoon Tea and Evening BBQ) - £480.11
2) Clerk's expenses (July 2015 to April 2016) – £131.71

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amounts, and ask Enid if she would accept any petrol money for the running about she had had to do for the birthday celebrations event.

5.0. To discuss and decide to pay Zurich Insurance Renewal (due 1st June, 2016) - £251.85

(Including Insurance Premium Tax), increase from last year's renewal cost is because of the increase in Insurance Premium Tax from 6% to 9.5% (November, 2015) but the level of cover remains the same as last year. The Council unanimously voted to renew with Zurich.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to advise Zurich accordingly and pay the above amount.

6.0. To Approve the Annual Return for year ending 31st March, 2016 - Following return from Internal Auditor (see attached). The Council unanimously approved the accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Return was then duly signed by the Chairman.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the Annual Return to Grant Thornton (external auditor) within the required timescale.

7.0. National Assembly

7.1. The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016 (No.2016/84) - For approval by council. Awaiting response from Powys County Council's Head of Legal, Scrutiny and Democratic Services. Duly noted – this will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

7.2. Consultation on Proposed Changes to Planning Policy Wales Chapter 6 – National Planning Policy for consideration of the historic environment through the planning system. After discussion, the Council was unanimous that a general response in favour of protecting historic sites should be given.

ACTION: The Clerk is to forward the council's response before the 13th June, 2016 deadline.

8.0. Planning Applications (if any)

8.1. Application P/2014/0165 For full planning permission for Erection of a dwelling (outline), formation of vehicular access, installation of a septic tank and associated works at Land at Kincoed, Mochdre, Newtown – Letter has been received granting full planning permission (application submitted 19/02/14) but with one of the conditions (No 2) being that an application for approval of reserved matters shall be made before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission (24/01/16). Duly noted, despite the Council having strongly objected to it.

8.2. Application P/2016/0245 For approval of reserved matters: Grid Ref: 307371.31/287813.81 for Reserve Matters: Erection of an affordable dwelling, formation of vehicular access, installation of a septic tank and associated works at Land at Kincoed, Mochdre, Newtown. After discussion, the Council was in full agreement that the application is unacceptable and should be rejected for the following reasons:
1) The application does not conform to Policy HP9 – Affordable Housing in Rural Settlements (1) (it is a large oak frame construction positioned in such a way that it will not be capable of being integrated into the settlement without unacceptably adversely affecting the amenity and character of the area).
2) The application does not conform to Policy HP10 (A) (being in excess of the maximum gross area of 130 square metres).

The proposed application as it stands does not provide for the continued future need for affordable housing accommodation in the locality.

ACTION: The Clerk is to forward the council's response to the Planning Office and ask that, if the above points are not taken into consideration, that the Council be given an explanation as to why not.

9.0. Powys County Council

9.1. Public Consultation over local delivery of library services – Responses either by completing online survey at www.powys.gov.uk/haveyoursay or paper copy available in libraries across the county. Runs until 3rd July, 2016. Duly noted.

10.0. One Voice Wales

10.1. Updated Financial Regulations and Standing Orders (As per LTN 87 and Legal Briefing LO5-15 of January, 2016) – The Financial Regulations have been recalled by One Voice Wales for amendment as there are a number of technical references that need to be changed to make the regulations "Wales specific".

10.2. Proposal of Motions for 2016 Annual General Meeting. After discussion, the Council wished to put forward a motion regarding how Community Council's observations on planning applications are viewed/taken seriously by County Council Planning Departments.

ACTION: The Clerk is to produce a suitably worded motion to put before the Council at the next meeting for its approval before forwarding it on to OVW by 1st July, 2016 deadline.

10.3.One Voice Wales/SLCC Annual Joint Wales Conference – 22nd June, 2016 at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea, for both Councillors and Clerks. £69.00 + VAT if booked 4 weeks before, £79.00 + VAT if booked less than 4 weeks before. Duly noted – no attendees.

11.0. Highway Matters

The Clerk reported that there were no items for discussion under this heading.

12.0. Website

12.1.Update on new website roll-out, listing phases of the handover, for information. Duly noted.

13.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

13.1.Cllr Linda Davies reported back from the OVW Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting she attended on 20th April – There was a WAG presentation on behalf of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales, which was interesting and informative.

13.2.Report from Councillors attending the Rhydycwrt site meeting – Short term action was agreed, i.e. the installation of 5 verge markers, but the long term work costing an estimated £12,000 will take longer (it has been added to the North capital "wish list" for consideration). Cllr Russell Williams has appraised Mike Dunwell of the situation and he is happy that something is going to be done.

13.3.Defibrillator Training which took place at Penstrowed on 20th April – There was a good attendance and a photo was taken at the training with a view to putting it in the County Times. The Clerk read out the press release which is to accompany the photo and the Council gave its unanimous approval.

ACTION: The Clerk is to forward the Council's photo and press release to the County Times for publication.

14.0. Charities/Donations (if any)

The Clerk reported that there were no items for discussion under this heading.

15.0. Community Council Grant Requests (if any)

The Clerk reported that there were no items for discussion under this heading.

16.0. Correspondence – to receive items of general correspondence for information.

The Clerk reported that there were no items for information under this heading.

17.0. To receive questions from Councillors

17.1.Can the blocked-up drains at Coedpoeth be reported with a view to getting them cleared?

17.2.Can the potholes in the Gelli Lane be reported with a view to getting them filled in?

ACTION: The Clerk is to report the above issues.

18.0. Chairman's Announcements

18.1.Cllr Russell Williams hopes to attend the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace this week.

19.0. Date of next meeting

19.1.Next meeting will be on Monday, 27th June, 2016.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.