

**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 7th November 2022,
7pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Phil Williams
Ian Williams
Gordon Jones
Robin Lewis
Chris Burgess
Jonathan Rees
Karl Lewis

APOLOGIES:

Russell Williams

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 26th September 2022**

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th September 2022 were a true record of what then transpired, some alterations to place names were required and will be signed off at the next meeting.

3.0. **Information from the Minutes**

3.1. Tree planting at Penstrowed Church – Rev Alison Gwalchmai now 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 – Clerk to obtain a price from Severn Trophies

3.3. Floral gift for previous clerk. Clerk to order a bouquet to a price agreed by all councillors

3.4. Following the advertisement of a "Notice of Co-Option" two applicants have expressed a verbal interest in the remaining councillor vacancy. An application process may be necessary, Chair will speak to them both informally and suggest they formally apply.

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) Janet Davies – Expenses - £307.08

General Expenses

2) Clerks salary Oct, Nov and Dec and expenses £1,176.99

The above expenses were approved by the Community Council and paid on 7th November

5.0. **Planning Applications (for record purposes only)**

EDF Energy

The merits of this were discussed, KL suggested that the energy company is invited to provide a presentation to the Council

IW suggested it would be helpful in future if reasons for planning approval/disapproval are fed back to the council especially when they are different to the local council view

6.0 Training

Clerk will check the available training for new councillors and also which are mandatory

7.0. Correspondence

Request for funding from Hope House – declined due to locality

8.0. To receive questions from Councillors

Discussion regarding problems with local roads and possibly remedial action. KL gave an update on the remedial action planned for the following

- Pentre Road – checked today and the pot holes will be filled
- Ty Gwyn – concrete will be added
- Penrallt- Elephant kerbs and reflectors will be added
- Pentre Bridge – Plans have been drawn up and approved. Pentre Road side will be widened.
- Further consultation will take place with the design team
- Tree roots below Wibbs – this is not a safety defect and will be remedied during the summer
- Pothole between the Rock and Old Smithy will be inspected on 7th November

KL advised that Highways work may be delayed due to funding, it was suggested that the council could possibly fund this through the precept, GJ suggested enough precept would not be able to be raised for this. JR asked how long the bridge would be closed for repair. KL asked that in future 'whatthreewords' is used by councillors for locations to ensure accuracy in locating necessary repairs.

KL - Congratulations to Young Farmers for the firework display, it was well attended, but parking is difficult

KL – suggested a project to provide a carpark and play ground for local children could be funded by the National Lottery. Also grants are available for solar panels or possibly for a community centre

Councillors discussed the recent failure to gain approval for a crematorium in Caersws

Air ambulance – the Council was disappointed to learn that a group of seventeen County Councillors did not vote for a motion calling for the air ambulance base to be kept at Welshpool. Politics should not come into a matter such as this.

Precepts 2023-24 – A brief discussion took place regarding the precept, this will be revisited at the next meeting ready to be submitted in January 2023

Future meetings may be started at 6pm – this will be discussed at the next meeting

17.0.Chairman's Announcements

18.0.Date of next meeting

18.1.Next meeting will be on Monday 12th December 2022 6pm

Meeting closed at 20.30