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MOCHDRE with PENSTROWED Community Council**

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**Minutes of the online Council Meeting held on Monday, 22nd
March 2021, at 7:00pm**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Philip Williams

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 1st February, 2021 (previously circulated).**
- 2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st February, 2021 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. Three of the four people from whom the Clerk had requested quotes for the electrical installation of the proposed Pentre Defibrillator Cabinet had declined to quote at the last minute,

due to pressure of work. This left the one quote which had been received, but which required clarification. The Clerk requires at least three quotations in order for the Council to establish best value. Cllrs Russell and Ian Williams promised to provide the Clerk with contact details for two others so that the Clerk could approach them for a quotation.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £8,252.21. Cash book stands at £8,252.21. There are no outstanding cheques.
- 2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £5,180.91. Cash book stands at £5,180.91. There are no outstanding cheques.

4.2. To consider invoices for payment.

- 1) K. Wigley – £976.00 (Clerk's fee – Fourth Quarter).
- 2) HMRC - £149.00 (PAYE Income tax on Clerk's Fee)
- 3) Upper Bridge Enterprises - £175.20 (Website annual Licence Fee and Domain Name annual fee)
- 4) One Voice Wales – £79.00 (Annual Membership Fee).

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 10:30am on Sunday, 28th March to sign off the cheques and update the signing of the Minute Book.

5.0. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2021/2022

- 5.1. E-mailed to Councillors on 13th March, 2021 for information. There are no changes to the remuneration of community and town councillors this time. Duly noted.

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.** Consultation on Litter and Fly-Tipping Prevention Plan for Wales – OVW requesting responses to be sent to them by the end of March to help to inform their response. E-mailed to Councillors on 13th March, 2021. Following discussion the Council unanimously voted to comment that a quick and easy method of reporting incidents would be a good idea. **ACTION:** Clerk to forward on Council's comment before the deadline.
- 7.2.** Cyber Security Guide – E-mailed to Councillors on 13th March, 2021 for information. Duly noted.

8.0. Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

- 8.1.** New Draft Guidance on the Code of Conduct for members of local authorities in Wales - E-mailed to Councillors on 13th March, 2021 for information. Duly noted.

9.0. DBS Requirements for Community Councillors

- 9.1.** County Cllr. Karl Lewis's response received, confirming that there is no requirement for Community Councillors to be DBS checked. (See Minute Ref. 13.3, 1st February, 2021 meeting). Duly noted.

10.0. Welsh Assembly Government

- 10.1.** Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the Community and Town Council Sector – E-mailed to Councillors on 13th March, 2021 for information. Duly noted.

11.0. Defibrillator Pads Replacement

11.1. E-mail from Cynthia Bateman reference replacement of Mochdre Defibrillator pads. Cllr. Russell Williams stated that Eryl Williams would be investigating the Penstrowed Defibrillator pads situation as soon as possible.

ACTION: Cllr Russell Williams will give a progress report at the next meeting.

12.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

12.1. Garn Fach Wind Farm Community Liaison Group Meeting on 3rd March, 2021 – Unfortunately Cllr. Robin Lewis was unable to attend the meeting. The next meeting is planned for 21st June, possibly on a face-to-face basis.

13.0. Charities/Donations.

13.1. Wales Air Ambulance Charity Emergency Appeal – Letter of thanks received for Council's donation. Duly noted.

13.2. NSPCC – Request for financial contribution. The Council was unanimous in its decision not to make a financial contribution at this time.

14.0. Highway Matters.

14.1. Potholes on Mochdre Lane Hyde Park Pitch – E-mail received from Mrs Carol Thomas was read out. County Cllr Karl Lewis asked the Clerk to obtain Mrs Thomas's consent for her e-mail address to be supplied to him so that he could contact her direct. Unfortunately Mochdre Lane is unclassified and it is currently a real struggle to get maintenance done on this type of road. Expectations have to be realistic. He would be prepared if necessary to walk Mochdre Lane with her in the Hyde Park Pitch area to view the issues she has raised.

ACTION: The Clerk is to contact Mrs Thomas accordingly.

14.2. Rhyd-Y-Cwrt Bridge – Response from Danny Jarman

following Chairman's enquiry (via the Clerk) concerning the bridge's current state of repair was read out.

ACTION: County Cllr Karl Lewis will contact both Clive Jones (Area Manager for the North) and his superior to draw their attention to the urgency of this matter.

15.0. Community Council Grant Requests (if any)

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

16.0. Correspondence

16.1. Joint OVW/SLCC Event -13th May, 2021 – Online event costing £45.00 + VAT. The Council agreed that the Clerk could attend if she so wished.

17.0. To receive questions from Councillors

17.1. Cllr Jones raised a query concerning discharge notices applied to Land at Pwllglas recently.

ACTION: County Cllr Karl Lewis will investigate and report back at the next meeting.

18.0. Chairman's Announcements

18.1. The Birches at Penstrowed has been let.

18.2. In order to make people aware who their Community Councillors are, would it be a good idea to post a group photo on the Facebook page? Councillors voted unanimously in favour of this.

ACTION: Cllr Russell Williams will post said photo.

19.0. Date of next meeting: Next meeting will be the Annual Meeting followed by an Ordinary Meeting on Monday, 10th May, 2021.

Meeting closed at 8:07pm.