

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

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

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**Minutes of the online Council Meeting held on Monday, 7th  
December 2020, at 7:00pm**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Jean Williams  
Cllr. Robin Lewis  
Cllr. Gordon Jones  
Cllr. Lloyd Humphreys  
Cllr. Philip Williams

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Ian Williams  
Cllr. Russell Williams

**ABSENT:**

Cllr. Martin Turley

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr Karl Lewis

In the Chairman's absence, the meeting was chaired by Cllr Robin Lewis (Vice Chairman).

**1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence – See above.**

**1.1. Declarations of Members' Interests– There were no  
Declarations of Member's Interest made.**

**2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on  
26th October, 2020 (previously circulated).**

**2.1.** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th October, 2020 were a true record of what there and then transpired and will be duly signed as such by the Chairman (see 4.2. below).

**3.0. Information from the Minutes.**

**3.1.** Councillors discussed possible financial help for Mochdre Church at some length. There was a unanimous vote in favour of making a donation which would directly benefit the Church – either to cover a top-up on oil for the heating system or the

annual insurance premium, whichever came first – up to a maximum of £500.00.

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to contact the Church Treasurer in order to establish which of these two payments comes first.

- 3.2.** Reference the possibility of purchasing another Defibrillator (see Minute Ref 16.1. 26th October, 2020 meeting) – The Clerk is to obtain three quotes for the installation of the outside cabinet, which would be used to house the Defibrillator, and Cllr Jones will look into the Community Champion aspect.

#### **4.0. Finance**

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

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £8,636.44. Cash book stands at £7,836.44. There is one outstanding cheque for £100.00 and the four cheques from the last meeting [totalling £700.00] awaiting signature). Duly noted.
- 2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £5,680.91. Cash book stands at £5,680.91. There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted.

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

- 1) K. Wigley - £976.00 (Clerk's fee 3rd Quarter)
- 2) HMRC - £149.00 (PAYE Income tax on Clerk's Fee)
- 3) Rhodri Clark - £40.00 (HistoryPoints – plaque has been received for Mochdre; Penstrowed's plaque has been sent direct to Rev. Alison Gwalchmai)
- 4) K. Wigley- £221.98 (Reimbursal for 2 sets of batteries for Zoll AED Plus defibrillators [out of reserves £143.98 incl. VAT] and new Cashbook from Shaw and Sons Ltd [£78.00 incl. VAT} – invoices provided).
- 5) Mochdre Old School - £65.00 (Room hire 01/04/19 to 31/03/20)
- 6) E. S. Morgan - £100.00 (Internal Audit Fee 2019 – 2020,

increase as previously agreed in budget)

7) Citizens Advice Bureau, Newtown - £50.00 (donation as agreed at 13.1.below).

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amounts. It was agreed that three Councillors and the Clerk would attend at the Old School at 2:00pm on Thursday, 10th December to sign off the cheques and update the signing of the Minute Book.

#### **4.3. Quarterly Statement up to 30th September, 2020**

This was presented by the Clerk and duly noted.

#### **5.0. External Audit**

5.1. Annual Accounts received from external auditor, Grant Thornton (on 29/10/20) – The Auditor General for Wales has issued the Council with an unqualified audit report. The cost of the audit is awaited from the Wales Audit Office. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been completed by the Clerk and displayed on the website for the requisite 14 days, followed by the Annual Return on display from 16th November to 11<sup>th</sup> December. Duly noted.

#### **6.0. Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2021 – 2022.**

6.1. 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 2021–22 is £8.41 per elector (last year it was £8.32). Duly noted.

#### **7.0. S106 Duty Report Review**

7.1. The Council undertook the annual review, noting that there were no changes to last year.

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to add the latest review to the website.

## **8.0. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales**

**8.1.** The Councillor whose letter refusing allowances is still outstanding asked the Clerk to resend the e-mail containing it to him so that he could action it.

**ACTION:** The Clerk is to resend it immediately after the meeting finishes.

**At this point County Cllr Karl Lewis was placed in the ‘virtual’ waiting room by the Clerk whilst the following Planning Applications were being discussed (due to his position of Chair of the Planning, Taxi Licensing & Rights of Way Committee).**

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

**9.1. For information.** Application Ref:20/1581/RES Grid Ref: **E:308639 N:290284** Proposal: Reserved matters application in respect of outline approval P/2016/0796 (August, 2016) for the erection of 60 dwellings (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the proposed development, together with condition 8) at Land to the South of the A489 and west of the Mochdre brook. This application arrived just after the last Council meeting meaning that, due to the timescale given for observations and the next Council meeting not being until December, the Clerk was unable to get an extension to time. The Clerk e-mailed the details to Councillors on 31st October, 2020 and asked for observations. Out of the six replies received five were in favour of objecting to this application on the same grounds as the previous application for 30 houses. As there was a majority decision the Clerk duly informed the Planning Officer that the Council objected to this application, within the required timescale. Duly noted.

**9.2.** Planning Application:20/1979/FUL Grid Ref:E:305759 N: 288274 Proposed replacement dwelling at Waenllyfnant, Newtown, Powys, SY16 4JU. E-mailed to Councillors on 4/12/20. Following discussion Councillors voted unanimously in favour of supporting this application.

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Officer accordingly within the required timescale.

**At this point County Cllr Karl Lewis was returned to the meeting by the Clerk.**

### **10.0.Welsh Government**

**10.1.**Consultation on the Draft Regulations which will establish four Regional Corporate Joint Committees (CJC) across Wales – E-mailed to Councillors on 28th November, 2020. Closing date for responses is 4th January, 2021.The Council did not wish to respond at this time.

**10.2.**Consultation on Establishing the Town and Country Planning (Strategic Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2021. E-mailed to Councillors on 28th November, 2020. Closing date for responses is 4th January, 2021. The Council did not wish to respond at this time.

**10.3.**Consultation on Reforms to Compulsory Powers and Procedures - E-mailed to Councillors on 28th November, 2020. Closing date for responses is 19th January, 2021. The Council did not wish to respond at this time.

### **11.0.SLCC**

**11.1.**The Clerk reported that the Virtual National Conference 12th to 16th October 2020 was extremely useful and definitely value for money. This should be the way forward for other such future meetings.

## **12.0.Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended**

- 12.1.**Audit Office webinar about future audit arrangements for Community and Town Councils in Wales – This was a free webinar on 17th November, 2020 which the Clerk attended and proved very informative as to the way the Audit Office itself will handle external audit for the next three years.
- 12.2.**Garn Fach Wind Farm Community Liaison Group Meeting on 2nd December, 2020 via Microsoft Teams – Cllr. Robin Lewis attended and reported that it was an interesting meeting which included two presentations and a short update on how things are progressing to date - EDF want to get the CLG to sign a memorandum of understanding. There is an online exhibition on the Garn Fach website (County Cllr Karl Lewis has a link to it on his website page). The next meeting of the Community Liaison Group is on 20th January, 2021.

## **13.0.Charities/Donations.**

- 13.1.**The Council discussed whether it wished to support the Citizens Advice Bureau, Newtown by giving a donation once again this year, and voted unanimously to donate £50.00, cheque to be raised at this meeting (see 4.2 above).

## **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.**NHS Dental Provision Crisis in Powys – E-mail received from LLandrindod Wells Town Clerk asking the Council to lend support in putting pressure on the PTHB to improve dental provision in Powys. After discussion the Council voted unanimously that it did not wish to do so.

**15.2.**Climate Emergency Questionnaire – Received from Llandrindod Wells Town Council. After discussion the Council voted unanimously that it did not wish to complete the questionnaire.

**16.0.To receive questions from Councillors**

There were no items for discussion under this heading.

**17.0.Chairman’s Announcements**

**17.1.**The Chairman reported that the recent road sweeping had not included RhydyCwrt and that the pothole by Adrian Owen’s had been filled in.

**18.0.Date of next meeting:** Monday, 1st February, 2021.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.