

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

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 7th February
2022, 7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Lloyd Humphreys

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk) County Councillor Karl Lewis

1. 0. **Attendance and Apologies for Absence** – See above.
- 1.2. **Declarations of Members' Interests** - There was one Declaration of Interest made. See below.

Name of Councillor	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Cllr Russell Williams	9.2.	√	√

**2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
6th December, 2021 (previously circulated).**

- 2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th December, 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. Cost of Job Vacancy Advert for County Times (as per Minute Ref 21.1. 6th December, 2021 meeting) – The Clerk has been quoted £280.00 + VAT for a four week period (for a 7 x 3 size advert). Copy to be supplied to County Times by Tuesday of the week. Following discussion, the Council wished to know the cost of placing an advert of that size for a two week period, followed possibly (dependent upon success of the ad) by another two week period.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to find out the costs requested by the Council.

3.2. Rev Alison Gwalchmai has contacted the Clerk to let the Council know that the necessary permissions have now been granted for the planting of a memorial tree for Prince Philip in the churchyard at Penstrowed – and a suitable site has now been chosen for it.

ACTION: The Clerk will liaise with Rev Gwalchmai when the tree has been purchased and is available to plant.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

1) Mochdre CC bank statement £9,524.09 includes £7.00 Account fee taken direct from account by bank on 26/11/21. Cash book stands at £9,030.67. There are 3 outstanding cheques for £238.42, £155.00 and £100.00. Duly noted.

2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £5,118.85 includes £5.00 Account fee taken direct from account by bank on 26/11/21. Cash book stands at £5,118.85. There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted.

4.2. To consider invoices for payment.

1) Wales Air Ambulance – £100.00 (donation as agreed at Council Meeting on 6th December, 2021 as per Minute Ref.19.1.)

2) St John's Ambulance - £100.00 (donation as agreed at Council Meeting on 6th December, 2021 as per Minute Ref.8.1.)

3) Greenbarnes Ltd. - £1,658.10 (New notice board – £1,381.75 Inc delivery + £276.35 VAT – paid out of P&L Account).

4) K. Wigley - £112.00 (SLCC Annual Membership Fee – Reimbursement of Clerk's having paid online with credit card).

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

4.3. Quarterly Statement up to 31st December 2021 – This was presented to Councillors and duly noted.

5.0. External Audit

5.1. Annual Accounts received from external auditor, Wales Audit Office (on 21/01/22) – 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 a notice board and the website for the requisite 14 days, along with the Annual Return, from 21st January to 4th February, 2022. Duly noted.

6.0. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

6.1. Letter received from Michael Gove regarding celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year, along with a letter from Rosemarie Harris (Leader PCC) requesting a list of what events the Community Council would be doing to mark this momentous occasion. Following discussion, the Council

proposed that it should hold a meeting with representatives from Mochdre Church, Mothers Union and YFC to come up with ideas and an action plan, a proposal which was approved unanimously. County Councillor Karl Lewis asked the Council if it would like to take part in the beacon lighting ceremony, on 2nd June 2022. This would be with other Councils in the Powys County Council area to form a line of beacons. It involves the purchase of a gas-fuelled beacon at a cost of £490.00 + VAT. There is a specification for a Bonfire Beacon as an alternative. Councillors requested details about the beacon and the cost involved.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to prepare and send out an invitation to the aforementioned bodies and also to send out details and costs of the beacons to Councillors for their information.

7.0. Pentre Defibrillator Signage

7.1. The Clerk has produced signage (as per Minute Ref 8.1. 6th December, 2021 meeting) which was approved unanimously by Councillors. Cllr Russell Williams stated that instructions as to how to open the cabinet which houses the defibrillator were necessary.

ACTION: Cllr Russell Williams will prepare said instructions to pass on to the Clerk to be typed out, printed and laminated. He will put the instructions on the Facebook page and also produce a video showing clearly how to open the cabinet. The Clerk will also add the instructions to the website.

8.0. Standing Orders

8.1. Unanimous approval was given for the further revisions as per Minute Ref 15.1.6th December, 2021 meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk will now update Standing Orders

accordingly.

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).

9.0. Planning Applications

9.1. Application Ref: 21/2333/FUL Grid Reference: E:308644 N: 290360 Proposal: Residential development of 8 affordable dwellings and associated infrastructure at Land South Of Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys. Following discussion, Councillors were unanimous in objecting to this application – the Council felt that by removing the affordable housing from the application for 60 houses and placing it in a separate cluster it was stigmatising those who might live there. The Council prefers to see an integrated development as previously.

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

Cllr Russell Williams took no part in the following discussion concerning Item 9.2.

9.2. Pre-Planning Application Consultation: G F Grigg Ltd. Is intending to apply for planning permission for a Holiday Lodge Park (comprising 96 lodges) in lieu of existing operation and development at Penstrowed Quarry, Penstrowed, Caersws, Powys, SY17 5SG. Information e-mailed to Councillors on 25th January, 2022. Comments by 28th February, 2022 to Jonathan Lambe at Lambe Planning & Design Ltd,

Caernarfon. Following discussion, Councillors decided unanimously that a site visit was necessary before making any comments. The site visit will take place on Sunday, 20th February 2022 at 9:30am.

Cllr Russell Williams resumed taking part in the following discussions.

- 9.3.** Correspondence received from member of Penstrowed community regarding Pre-Planning Application Consultation for proposed outline planning application (with access) for a commercial development comprising of petrol filling station, restaurant with drive-thru facility, hotel and public house on land south of Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys. E-mailed to Councillors on 19th December, 2021 for information. Duly noted.

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

10.0. One Voice Wales

- 10.1.** Response received from Lyn Cadwallader reference results of survey (as per Minute Ref. 11.1 6th December, 2021 meeting) states that results will be available once they have been fully analysed. Duly noted.

11.0. Highway Matters

- 11.1.** Update from County Cllr Karl Lewis about progress of Matt Perry's report regarding Rhyd-y-Cwrt bridge was received. Proposals are in hand for kerbs to be added on the LH side of the road with a view to "pushing" traffic over to the RH side of the road, in order to reduce further wear and tear in this area. Councillors expressed concern as to what these kerbs would be supported on, as they would be on the side of the road

which has been most compromised and eroded by traffic. Plans for a redesign of the bridge, making it more of a diagonal, are going ahead but there is as yet no date for completion. A proposal has been submitted to widen the road and build a retaining wall, but the cost of doing this would be prohibitive.

11.2. Councillors reported issues with build-up of leaves at various locations in the community and County Councillor Karl Lewis said he would take action on this.

12.0. Welsh Government

12.1. Consultation on Planning Legislation and Policy for second homes and short-term holiday lets – E- mailed to Councillors on 25th November, 2021. Comments by 23rd February, 2022. Held over from last meeting. The Council had no comments to make at this time.

12.2. The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 – Consultation seeking views on draft statutory guidance for Town and Community Councils. Responses by 17th March, 2022. E-mailed to Councillors on 27th January, 2022. Duly noted.

13.0. Reports of Committees, Meetings or Training Attended

13.1. Maldwyn Area Committee Meeting held on 17th January, 2022 via Star Leaf remote conferencing software was attended by Cllr Ian Williams. He reported that the meeting covered a variety of topics, including hybrid meetings; that the training plans which are being made mandatory for Councillors this year have to be compiled but that Councillors don't actually have to do them; that from 2023 Councillors' personal allowances will be exempt from tax.

14.0.Charities/Donations (if any)

- 14.1.**Hope House – Request for a donation was turned down by Councillors as the Council has already donated to this cause in May of this financial year.
- 14.2.**National Eisteddfod Centenary in Denbighshire – Request for donation was turned down by Councillors.

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.**One Voice Wales Area Committee information on Council broadband connectivity was duly noted as not being available in this area at this time.

17.0.To receive questions from Councillors

- 17.1.**Cllr Jean Williams requested that the memorial tree for Prince Philip be finalised as it is now almost twelve months since he died. She gave Councillors a list of ten types of cherry tree, along with prices and following discussion, Councillors agreed on Royal Burgundy (£39.00 each) plus tree stakes and ties. Cllr Lewis volunteered to buy two off said tree (to be reimbursed from the P & L fund) and deliver them accordingly, preferably by 19th March for the one in Mochdre.

18.0.Chairman's Announcements

- 18.1.**The Chairman announced the death of Ken Morgan and suggested that a sympathy card be sent to his wife which was unanimously agreed by the Council.
- ACTION:** The Clerk is to purchase and send a card accordingly.

19.0.Date of next meeting: Monday,28th March 2022.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.