

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st July 2014, at
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Linda Davies
Cllr. David Forster
Cllr. Jean Williams
Cllr. Douglas Wood
Cllr. Gordon Jones
Cllr. Robin Lewis (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. Philip Williams

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Russell Williams (Chairman)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Roche Davies (Arrived at 7:45pm)

1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

1.1. See above. Cllr Robin Lewis (Vice Chairman) took the chair in the absence of the Chairman.

1.2. **Declarations of Members' Interests** – There were two Declarations of Member's Interest made.

Name of Councillor	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Robin Lewis	12.3.	✓	✓
Linda Davies	12.4.	✓	

2.0. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting (previously circulated).

2.1. That the minutes of the ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 12th May, 2014 were a true record of what there and then transpired and were signed by the Chairman.

3.0. Information from the Minutes.

3.1. Cllr Jones requested an update with regards to the letter sent to the Ambulance Service Chief Executive (see Minute Ref 12.1. 12th May, 2014 meeting) – the Clerk advised that Heather Ransom had rung and asked for more information so that she could provide a detailed response rather than just a generic one. This information had been provided by the Clerk to enable her to do that.

4.0. Finance

4.1. Update on Accounts: Mochdre CC bank statement £4,614.43. Cash book stands at £4,364.43. There is one outstanding cheque for £250.00.

To consider the payment of:

- 1) Clerk's salary – £567.50.
- 2) HMRC – £120.00.

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

4.2. Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £983.90. Cash book stands at £983.90. There are no outstanding cheques.

To consider the payment of:

- 1) Reimbursal to Council's account for cheque to Mochdre YFC (made out at the last meeting from the Council's account in error) - £250.00.

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

4.3. Presentation of Annual Return for year ending 31st March, 2014 for approval, following return from External Auditor. There was unanimous approval of the accounts, which were duly signed by the Chair.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to forward the accounts to BDO for certification.

4.4. BACS Remittance Advice received from HMRC – For VAT repayment of £145.95. Duly noted.

5.0. National Assembly

6.0. Planning Matters

6.1. Letter from Planning Inspectorate – Re. Scoping Consultation for SP Mid-Wales Connections Project (e-mailed to Councillors on 9th June). There were no comments from any of the Councillors.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Inspectorate accordingly.

6.2. SPEN “Consultation Stage Four – Presenting our Preferred Routes” newsletters were circulated amongst the Councillors.

7.0. Powys County Council

7.1. Ranking Scheme for Undertaking Minor Works – Letter from John Powell to advise the Council of the scheme currently being used to determine when repair works would be undertaken to Powys highways (potholes and the like) using the “Risk Assessment Matrix for Highways Inspections”.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to scan in the Risk Assessment Matrix and e-mail it to Councillors for their information.

7.2. One Powys Plan 2014 – 2017 - Duly noted, the hard copy was put out to Councillors at the meeting for circulation.

8.0. One Voice Wales

8.1. Two copies of the latest edition of “The Voice” were put out for circulation amongst Councillors.

8.2. Montgomeryshire Area Committee AGM and Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th June – Feedback from attendees was that it was an interesting meeting, at which Cllrs Williams and Wood volunteered Penstrowed Village Hall as the venue for the next meeting on Tuesday, 7th October, with a small buffet to be provided.

8.3. Code of Conduct Training held on Wednesday, 18th June – Feedback from Cllr Douglas Wood was that the course was informative, interesting and beneficial.

8.4. New Model Financial Regulations - These regulations were discussed prior to adoption by the Council at the next meeting.

9.0. Highway Matters

9.1. Newtown Bypass – Feedback from the public information meeting arranged by the Council at Mochdre on Monday, 2nd June and the site meeting on 11th June (arranged by Liz Harrison) was that the meetings were very beneficial and went very well. Copy of the letter sent to Edwina Hart by Hilary Kewley was duly noted.

9.2. Penstrowed Road Signage – Now in position. Clerk has sent a thank you to Andrew Jones on the Council’s behalf for his help in this matter. Duly noted.

9.3. Overflowing Litter Bins – Cllr Jean Williams, following a complaint to her concerning litter, gave a report on the situation on the Pentre Road. The problem is concentrated around the bins supplied for the use of residences not accessible to the bin lorries. Powys County Council originally supplied a list of the residences which were to take advantage of this facility but it appears that these bins are currently being used by others as, despite being emptied on a Thursday, they are full again by the following day.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to request a revised new list of the residences for whom this facility is provided from Powys County Council.

9.4. Proposed road widening by Chapel Close - County Cllr. Roche Davies, following his discussions with Adrian at the Area Meeting, was given the impression that this should happen in the next 12 months. He will keep the pressure on and update the Council of any further developments with regard to this issue.

10.0. Charities/Donations

10.1. Community Noticeboard at Stepside – This is looking well-weathered, should it be replaced and possibly re-sited? This was discussed and Cllr Forster stated that if refurbishment was required he could possibly get his “lads” involved as a project. He will take a photo of it and show it to them. Cllr Jones stated that he had plenty of oak timber to spare for such a project if required. The re-siting of the noticeboard will take further discussion. The Council was unanimous in its decision to leave this as something which can be thought about and returned to at a future date.

11.0. Community Council Grant Requests

11.1. Thank you letter received from Bro Hafren Choir. Duly noted.

12.0. Correspondence

12.1. **Next Public Meeting with Alun Griffiths Ltd.** – Next meeting, requested by Richard Bruten, Project Manager with Alun Griffiths Ltd., in an attempt to close out the issues raised at the last one, has been arranged for Monday, 28th July at 7:00pm. Adverts will be posted nearer the time. Duly noted.

12.2. **Ombudsman Annual Report 2013/14** – Copy received was put out for circulation around Councillors.

At this point, Cllr Robin Lewis stood down from the chair for the following item (taking no part in the discussion) and Cllr Phil Williams took the chair.

12.3. **Planning Application Ref: P/2014/0637** – Grid Ref:311044/284982 for Full: Erection of 1 no. 20kW wind turbine with a blade tip height of 27.13m and hub height of 20.58m at land near Dolfor, B4355, Newtown Powys. The Council has been consulted as a neighbouring Community Council, whose area may be affected by the development and the Council was unanimous in its decision that this development would not affect the community.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Department and advise them accordingly.

At this point, Cllr Phil Williams stood down from the chair, which was retaken by Cllr Robin Lewis for the remainder of the meeting.

12.4. **Planning Application Ref: P/2012/0040** – Grid Ref:310325.34/283696.7 for Full: Construct and operate nine wind turbines, with a maximum tip height of 126m together with ancillary development comprising substation, anemometer mast, new and upgraded access tracks and temporary construction compound at Land south of Dolfor to the east of the A483 centred around Neuadd-goch Bank, incorporating part of Cwmgwyn & Medwalleth Common, Dolfor, Newtown, Powys. Notification has been received that this planning application is to be considered by Committee on 08/07/2014 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Llandrindod Wells at 1:00pm.

At this point Cllr Linda Davies declared an interest in this item and took no further part in the discussion.

After discussion, the Council felt that the proposed turbines are too big, the visual impact at the top of Mochdre could be intrusive and that this needed to be indicated at the Committee meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to contact the clerks of other community councils affected by the development to ask if anyone was going to speak at the Committee meeting and, if so, ask them to pass on the Council's comments.

12.5. **Call for Honours Nominations (Queen's Birthday 2015)** – Nominations by 23rd July, 2014. This was duly noted and no one initially came to mind. If Councillors subsequently do think of anybody they are to contact the Clerk within the required timescale.

12.6. **Grass Cutting** – Councillors require an update from Powys County Council on what is happening about grass cutting this year on the small lanes within the community, as nothing has been done yet.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to request said update from Powys County Council.

12.7. **White Lining** – Cllr Phil Williams brought to the Council's attention that the white lining at the junction between the lane from Bronllan and Oak Lane had not been done.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to write to Adrian Jervis and ask when this might be done.

13.0. Chairman's Announcements

13.1. The Hog Roast at Cwmbyr was very successful and raised a large amount of funds.

13.2. Margaret Jandrell was very pleased and honoured by the thought of the Commemorative Cup. Cllr Phil Williams will ring Martin Turvey and check the wording to go on it.

14.0. Date of next meeting

14.1. Next meeting will be on Monday, 1st September, 2014.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

