

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 10th December, 2018,
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Ian Williams
Cllr. Philip Williams
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Martin Turley
Cllr. Robin Lewis
Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)

APOLOGIES:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)
Co-Optee Candidate.

County Cllr. Karl Lewis

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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.
- 1.3. **Co-Option Vacancy – Election of candidate.** - A short presentation was given by the candidate followed by Councillor's questions, after which the candidate vacated the room whilst the vote was taken (by show of hands). The Chairman announced that there was a unanimous vote in favour of co-opting the candidate. The candidate re-entered the room to hear the result.
- 1.4. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office** – This was duly signed by the co-optee to enable him to participate fully in the meeting.

2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29th October, 2018 (previously circulated).

- 2.1. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 29th October, 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. Update on Council's response to NFU Cymru's "Brexit and our Land" consultation (see Minute Ref 14.1 29th October, 2018 meeting). Duly noted.
- 3.2. Clerk's update on reasonably priced CCTV option (see Minute Ref 5.1 29th October, 2018 meeting). The Clerk's recommendation was unanimously accepted.
ACTION: Cllr Turley will install the chosen unit in the porch at the Old School.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £7,395.30. Cash book stands at £7,395.30. There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted.
- 2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £3,031.00. Cash book stands at £3,031.00. There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted.

4.2. To consider invoices for payment:

- 1) Mochdre Old School - £105.62 (Room Hire 1st April, 2017 to 31st March 2018).
- 2) E.S. Morgan - £50.00 (Internal Auditor fee 2017 - 2018).
- 3) E.S. Morgan - £168.14 (Remembrance Day Catering Costs – Paid out of P & L [No 2 Acct]).
- 4) SLCC Enterprises Ltd - £108.79 (Local Council Administration 11th Edition – incl. P & P)
- 5) K.Wigley - £874.00 (Clerk's salary 3rd Quarter).
- 6) HMRC - £126.00 (PAYE tax)
- 7) Powys Citizens Advice Bureau – £50.00 (as per Minute Ref 13.3, 29th October 2018 meeting).
- 8) Wales Audit Office - £182.75 (invoice awaited).

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to pay amounts 1) to 7) and await the invoice from the Wales Audit Office.

5.0. Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2019 – 2020.

5.1. Notification received that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2019–20 is £8.12. Duly noted.

6.0. Requests for Council's Support on Various Issues

6.1. Ref request from Gwilym Rippon (Clerk to Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council) for Council's support reference proposed Bulk Recycling Plant at Abermule – Following discussion the Council felt that it could not comment on this particular application, but was happy to ask PCC to listen and take notice of Community Councils' responses with regard to Planning Applications as a whole.

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

6.2. The Council voted unanimously to support the request from Jane Johnston (Town Clerk to Llandrindod Wells Town Council) to oppose the proposed relocation of the Ariel Lift Platform (ALP) from Llandrindod Wells Fire Station, following a comprehensive explanation of what this relocation might mean to this area given by Cllr Turley.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to forward on the Council's support to the relevant contact supplied by Jane Johnston.

7.0. Planning Applications (if any)

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

8.0. Powys County Council

8.1. Expressions of Interest invited for "Healthy, Active & Outdoors Project" – A project to help support Town and Community Councils and local residents to improve and publicise their local public rights of way networks. An extension has been granted until 11th December to enable the Council to discuss this. The Council, following discussion, did not wish to express an interest at this time.

9.0. Highway Matters

9.1. Response to request for Gelli Lane signage received from Chris Lloyd (see Minute Ref 13.4. 29th October, 2018 meeting) was duly noted. The Council will keep a watching brief on the traffic using this lane, to see how/if the Bypass affects the situation.

9.2. Response from Alun Griffiths' reference refurbishment of the Mochdre Bridge at the end of the Bypass project was duly noted - it is PCC's responsibility to maintain the bridge parapets. With reference to the Old School car park, the plan is to get a few more loads of plainings up there in the New Year to finish off and also to tidy up the entrance with some tarmac too.

ACTION: County Cllr Karl Lewis will further investigate the maintenance of the bridge parapets and report back.

10.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended (if any)

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

11.0. Charities/Donations, etc

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

12.0. Community Council Grant Requests (if any)

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

13.0. Correspondence

13.1. Register of Electors Request Form – Clerk has completed and posted off for a printed copy. Duly noted.

13.2. E-Mail from Planning Service – Reference publishing 3rd party correspondence (GDPR related). Duly noted.

13.3. OVW Training Sessions for January-March 2019. Duly noted - there is a Code of Conduct training session at Machynlleth on 13th February, 2019 which the new Councillor was happy to attend.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to book Cllr Humphreys on to the course and apply for a Bursary for same.

13.4. Response from Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust reference Remembrance. Duly noted.

13.5. Brief survey from Welsh Assembly Government about use of the Welsh language. The Council gave a negative response to this survey.

14.0.To receive questions from Councillors

14.1.Following the recent road sweeping, leaves had been left clogging up the gutters. County Cllr Karl Lewis advised the Council that Danny Jarman was already aware of the situation.

14.2.Road salt for winter months - County Cllr Karl Lewis advised Councillors to send him the salt pile tipping positions they required and he will forward them on to Danny Jarman to expedite.

15.0.Chairman's Announcements

15.1.The Chairman thanked everyone for their hard work and assistance in 2018, especially County Cllr Karl Lewis and the Clerk.

16.0.Date of next meeting

16.1.Next meeting will be on Monday, 4th February, 2019.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.