

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 25th June, 2018,
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Ian Williams
Cllr. Robin Lewis
Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)
Cllr. Martin Turlev

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Philip Williams

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk) County Cllr Karl Lewis (Arrived at Item 9.0.
Highway Matters)

1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

1.1. See above.

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

2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14th May, 2018 (previously circulated).

2.1. Minutes of the Annual meeting and Ordinary meeting held on Monday, 14th May, 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.

- 3.1. The suggested possible candidate for co-option (see Minute Ref. 20.1, 14th May meeting) proved to be ineligible.
- 3.2. Update reference e-mail from resident concerning the state of the Hollybush/Broombush lane (see Minute Ref. 18.2, 14th May meeting) - The situation is being resolved by County Cllr Karl Lewis.
- 3.3. Update from Danny Jarman regarding the protruding rock in the bank opposite the Willows hedge (see Minute Ref. 19.1, 14th May meeting) – The rock has been “shaved” back so that it is less intrusive.
- 3.4. Update on Minute Ref. 19.2, 14th May meeting, regarding Councillors' strong feelings about the reduction in Church services and its effect on the community – Councillors agreed to await the outcome of Elizabeth Day's report, as per the Church Wardens' request.
- 3.5. Electoral Review - Thank you to Council for pointing out the typographical error in the Review was duly noted.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £8,552.76. Cash book stands at £8,552.76. There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted.
- 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 (if any).

- 1) Clerk's quarterly salary - £874.00
- 2) HMRC (PAYE Tax) - £126.00
- 3) GDPR Training run by Newtown Town Council (9th May) - £30.00
- 4) Clerk's Expenses (July, 2017 to June, 2018) - £190.77
- 5) Bitdefender Internet Security 2018 (Annual Renewal for Council Lap-Top) – £49.99 Inc VAT (Reimbursement of Clerk as paid with personal credit card).
- 6) Information Commissioner's Office (GDPR Registration Fee) - £40.00

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to pay the above amounts.

5.0. SLCC

- 5.1. 2018 Conference for Wales – 5th September, 2018 at Llandudno. Register before 8th August to save £10, thus making the cost £75 + VAT (50% Bursary available). Clerk wishes to attend.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to book in the required timescale and apply for a Bursary.

6.0. Planning Applications (if any)

- 6.1. Terms of Reference for Planning Committee – Unanimously adopted by the Council.
- 6.2. Application Ref: **P/2018/0579** - Grid Ref: 305759.3/288273.9 for Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of planning consent P/2016/1130 in relation to raising the roof height, addition of windows and external alterations at Waenllyfnant, Newtown, Powys. Following discussion, the Council unanimously voted to object to this application on the grounds that, because the number of bedrooms had changed from 2 to 4 amongst other things, it was effectively a new planning application and NOT just as per the alterations stated in the Section 73 application.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to advise the Planning Department accordingly within the required timescale.

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Consultation on Revised Home to School/College Transport Policy – This was duly discussed and Councillors agreed that they needed to read and digest further before making comment.
ACTION: Councillors will contact the Clerk before the deadline of 20th July with any comments they wish to make for forwarding on within the required timescale.
- 7.2. Advance Notice of Consultation on a programme of Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) that PCC intends to produce to support the LDP's policies – Consultation on the first set of draft SPG will begin on Wednesday, 11th July so will be discussed at the next meeting. Duly noted.

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. New Model Standing Orders 2018 – Have been brought in line with new General Data Protection Regulations (e-mailed to Councillors with alterations highlighted). The Council voted unanimously to adopt the revised Standing Orders.
- 8.2. Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting at Llangadfan, 16th May – Report received from Cllr Jean Williams.
- 8.3. Received via OVW – Grants for Remembrance Day Commemorative Installations. Applications are now open for micro-grants of up to £500 for installations for Remembrance Day activities for the First World War Centenary. The Council discussed this offer and unanimously voted to take it up, and also wished it to be extended to other organisations in the community. However the deadline was extremely tight for being able to do this (30th June). It was agreed that a commemoration service and vintage tea would be a good idea.
ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to apply for a grant for the Council within the required timescale.

It was at this point that County Cllr. Karl Lewis entered the meeting.

9.0. Highway Matters

- 9.1. Request for a speed limit change on the main road by Penstrowed (See Minute Ref 18.1.26th March, 2018 meeting) – Update received from County Cllr. Karl Lewis, who said that the matter was with Russell George at the moment, who would be talking to Ken Skates about it. If nothing comes of this then the next step is a petition. Duly noted.
- 9.2. Damage to road on the Hendre Pitch/Tyn-Y-Bar requiring urgent attention – This has been reported to and inspected by Danny Jarman and the matter is in hand. Duly noted.
- 9.3. Damage to Rhydycwrt Bridge – Update received from County Cllr. Karl Lewis as to progress regarding the erection of scaffolding (which should be tomorrow), repair of potholes and improvement of junction visibility. The work could possibly be completed in 5 weeks. Duly noted.

10.0. GDPR

- 10.1. Relevant required Policies brought to the Council's attention for adoption by the Council: Privacy Notice for website, Document Retention and Disposal Policy and Security and Confidentiality Policy.
(E-mailed to Councillors before the meeting to read and digest). After discussion, the Council adopted all 3 of the above policies.

11.0.Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

- 11.1.SLCC/OVW Joint Conference on 16th May, 2018 – Attended by the Clerk, who found it extremely useful and informative, particularly in relation to both GDPR and External Audit requirements for the next 2 years.
- 11.2.Review of the Community and Town Council Sector free ‘Pop-In’ National Event at Newtown Town Council Offices on 24th May, 2018. (Details e-mailed to Councillors on 21st May, 2018).Clerk attended and found that it consolidated progress to date. Cllr Jean Williams also attended but was unable to gain access to the building as the door had been locked in error! Duly noted.

12.0.Powys Teaching Help Board.

- 12.1.Future Fit Update – Information Pack received. The Council felt that this had been well advertised already and there was no need to arrange a local information event.

13.0.Charities/Donations, etc

- 13.1.St Gwrhai’s Church, Penstrowed - Invitation to an Open Meeting, Monday, 9th July, 7pm in the Church Hall to “explore ways of enabling Penstrowed Church to continue to be present in the community”. Duly noted – the Chairman said he would take up the invitation (work permitting).

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.OVW Montgomeryshire Area Committee Annual and Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday, 11th July, 7:00pm at Machynlleth – Cllr Jean Williams and Clerk to attend.
- 15.2.Invitation to Powys Teaching Health Board AGM – 2:00pm to 4:00pm on Wednesday, 18th July, 2018 at Llandrindod Wells.No one wished to attend – duly noted.

16.0.To receive questions from Councillors

- 16.1.Councillors asked about when road brushing might be done and County Cllr. Karl Lewis said that unfortunately this would only take place if there was nothing more urgent to do.

17.0.Chairman’s Announcements

The Chairman announced that he had no items for discussion.

18.0.Date of next meeting

- 18.1.Next meeting will be on Monday, 30th July, 2018.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.