

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

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 12th December 2016,  
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Jean Williams  
Cllr. Robin Lewis  
Cllr. Gordon Jones  
Cllr. Paul Sawtell  
Cllr. Philip Williams  
Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Linda Davies

**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. The Chairman, having received a letter of resignation from Councillor Douglas Wood, read it out and accepted it with regret. In the last 6 months before the day on which the Community Councillors would normally retire, casual vacancies that have arisen from the resignation, disqualification or death of a Councillor do not have to be advertised in the normal way. This six month period commenced on the 8th November, 2016 (Cllr Woods resignation has been formally accepted after this date). The Community Council may co-opt to fill the vacancy if it so desires but there was a unanimous decision that, as the election is so close, the Council did not wish to do so.
- 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 Council Meeting held on 24th October, 2016 (previously circulated).**

- 2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 24th October, 2016 were a true record of what there and then transpired and were duly signed as such by the Chairman.

**3.0. Information from the Minutes.**

- 3.1. Confirmation received from Glyn Davies' office that another meeting is being set up in the first week of January with regard to discussion of the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales Initial Proposals by the Boundary Commission (see Minute Ref 12.1, 24th October 2016 meeting). E-mailed to Councillors on 15/11/16 for information. See **10.2** below. Duly noted – Cllrs Phil Williams, Russell Williams and Robin Lewis expressed an interest in attending.
- 3.2. Removal of Vanessa Skinner's car – Update on progress (see Minute Ref 19.2, 24th October 2016 meeting) was given and discussed.  
**ACTION:** Cllr Philip Williams to contact the local Police to see if they can advise in this matter.
- 3.3. Old School car park – Working party (to tidy it up) to be arranged when the weather improves (see Minute Ref 19.3, 24th October 2016 meeting). Duly noted.

#### **4.0. Finance**

##### **4.1. Update on Bank Balances:**

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £6,702.43. Cash book stands at £6,602.43. There are two outstanding cheques, both for £50.00.
- 2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £1,862.39. Cash book stands at £1,862.39. There are no outstanding cheques.

##### **4.2. To consider invoices for payment:**

- 1) External Audit Fee - £196.50 (£163.75 + £32.75 VAT). (Still awaiting invoice from Wales Audit Office).
- 2) Clerk's Fee - £636.40
- 3) PAYE Tax - £88.60
- 4) SLCC Annual Subscription - £78.00
- 5) Powys Citizens Advice Bureau – £50.00 (See **15.1.** below)
- 6) **Out of No 2 Account** (P & L) - Cheque for £1,000.00 to be raised, towards the cost of refurbishing the floor in the Old School (as per Minute Ref 4.2 (9) 24th October, 2016 meeting).  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amounts except for item 1), which is to be held over until the invoice is received from the Wales Audit Office.

#### **5.0. Precept 2017/2018**

- 5.1. Form to apply for Precept received – Approval sought from the Council for the Clerk to go ahead and apply for a Precept of £6,450.00 (see Minute Ref 5.1, 24th October 2016 meeting). Approval was duly unanimously given.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to apply for the Precept of £6,450.00 within the required time schedule.

#### **6.0. One Voice Wales**

- 6.1. Details of Consultancy Services available received. Duly noted.

#### **7.0. National Assembly**

- 7.1. Consultation on "A National Infrastructure Commission for Wales" – Responses by 9th January, 2017.  
**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's comments before the deadline.
- 7.2. Invitation to contribute to the Finance Committee's inquiry into the general principles of the Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Bill (the Council discussed and duly noted the consultation on this Bill at the meeting held on 5th May, 2016 – Minute Ref. 5.2.). Duly noted.

#### **8.0. Planning Applications (if any)**

- 8.1. Application Reference **P/2016/1130**, Grid Ref: 305716.06/288265.43 for conversion and extension of outbuilding to form additional living accommodation attached to existing dwelling at Waenllyfnant, Newtown, Powys. Clerk requested an extension to time for observations until 13th December, and this has been granted. The Council was happy for this application to proceed to determination.  
**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's comments to the Planning Department before the deadline.
- 8.2. Application Reference **P/2016/1191**, Grid Ref: 308349.67/290504.43 for Listed Building Consent for repairs to existing wall (walled garden) at Walled Garden, Glanhafren Hall, Glanrhyd, Llanidloes Road, Newtown. The Council was happy for this application to proceed to determination.  
**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's comments to the Planning Department before the deadline.

#### **9.0. Powys County Council**

- 9.1. The date of the election in 2017 has been set for Thursday, 4th May. In addition to the cost of the election, Community Councils will also be charged for a proportion of poll cards costs. The cost for the printing and postage will be approximately 15p per elector (not inclusive of VAT), based on current postage costs. Duly noted.

#### **10.0. Boundary Commission for Wales**

- 10.1. Responses received acknowledging the Council's comments with regard to the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales Initial Proposals by the Boundary Commission (see Minute Ref. 12.1, 24th October 2016 meeting). Duly noted.
- 10.2. Invitation received from Glyn Davies MP to another meeting on Thursday, 5th January, 2017 in the Corn Exchange, Welshpool Town Hall at 7:00pm (see Minute Ref. 12.1, 24th October 2016 meeting).  
**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to advise Glyn Davies' constituency office that 3 Councillors would be attending. (See 3.1. above)

## **11.0.SLCC**

11.1.Report from National Conference at Hinckley.

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to e-mail her report to Councillors for their information.

## **12.0.Highway Matters.**

12.1.Notification of temporary road closure of the U2824 (14/02/17 until 16/02/17) – E-mailed to Councillors on 15/11/16 for information. Further information has also been received - E-mailed to Councillors on 28/11/16. Duly noted.

12.2.Schedule of temporary speed limits, temporary prohibition of overtaking and temporary road closures to facilitate the ongoing construction of the Newtown Bypass - E-mailed to Councillors on 15/11/16 for information. Updated information has also been received - E-mailed to Councillors on 28/11/16. Duly noted.

## **13.0.STWA.**

13.1.Steve Coventry from Amey rang (21/11/16) to notify the Council that a revised date in 2017 for the works which were due to take place in late July/early August this year (cancelled because of engineering difficulties) will be pencilled in before Christmas (they will possibly take place in March next year). They will once again be holding a drop-in session prior to the works commencing. Duly noted.

## **14.0.Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended (if any)**

14.1. Rhydydwrt site meeting held on 30th November, 2016. Attendees stated that a site meeting report had been promised by Powys County Council; that the meeting had not “born a lot of fruit” other than the possibility of bollards being put in place, as has been previously promised but not happened. The PCC representative was quite happy to have a separate meeting with Mr and Mrs Dunwell.

## **15.0.Charities/Donations (if any)**

15.1.Powys Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for funding, carried over from last meeting. The Council agreed to support the request and unanimously voted to send a cheque for £50.00 (cheque to be raised at this meeting – see 4.2. above).

15.2.British Red Cross – Annual request for funds to support Local Services. Duly noted.

## **16.0.Community Council Grant Requests (if any)**

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

## **17.0. Correspondence**

17.1.Update on progress of the revised website received from Roger Malvern (Upper Bridge). Duly noted.

17.2.Letter received from Big Lottery confirming its approval of the end of grant report submitted by the Clerk (see Minute Ref 18.2, 24th October 2016 meeting). Paperwork to be retained for seven years. Duly noted.

17.3.Letter received from Powys County Council reference the LDP – Requests confirmation as to whether or not anyone wishes to speak at a hearing session (by **23/12/16**). Duly noted but no Councillors wished to attend.

17.4.Letter received from Powys County Council reference Concurrent Functions Future Funding (village halls). It confirms that funding will cease at the end of March 2017 and that there is unlikely to be a successor scheme (as was considered at the beginning of this year). Duly noted.

17.5.Consultation on changing the name of the National Assembly – Closing date for responses is **3rd March, 2017.**

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's comments

17.6.Inquiry into Teachers' Professional Learning and Education – Responses by **20th January, 2017.** Duly noted.

17.7.Consultation on the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance – Responses by **2nd March, 2017.**

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to forward on the information to Councillors to read and digest before discussion at the next meeting.

17.8.Register of Electors received. Duly noted.

17.9.National Development Framework Event at the Royal Oak, Welshpool on 9th February, 2017 from 10:30 to 12:30 am. Duly noted but no Councillors wished to attend.

## **18.0.To receive questions from Councillors**

18.1. Cllr Lewis reported that the badger set material is piling up again on the road at Rhydydwrt making it slippery and asked if something could be done to remove it.

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to contact PCC and ask if they will remove it.

18.2. Cllr Jean Williams reported that the Gelli Lane is in a bit of a mess by the deep ditch, caused by the Hotpoint van and asked if something could be done to remedy this.

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to contact PCC and ask if they will sort this out.

18.3. Cllr Jean Williams reported that the lid on the green bin at the top of Hyde Park Pitch is disintegrating and needs to be replaced.

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to contact PCC and ask if they can replace the lid.

#### **19.0. Chairman's Announcements**

19.1. The Chairman thanked Councillors, County Councillor Roche Davies and the Clerk for their help and support during the year and wished them the compliments of the season.

19.2. The Chairman reported that residents were unhappy that the green bin at the end of the Readymix lane had been removed. It needs reinstating, but perhaps in a position which is a bit further up the lane (to try and avoid its use as a dumping ground by non-residents).

#### **20.0. Date of next meeting**

20.1. Next meeting will be on Monday, 6th February, 2017.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.