

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

The Old Malthouse, Llandinam, Powys, SY17 5BY

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 26th September 2022,
7pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Phil Williams
Cllr. Ian Williams
Cllr. Russell Williams
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Robin Lewis

APOLOGIES:

None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Jennifer Turner (Clerk)
Jonathan Rees and Christine Burgess

Apologies - 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 16th May 2022

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th May 2022 were a true record of what then transpired and were duly signed as such by the Chairman.

3.0. Information from the Minutes

3.1. Cllr Robin Lewis reported that he had not heard from Rev Alison Gwalchmai regarding memorial tree planting at Penstrowed Church (see Minute Ref 3.2. 7th February 2022 meeting) and he still has the tree.

3.2. A plaque is to be considered at the next meeting possibly commemorating the lives of both Queen Elizabeth and Price Phillip

3.3. A new clerk appointment was confirmed and contract of employment signed. **New clerk to contact Kath regarding suitable time for council to call in and deliver a floral gift to show their appreciation of her service**

3.4. Following the advertisement of a "Notice of Co-Option" the following new members were co-opted onto the Community Council – Jonathan Rees and Christine Burgess. It was noted that an expression of interest had been received by **Stuart Jandrell and he has been asked to confirm his wish to join the Community Council through co-option.**

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Bank Balances:

- 1) Mochdre CC bank statement £10,378.71
- 2) Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £4,758.94

4.2. Invoices approved for payment.

Jubilee Celebrations

- 1) Beth Stratton – Dressing up - £98
- 2) Welsh Farm Organics– Meat £1,198.18
- 3) Janet Davies – Expenses - £307.08
- 4) Tabitha – Stickers - £30
- 5) Dolfor Sports - £15
- 6) DJ Jandrell – Puddings £100
- 7) Evolution Entertainment £150
- 8) Nerys Williams – Cakes - £51.49
- 9) Clare Jones £210

General Expenses

- 10) Mochdre Old School - £46.50
- 11) UBE £108.89
- 12) Clerks salary July, August, September £1,125

The above expenses were approved by the Community Council and paid on 31st August

5.0. One Voice Wales

Councillors will not attend this meeting in September

6.0. Replacement Defibrillator Pads

Are still in date, but will need replacing in March/April 23 – for action in 2024

7.0. Planning Applications (for record purposes only)

None

8.0. Climate change grant available

- 8.1 Discussion regarding access to this grant to fund charging points for cars in Mochdre Penstrowed. Councillors discussed the various options for charging points, but it was felt that this area would not benefit from installing these chargers. **Clerk to find out if the grant could be used for other environmental initiatives.**

9.0. Correspondence

- 9.1 Letter from Clare Jones requesting to attend a council meeting to discuss church plans for the immediate future and plans for the School House and School Rooms. **Clerk to contact Clare and arrange this**

10.0. To receive questions from Councillors

- 10.1. Discussion regarding problems with local roads and possibly remedial action
 - Pentre Road above Mount Smithy - Potholes are a problem
 - Ty Gwyn to Vaughanlands road, four foot drop to the side
 - Road to Rhydicwrt, crack in road and hedge giving way
 - Road from Hendre to Hafod - Potholes
 - Tree roots between Penygraig and Llwyn Onn
 - Pentre Road Bridge – no remedial action so far – outstanding since September 2021
 - Bridge is too short for large vehicles and at the moment simply has signs saying 'unsuitable'. Signs are needed to add weight restriction – bridge ideally should be lengthened, but funding would need to be secured

It is proposed that councillors will drive or walk these roads with the purpose of analysing existing problems and identifying possible remedial action. To be discussed at next meeting

17.0. Chairman's Announcements

- 17.1 Chairman asked if anyone would like to sign the Book of Condolence for HM Queen Elizabeth
- 17.2 **Councillors considered the possibility of holding another Auction Night – Gordon to contact the area organisers and feed back at next meeting**

18.0. Date of next meeting

- 18.1. Next meetings will be on Monday 7th November 2022 and Monday 12th December 2022 both at 7pm

Meeting closed at 20.10