

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

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**Minutes of the online Council Meeting held on Monday, 1st  
February 2021, at 7:00pm**

**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Lloyd Humphreys

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr Karl Lewis

**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  
7th December, 2020 (previously circulated).**

**2.1.** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th  
December, 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.** Mochdre Church Treasurer has confirmed that the bill for the  
Church Insurance is the first payment to be made, totalling

£538.47. (See Minute Ref. 3.1, 7th December, 2020 meeting). The Council agreed that a cheque for a donation of £500.00 towards it should be raised from the P & L Account at this meeting [See 4.2.3) below].

- 3.2.** Update on proposed new Defibrillator matters (see Minute Ref 3.2 .7th December, 2020 meeting). Cllr. Jones reported that Neil and Caroline Ainsworth had agreed to be Community Champions for the proposed Pentre defibrillator, which would be sited on the chapel porch, facing south. He also supplied further contact details to the Clerk to enable her to get more quotes for the electrical installation of the Defibrillator cabinet.

#### **4.0. Finance**

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

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £8,883.46 (includes 3rd Precept instalment of £2,500.00). Cash book stands at £8,734.46. There is one outstanding cheque for £149.00. 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) Society of Local Council Clerks - £112.00 (Clerk's annual membership fee)
- 2) Audit Wales Office - £270.25 (2019/2020 External Audit Fee)
- 3) Mochdre Church - £500.00 (Donation towards cost of Church Insurance, paid out of No. 2 Account [P & L]) (See 3.1. above)
- 4) Wales Air Ambulance - £100.00 (Charitable donation – see 10.1. 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 5:00pm on Monday, 8th February to sign off the cheques and update the signing of the Minute Book.

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

This was presented by the Clerk and duly noted.

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

5.1. The Clerk reported that the one Councillor letter which had been still outstanding has now been received.

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

6.1. The Clerk reported that there were no Planning Applications for discussion.

#### **7.0. One Voice Wales**

7.1. NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day on 5th July, 2021. The Council agreed that it would like to be involved in this, but felt that the situation needed reviewing nearer the time because it was dependent upon the Covid-19 restrictions in place, which will dictate whether the event will take place or not.

#### **8.0. SLCC**

8.1. Practitioners' Conference 2021 – February 23rd, 24th and 25th using virtual platform. Cost for SLCC members is £75.00 + VAT. The Council agreed that the Clerk could attend if she so wished.

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

9.1. Garn Fach Wind Farm Community Liaison Group Meeting on 20th January, 2021 – Report from attendee, Cllr Robin Lewis: It was a short meeting as the speaker did not turn up;

currently looking at the site for its suitability for roads, etc; do not have a definite number of windmills as yet; the online consultation had quite a number of responses; no one too keen to sign a Memorandum of Understanding [it could help the planning application to be more attractive to the planners]; they are definitely looking for more local support for wind farms, perhaps also looking to involve the YFC; looking for local investment in it, private or otherwise – possibly Councils? Next meeting is on 3rd March, 2021.

### **10.0.Charities/Donations.**

**10.1.**Wales Air Ambulance Charity Emergency Appeal – Following discussion the Council agreed to make a donation of £100.00 towards this worthy cause and asked for the cheque to be raised at this meeting. [See 4.2.4) above].

**10.2.**Urdd National Eisteddfod Montgomeryshire 2024 – The Council was unanimous in its decision not to make a financial contribution at this time.

### **11.0.Highway Matters.**

**11.1.**The Chairman had asked the Clerk to notify the relevant authority about traffic ignoring the signs put in place to warn of floodwater, which is gushing on to the main road at Penstrowed from the quarry area, and thus causing a danger to both themselves and other road users. Danny Jarman had been duly contacted and he responded accordingly, but could not offer a solution to this ongoing problem other than by the signage put in place to warn drivers of the danger. County Cllr Karl Lewis reported that the Trunk Road Agency is very much aware of this situation. However this issue has been solved on a temporary basis by the Council digging a ditch in the ditch and hence alleviating the flood danger.

**11.2.**County Cllr Karl Lewis asked the Chairman for details of the recent accident at Penstrowed – he had seen the marks on the road. The Chairman informed him that two cars, which could not wait, were overtaking a refuse lorry and there was a lorry coming the other way, which resulted in the lorry having to employ diversionary tactics and go into the ditch!

**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.**Audit Cycle information for next three years of External Audit, with Wales Audit Office (2020-21 onwards) was presented for information (the cycle will be Basic/Full/Basic).Duly noted.

**13.2.**Welsh Government’s expectation for the timescales for the preparation and publication of statutory financial accounts for 2020-21.Duly noted.

**13.3.**E-mail concerning Disclosure and Barring Service from Lyn Gardenchild. After discussion, under the direction of County Cllr Karl Lewis, the Council decided unanimously that it did not need to respond to this e-mail.

**ACTION:** Cllr Phil Williams will do some investigation and County Cllr Karl Lewis will double check procedures in place regarding DBS checks re. Town and Community Councillors.

**13.4.**Latest Draft SPG in the form of the Draft Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Place Plan. (E-mailed to Councillors on 1st February, 2021, including the summary). Duly noted.

**13.5.**Planning Aid Wales live online network event about local decision making and pre-determination in the Planning Process. Takes place on Monday, 8th February from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Cost between £27.00 and £40.00 – will be known at registration. Duly noted.

#### **14.0.To receive questions from Councillors**

**14.1.**Councillors reported that there is a lack of road salt and grit on the Pentre side; there are no piles of road salt close by Cllr Philip Williams'; from the Hendre up to Trawscoed there is also limited road salt.

**ACTION:** County Cllr Karl Lewis will get these items addressed.

#### **15.0.Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman reported that he had no announcements to make.

**16.0.Date of next meeting:** Monday, 22nd March, 2021.

Meeting closed at 7:56pm.