

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 9th August  
2021, 7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk) County Cllr Karl Lewis

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by Cllr.  
Robin Lewis (Deputy Chairman)

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

**1.2. Declarations of Members' Interests – One Declaration of  
Member's Interest was made – see below.**

Name of Councillor	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Cllr Gordon Jones	8.3.		√

**2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on  
28th June, 2021 (previously circulated).**

**2.1.** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th June,  
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.**

- 3.1. The Clerk reported back on the cost of replacement defibrillator pads (as per Minute Ref 10.1. 28th June, 2021 meeting) - £98.39 inc. VAT per set. This is to be born in mind when setting the budget for the next financial year.

### **4.0. Finance**

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

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £8,070.57. Cash book stands at £7,915.57. There is one outstanding cheque for £155.00. Duly noted.
- 2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £5,180.91. Cash book stands at £3,662.91. There is one outstanding cheque for £1,518.00. Duly noted.

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

- 1) K. Wigley – £185.82 (Expenses 1/07/20 to 01/06/21 of which £123.30 is Laptop insurance instalments taken from Clerk's bank account).

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

#### **4.3. Quarterly Statement up to 30th June 2021**

This was presented to Councillors and duly noted.

### **5.0. Pentre Defibrillator**

- 5.1. The defibrillator and outdoor heated cabinet to be sited at the Pentre have been ordered and will take 6-8 weeks to arrive. Training for the residents in how to use it is being investigated. Duly noted.

### **6.0. HSBC Safeguard Review**

- 6.1. The outstanding information regarding proof of identity documentation from the third designated Councillor was

received by the Clerk at the meeting. This will be forwarded on to HSBC to complete the review.

**ACTION:** The Clerk will forward the information on to HSBC accordingly, within the requested deadline.

## **7.0. Memorial Trees for HRH Prince Philip**

- 7.1. This matter has been investigated by Cllr Russell Williams. As he was absent from this meeting and therefore unable 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 (which will dictate the type of tree for Mochdre also as the Council had decided that both trees should be the same species), the item will be carried over to the next meeting.

**At this point County Cllr Karl Lewis left the room whilst the following Planning Applications were 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: 21/1254/FUL Grid Reference: E:306931 N: 290809 Proposal: Erection of replacement field shelter at The Birches, Penstrowed, Caersws, SY17 5SG. E-mailed to Councillors on 22nd July. Clerk requested an extension to time for comments until 10th August and this has been granted. Following discussion the Council voted unanimously to support this application.
- ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to contact the Planning Officer accordingly.
- 8.2. Garn Fach Wind Farm – Draft Common Land Application Form for PAC: E-mailed to Councillors on 22nd July, 2021 for information and to allow any comments to be made. The Council was pleased to hear about the reduction in the number

of proposed turbines – down to 17 from 21 - but felt that there was no “joined up thinking” as to how the power was going to be taken out to the grid.

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to contact the Garn Fach Wind Farm team accordingly within the designated deadline.

**Cllr Gordon Jones took no part in the following discussion concerning Item 8.3.**

- 8.3.** Application Reference: 21/1356/FUL Grid Reference: E:305390 N: 287426 Proposal: Conversion of a barn to form a dwelling, alterations to existing vehicular access and installation of a sewage treatment plant at Barn at Cwmbyr, Newtown, Powys, SY16 4JU. E-mailed to Councillors on 31st July, 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

**Cllr Gordon Jones resumed taking part in discussions.**

- 8.4.** Application Reference: 21/1322/FUL Grid Reference: E:307246 N: 290928 Proposal: Change of use, conversion and part demolition of 2x agricultural barns into 2x residential dwellings at Penstrowed Hall, Penstrowed, Caersws, SY17 5SG. E-mailed to Councillors on 1st August, 2021. Following discussion the Council was happy to support this application fully if the residential dwellings were intended as domestic dwellings. But if they were intended as holiday lets the Council had reservations, particularly concerning the resultant increase in traffic using a potentially dangerous road junction.

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

- 8.5.** Application Reference: 21/1386/HH Grid Reference: E:308495 N: 289832 Proposal: Erection of Extensions at Lower Talwrn, Trem Y Cwrt, Newtown, SY16 4JJ. Received and e-mailed to Councillors today. Following discussion the Council voted unanimously to support this application.  
**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to contact the Planning Officer accordingly.

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

**9.0. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales**

- 9.1.** Councillors' letters foregoing allowances – the last one still outstanding was presented to the Clerk at this meeting.

**10.0. Replacement Noticeboard**

- 10.1.** The condition of the Council's noticeboard at Stepside, which has deteriorated considerably due to water ingress and requires replacement, was duly noted. The possibility of the Council purchasing a new one off-the-shelf from a noticeboard manufacturer (paid for out of P & L funds) was discussed. The Clerk supplied a "ball-park" cost of £500 – £600 to do so. Councillors preferred the idea of refurbishing the existing noticeboard if possible, and suggested various tradesmen who might be able to do so. Cllr Jones stated he had materials which might be suitable for this application.

**ACTION:** Councillors to supply tradesmen's contact details to the Clerk.

**11.0. Highway Matters**

- 11.1.** Cllr Russell Williams has reported that the road gullies down the Ffrydd lane and Hyde park pitch are in dire need of emptying (he has been along with the mini digger and opened

some of the grips into ditches where he can [it's been probably 4yrs since they were last done]); the culvert under the road on Hollybush lane is blocked with debris which has washed down over time; on a brighter note that the potholes on Hyde park pitch have been repaired, Duly noted.

**11.2.**Report back from County Cllr Karl Lewis on Councillors' concerns raised at the last meeting (Minute Refs 17.1. and 17.2.). He reported that the road surface at Cefn Hir Pitch had now been repaired, but not the potholes between the Hendre and the Hafod.

## **12.0.Nominations for Queen's Birthday 2022 Honours List**

**12.1.**Letter inviting nominations for consideration has been received. Following discussion, the Council put two nominees forward – Mrs Enid Morgan and Mr Roche Davies.

**ACTION:** The Clerk was instructed to progress this.

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

**13.1.**Garn Fach Wind Farm Community Liaison Group Meeting w/b 28th June 2021 – Cllr Robin Lewis reported that the meeting was very similar to the meeting Councillors had attended on 5th July – see below.

**13.2.**Meeting with the Garn Fach Wind Farm Project team on Monday 5th July. The councillors attending felt it was a useful and informative meeting.

**13.3.**Montgomery Area Committee Meeting (virtual) on 19th July – There were no attendees.

**ACTION:** The Clerk is to ensure that the OVW database is up to date regarding contact information for the Council's current representatives.

## **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.** Letter of thanks for donation from Hope House was read out and duly noted.

**16.2.** Update on Rhydydwrt Bridge received from Clive Jones was read out. The Councillors were unanimous in their dissatisfaction with the actions that PCC were proposing, in particular the removal of the VRS barriers, which they felt were still needed. The Council was happy for the proposed amenity weight limit to be put in place.

**ACTION:** County Cllr Karl Lewis will once again chase this matter with PCC, and pursue the matters raised in 11.0. above.

**16.3.** Guidance from Welsh Government on multi-location meetings, etc. This was received just prior to the meeting so the Clerk will analyse and report back at the next meeting. Duly noted.

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

**17.1.** Councillors asked County Cllr Karl Lewis about the discussions currently underway concerning the Boundary Commission's 2023 review of parliamentary constituencies.

### **18.0. Chairman's Announcements**

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

**19.0. Date of next meeting:** Monday, 20th September, 2021.

Meeting closed at 8:05pm.