

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 26th March, 2018,
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Ian Williams
Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Martin Turley
Cllr. Philip Williams
Cllr. Robin Lewis

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk) County Cllr Karl Lewis

1.0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

- 1.1. See above. Despite absences the Council was quorate.
1.2. **Declarations of Members' Interests** - There were no Declarations of Member's Interest made.

2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5th February, 2018 (previously circulated).

- 2.1. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 5th February, 2018 were agreed to be a true record of what there and then transpired and were duly signed as such by the Chairman.

3.0. Information from the Minutes.

There was no information from the minutes.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £6,533.46. Cash book stands at £7,833.46 (includes Cllr Gordon Jones' donation for the benefit of the community of £1,300 [see Minute Ref 16.1 18th December 2017 meeting]). There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted and thanks were also given to Cllr Jones for his generous donation.
2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £1,669.04. Cash book stands at £1,669.04. There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted.

4.2. To consider invoices for payment.

- 1) OVW Membership - £69.00
2) Upper Bridge Enterprises (website) – £175.20 (£146.00 + VAT)
3) Clerk's quarterly salary - £872.00
4) HMRC (PAYE Tax) - £128.00

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

5.0. Website

- 5.1. Group photo for website required (see Minute Ref 5.1, 18th December, 2017 meeting) provided all Councillors are present.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to hold this over to the next meeting when hopefully there will be a full complement of Councillors in attendance.

6.0. One Voice Wales

- 6.1. Review of the Community and Town Council Sector – Awaiting OVW response to enable the Council to formulate a suitable response. Duly noted.

7.0. National Assembly

- 7.1. Independent Review Panel Engagement Event (Review of the Community and Town Council Sector) for Mid Wales – Rescheduled to Monday, 19th March, 2018 (09:30am to 12:30pm at Cefn Lea Park, Dolfor). Unfortunately this was cancelled, due to bad weather.
- 7.2. Draft Autism (Wales) Bill Consultation – This was duly discussed by Councillors. (Comments by 17th April, 2018).
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's comments on before the deadline.
- 7.3. Draft Planning Policy Wales: Edition 10 Consultation (E-mailed to Councillors on 5th March, 2018) – Responses by 18th May, 2018.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to hold this over until the next meeting.

8.0. Wales Audit Office

- 8.1. Survey of all Welsh Town and Community Councils – Respond by 6th April, 2018.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to complete the survey and return by the deadline.

9.0. Boundary Commission.

- 9.1. Review of County Electoral Arrangements for the County of Powys - Draft Proposals. Period for representation ends on 29th May, 2018. This was duly discussed by Councillors who felt that, on the face of it, the proposals affecting the Community Council area were OK but that they required a little more time to consider matters.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to hold this over until the next meeting.

10.0. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

- 10.1. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2018. Having considered the feedback received from Councils during the consultation period, the Panel has adjusted its groupings in Section 13 "Payments to Members of Community and Town Councils" and reflected the different income or expenditure of Councils in each of the three groups. The Council falls into Group C. Where not mandated, each determination requires a formal decision by the Council annually. The Council can adopt any or all of the non-mandated determinations which apply to it but if it does make such a decision, it must apply to all its members.
Non – Mandatory Determinations 45, 47, 48, 49, and 50 – The Council unanimously voted not to adopt these determinations.
Mandatory Determination 51 – The Council must make provision for this irrespective of take-up. In **all** cases it is up to individual members to make a personal decision to elect to forgo part or all of the entitlement to **any** of these payments by giving notice in writing to the Proper Officer of the Council. Each Councillor present elected to forgo all of the entitlement to these payments and gave notice to that effect to the Proper Officer in writing.
ACTION: The Clerk received said notices from those Councillors present and is to add it as an agenda item for the next meeting to enable the three Councillors who were absent to make their decision also.
- 10.2. Invitation received from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales to the Clerk to attend a round table discussion on its remuneration framework (Wednesday, 2nd May 10:30 to 12:30 at Llandrindod Wells), at no cost to the Council.
ACTION: The Clerk is to accept the invitation.

AT THIS POINT County Cllr Karl Lewis vacated the meeting whilst the following Planning Application was being discussed (due to his position of Vice Chair of the Planning, Taxi Licensing & Rights of Way Committee).

11.0. Planning Applications.

- 11.1. Application Ref: **P/2018/0264** for Full: Erection of an affordable dwelling, installation of a septic tank, creation of access and all associated works at Site adjacent to Woodside, Stepside, Newtown, Powys. Following discussion, the Council was unanimous in its decision to support this application.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's comments on to the Planning Dept by the deadline.

AT THIS POINT County Cllr Karl Lewis re-entered the meeting.

12.0. Highway Matters

- 12.1. Update received from Chris Lloyd regarding positioning of a mirror for better visibility at the junction of the U2818 with the C2062, following County Cllr Karl Lewis's intervention requested by the Council at the last meeting (see Minute Ref 10.1 5th February, 2018 meeting). The response was still no – duly noted.

12.2.Update received from Danny Jarman regarding possible provision of extra salt bins and highway issues – See Minute Ref 15.0.1] – 3] 5th February 2018 meeting. Jobs have been raised to address these concerns – duly noted.

12.3.Update from County Cllr Karl Lewis reference contacting the resident with regard to cutting back the hedge which is still impinging on the Mochdre Lane carriageway (see Minute Ref 9.2 18th December, 2017 meeting).

ACTION: County Cllr Lewis is to further pursue this matter and report back.

12.4.Following Cllr Jones request if it was OK for him to tidy up the trees that go down the line of the fence at the side of the Old School car park (see Minute Ref 15.0 4] 5th February, 2018 meeting) permission was granted by the Church at the last Church Committee meeting on 14th February, 2018. Duly noted.

13.0.Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

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

14.0.Charities/Donations

14.1.Montgomery County Music Festival, 5th May 2018 – Request for donation. The Council did not wish to donate at this time.

14.2.Kidney Wales Walk for Life – April to June 2018. Duly noted.

14.3.Request from Montgomery Town Council for a donation towards the refurbishment of the County War Memorial. The Council did not wish to donate at this time.

14.4.Children's Wales Air Ambulance Appeal – Request for a donation. The Council did not wish to donate at this time.

15.0.Community Council Grant Requests

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

16.0.**Correspondence** – to receive items of correspondence.

16.1.SLCC & OVW Joint Conference on 16th May, 2018 at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells. Cost is £75.00 + VAT but a 50% Bursary is available. Clerk wishes to attend and the Council voted unanimously that she should do so.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to book a place at the Conference and apply for a Bursary.

16.2.OVW Motions for 2018 Annual General Meeting – Proposals invited. Duly noted.

16.3.County Cllr Lewis has given the Council pre-notification of a road closure of the C2063, Stepside. The closure will be in operation from Tuesday 12th until Thursday the 14th of June 2018. The closure is on behalf of Severn Trent Water for works to replace a stop tap. The closure is from the junction at Stepside by Dolview, to the junction near Bryn-Helyg. Duly noted.

17.0.To receive questions from Councillors

17.1.County Cllr Lewis asked what the situation was regarding having the Old School Car Park re-surfaced. The Chairman brought him up to speed with what had been agreed at the meeting Councillors had with Nick Cleary on 5th February.

18.0.Chairman's Announcements

18.1.The Chairman felt that, with the Bypass in mind and the new housing developments which are going to be built in the Penstrowed area, it is time to put in another request for a speed limit change on the main road by Penstrowed (50mph up to the foot of the bridge close to the Penstrowed road sign along the stretch going out of the village towards Caersws). The speed limit has been extended up from Caersws because of housing being built, so should give a precedent for the same thing at Penstrowed.

ACTION: County Cllr Lewis is to pursue this matter and report back.

18.2.The Chairman wished to thank the local community for clearing the snow during the recent bad weather.

19.0.Date of Annual Meeting and next Ordinary Meeting

19.1.These meetings will be on Monday, 14th May, 2018.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm.