

**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, 26th June, 2017,
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Robin Lewis
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)
Cllr. Philio Williams

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Martin Turley

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk) County Cllr. Karl Lewis
Ian Williams

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.

1.3. **Co-Option Vacancies – Election of candidate.** - A short presentation was given by Ian Williams after which he vacated the room whilst the vote was taken. There was a unanimous vote by show of hands in favour of his co-option and the candidate re-entered the room to hear the result. There is still a co-option vacancy for one further Councillor and the Notice of Co-Option must be posted again with a revised deadline. The Council opted for a deadline of 31st July for applications to be received by.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to post Notices of Co-Option on community noticeboards/website.

1.4. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office** – Cllr Ian Williams signed his Declaration and received his New Councillor Pack and an agenda for this meeting, to enable him to participate fully in the meeting.

2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15th May, 2017 (previously circulated).

2.1. That the minutes of the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 15th May, 2017 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. An update on the situation regarding the repainting of Stepside post box (Minute Ref 17.1. 15th May Ordinary Meeting) was given by the Clerk who has established that post boxes are repainted (to a high specification) on a rolling cycle by Royal Mail (they cannot be painted by anyone else). A response from the Manager in charge of these matters is awaited in order to establish when Stepside's post box will be repainted.

ACTION: Cllr Jean Williams is to advise community members accordingly.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

1) Mochdre CC bank statement £7,554.40. Cash book stands at £7,554.40 (includes £4,875 in reserves). There are no outstanding cheques.

2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £362.39. Cash book stands at £362.39. There are no outstanding cheques.

4.2. To consider invoices for payment (if any).

1) Clerk's quarterly salary - £872.00

2) HMRC (PAYE Tax) - £128.00

3) OVV New Cllr Induction Training (Cllr Turley) - £20.00

4) Clerk's Expenses (July, 2016 to June, 2017) - £189.33

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

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. Montgomeryshire Broadband Summit on Monday, 17th July, 2017 at 10:30am at the Elephant and Castle Hotel, Newtown - Invitation to a representative of the Council and the Clerk to the Council to attend was accepted by Cllr Jean Williams and the Clerk.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to respond accordingly by 12th July.
- 5.2. Consultation on the draft Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for the NDF – This matter was discussed by the Council in some detail.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's response by 21st July, 2017.

6.0. Planning Applications (if any)

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

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Ballot Paper containing the nominations put forward by Town and Community Councils for appointment to the Powys County Council Standards Community Sub-Committee – The Council was unanimous in voting for Joyce Shearer (Tregynon).
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward on the completed Ballot Paper.

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. One Voice Wales/SLCC Annual Joint Wales Conference – Clerk has booked on to this and applied for a 50% bursary of £34.50 (see Minute Ref 10.3.15th May, 2017 Ordinary Meeting). Duly noted.
- 8.2. Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils – (see Minute Ref 16.1. 15th May, 2017 Ordinary Meeting). The Council unanimously adopted it as it stands.
- 8.3. Quick Check Training Finder – Mid May to November, 2017. Duly noted. Wendi Huggett has advised the Clerk that Newtown Town Council Clerk Ed Humphreys may be running both Code of Conduct and New Councillor Induction training back to back here in Newtown.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to contact Ed Humphreys for details.

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. Response received from Aled Davies (Construction Manager – Alun Griffiths [Contractors] Ltd) with reference to the Council's query about work practices following complaints from residents close to the Mochdre Bridge construction works (see Minute Ref 11.2.15th May, 2017 Ordinary Meeting). This included a copy of the letter sent in March to 30 residents directly affected by the works, detailing clearly what the working practices were going to be. Duly noted. The Council also asked if the actual date for the installation of the bridge had been confirmed yet.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to contact Aled Davies with regard to the date for bridge installation.

10.0. SLCC

- 10.1. New Data Protection General Regulation (GDPR) comes into force in May, 2018 – The Clerk has booked on to the webinar explaining this on July 5th, 2017 (see Minute Ref 12.1. 15th May, 2017 Ordinary Meeting). Duly noted.

11.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

- 11.1. Planning Aid Wales "Place Plans – rolling out the concept" Event – A report on the event was given by the Clerk and duly noted.
- 11.2. New Councillor Induction Training at Machynlleth attended by Cllr Martin Turley – he found it very Informative (via e-mail).
- 11.3. OVW Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting on 14th June at Castle Caereinion – Report on the meeting was given by attendees, Cllr Jean Williams and the Clerk. An interesting and informative presentation was given by the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner. Newtown is 1 of the 3 custody centres in his area. He is planning to reinvest in CCTV in the Dyfed-Powys area - £2million over the next 3 years. There are 14 towns in the initial phase of this initiative, of which Newtown is one. It will help to analyse "hotspots" so that CCTV can be located in the correct positions e.g. bus stops and Takeaway food outlets, which put children in vulnerable situations. Chief Constable Mark Davies is leading the project. OVW National Executive Committee – Seeking nominations for a community councillor to sit on a newly formed advisory group in relation to the Devolution of Services agenda in Powys. Attendees offered to have the next meeting at Penstrowed Church Hall on 3rd October, 2017. The offer was gladly accepted.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to book the hall accordingly.

12.0.Powys Teaching Health Board.

12.1.Dementia Home treatment Team and Closure of Fan Gorau, Newtown – Consultation from 12th June to 10th July, 2017. The Council discussed this at some length and was greatly concerned at the closure of the Fan Gorau unit and its replacement with a Home Treatment Team. The ideal solution would be to have both to accommodate differing needs, but the Council appreciated the problems of recruiting specialist staff for 24/7, 7 days a week, inpatient care. The Powys County Council Adult Social Care Portfolio Holder is Stephen Hayes and the Council felt it would be a good idea if he could come and talk to it about it. The Council also talked about the possibility of becoming a “Dementia Friendly” Council at a later date.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to contact the Board with the Council’s concerns; contact Cllr Stephen Hayes with regard to giving a talk on the matter and give contact details to County Cllr Karl Lewis of the Dementia Champion who recently gave a talk to Mochdre Mothers’ Union.

13.0.Charities/Donations (if any)

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

14.0.Community Council Grant Requests (if any)

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

15.0.Correspondence

- 15.1.Public Services Ombudsman for Wales’ confirmation of receipt of Declarations of Office. Duly noted.
- 15.2.Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the restoration of Mochdre Church – From 14th to 16th July. This includes a Flower Festival and the Council voted unanimously that a window in the Church be decorated in the Council’s name with the agreed theme of sheep and shepherds.
- ACTION:** Cllr Jean Williams to get this organised.
- 15.3.Welsh Government – Workshops for local government representatives on higher activity radioactive waste (HAW) management and disposal. Duly noted.
- 15.4.Planning Application P/2017/0039 – Copy of further objections with regard to this application submitted to Powys County Council Planning Department by Mr and Mrs Ward, Gwrhyd. Duly noted.

16.0.To receive questions from Councillors:

- 16.1.The bridge at Rhydcwrt was damaged by a car transporter on the evening of 15th May, 2017 and PCC Highways need to be advised of this. Cllr Robin Lewis has photographs of the incident, which he will forward on to the Clerk so that they can accompany the e-mail to PCC.
- ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to inform PCC Highways accordingly.
- 16.2.During the recent water mains renewal work by STWA, the road which goes through the ford and on up towards the turn for Cae Colley has had gutters and ditches damaged.
- ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to contact STWA accordingly.
- 16.3.There is a water leak opposite the Dolau Inn which has been running for some time.
- ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to report this to STWA.
- 16.4.A caravan has appeared seemingly on Kincoed land, situated down a dip in the field (and thus barely visible from the road), and is used by a family from Newtown at weekends.
- ACTION:** Cllr Robin Lewis will investigate this and report back at the next meeting.
- 16.5.A caravan/jurt is being used at The Oak for residential purposes.
- ACTION:** The Clerk will look up the Council’s response concerning the recent Planning Application for The Oak and report back at the next meeting.

17.0.Chairman’s Announcements

The Chairman reported that there were no items under this heading.

18.0.Date of next meeting

18.1.Next meeting will be on Monday, 31st July, 2017.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.