

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 28th June
2021, 7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

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 Annual and Ordinary Council Meetings held on 17th May, 2021 (previously circulated).**
- 2.1. That the minutes of the Annual and Ordinary meetings held on Monday 17th May, 2021 were a true record of what there and then transpired and were duly signed as such by the Chairman.

3.0. Information from the Minutes.

The Clerk reported that there was no information from the minutes.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £9,180.57 (includes 1st Precept instalment of £2,500). Cash book stands at £9,080.57. There is one outstanding cheque for £100.00.
- 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 - £40.00 (To re-imburse Clerk for paying ICO annual Data Protection Fee renewal [due 27th June, 2021] online)
- 2) K. Wigley - £970.00 (Clerk's fee – First Quarter).
- 3) HMRC - £155.00 (PAYE Income Tax on Clerk's fee).
- 4) First Rescue Training and Supplies Ltd. - £1,518.00 (Defibrillator and Cabinet – cheque from No 2 Account). See 5.1. below.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to pay the above amounts.

5.0. Proposed Additional Defibrillator

- 5.1.** Councillors voted to expedite the purchase of the defibrillator and outdoor heated cabinet (for the Pentre) as soon as possible and voted unanimously that a cheque be raised for £1,518.00 from the P & L account (No 2 Account) at this meeting to enable the Clerk to order them. See 4.2. 4) above. Training of the residents in how to use the equipment is required.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to order the Defibrillator

and Cabinet and investigate available training.

6.0. HSBC Safeguard Review

6.1. The review is in progress, but HSBC is still awaiting proof of identity documentation from two of the three Councillors chosen at random. Duly noted – Cllr Lewis will provide the necessary information in the next couple of days.

7.0. Memorial Trees for HRH Prince Philip

7.1. Further to the last meeting (see Minute Ref 7.1) Cllr Humphreys was to report on the results of his investigation into what would be an acceptable site in Penstrowed and what species of tree would be acceptable (this will dictate the type of tree for Mochdre also as the Council had decided that both trees should be the same species). Unfortunately Cllr Humphreys was absent from the meeting so this item will be carried forward to the next one.

AT THIS POINT County Cllr Karl Lewis vacated the meeting whilst the following Planning Application was being discussed (due to his position of Chair of the Planning, Taxi Licensing & Rights of Way Committee).

8.0. Planning Applications

8.1. Application Reference: 21/1104/REM Grid Reference: E:308199 N: 289377 Proposal: Application to vary condition 2 on planning permission P/2017/1112 in relation to timescales at site next to Manteg, Mochdre, Newtown, SY16 4JJ. E-mailed to Councillors 21st June, 2021. Following discussion there was a majority vote in favour of supporting this application.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to contact the Planning Officer accordingly.

AT THIS POINT County Cllr Karl Lewis re-entered the meeting.

9.0. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

9.1. Councillors' letters foregoing allowances – one received prior to meeting and six brought to the Clerk at the meeting, which leaves one still outstanding.

10.0. Defibrillator Pads Replacement

10.1. Cllr Russell Williams has been given a set of new pads for the Penstrowed defibrillator (expiry date 18th April, 2023) by the Ambulance Station, and was told at the time of giving that it could be that by the time another set is required (2023) they may no longer stock pads for the Zoll Defibrillators and, if so the Council would have to purchase them.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to find out the current price of replacement pads.

11.0. Highway Matters

11.1. Update on Gelli bridge concerns (see Minute Ref 11.1, 17th May meeting) – the repairs have now been effected to a good standard.

11.2. Report back from County Cllr Karl Lewis on Councillors' concerns raised at the last meeting.

Re Minute Ref 11.2.- this is ongoing.

Re Minute Ref 11.3.- Roads are monitored every two weeks to see if there are any issues which require attention, but there is nothing to indicate that this has been done. Councillors suggested that some public information signage indicating this had been done would be useful.

ACTION: County Cllr Karl Lewis will look into this further and report back at the next meeting.

12.0.Garn Fach Wind Farm

12.1.A Microsoft Teams meeting had been arranged for Councillors to meet with the Garn Fach Wind Farm Project team at 7:00pm on Monday 5th July. (E-mailed to Councillors on 19th June, 2021). The Clerk asked if this could be changed to a Zoom meeting, (the virtual medium that the Council is used to working with) and the Garn Fach Wind Farm Project team were happy to do so, provided the Clerk set the Zoom meeting up and sent them the link. The Clerk has done this today and e-mailed the link to all parties.

13.0.Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

13.1.Garn Fach Wind Farm Community Liaison Group Meeting on 21st June, 2021 – Cllr Lewis informed the meeting that the Liaison Group Meeting was actually during this week. He will attend and report back at the next meeting.

14.0.Charities/Donations (if any)

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

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.Volunteer Befrienders for RNID. For information – duly noted.

16.2.Consultation on Qualifications of Clerks in Wales Regulations – Consultation closes 24th September, 2021. Duly noted.

17.0.To receive questions from Councillors

17.1.The condition of the road surface on Cefn Hir Pitch is causing a problem to a local businessman who is in the business of

transporting eggs for sale. The road surface is so rough it is causing some of the eggs to be broken during transit and this is impacting on his business. This ties up with the monitoring of road conditions every two weeks as raised in 11.2. above. Councillors asked if there is a record of these inspections and, if so, does the public have access to them

ACTION: County Cllr Karl Lewis will look into this further and report back at the next meeting.

17.2.Potholes between the Hendre and the Hafod.

ACTION: County Cllr Karl Lewis will chase this up and report back at the next meeting.

17.3.Massive shed, which received planning permission supposedly as an agricultural building, seems to be being used for a completely different purpose involving glamping days and Landrover experience days, which is an enforcement issue. Individuals can register enforcement issues on the Powys County Council website and County Cllr Karl Lewis advised that the best way to deal with this would be for Councillors to register as individuals (go to Browse Services – Planning and Building Control – Planning – Planning Enforcement, where there is information how to register, etc.).

18.0.Chairman’s Announcements

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

19.0.Date of next meeting: Monday, 9th August, 2021.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.