

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

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 27th October 2014, at  
7:00pm at Mochdre Old School.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Linda Davies

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Roche Davies  
Mr Edmund Hikins

**1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence**

1.1. See above.

1.2. **Declarations of Members' Interests** – There were no Declarations of Member's Interest made.

Name of Councillor	Item	Personal	Prejudicial

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

2.1. That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 1st September, 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. Ambulance Service in Rural Areas – Concerns (Minute Ref. 12.1, 12th May meeting). The response to the council's letter was read out. Cllr Philip Williams wished to pursue this further, as a generic reply had been received rather than a detailed response as had been promised. The response requested consent from the parties involved to enable more detailed information to be divulged and the Council was unanimous that this should be pursued.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to compile a consent letter for each of the parties involved to sign and return to the Clerk in order for her to be able to expedite this matter further.

**4.0. Finance**

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £5,272.38 (includes 2nd Precept instalment of £2,117.00 and £30.00, redistribution of reserves from the Welsh Audit Office). Cash book stands at £5,022.38. There is one outstanding cheque for £250.00 (to SLCC for CiLCA registration).

**To consider the payment of:**

- 1) Clerk's expenses (January to September, 2014) – £141.61.
- 2) Room Hire (01/04/13 to 31/03/14) invoice - £146.25
- 3) Internal Audit Fee 2013/2014 invoice - £25.00
- 4) Annual Grant for Upkeep of Mochdre Old School - £250.00
- 5) Annual Grants for 2 Churches and 1 Chapel in the community (Stepaside Chapel is closing):  
Mochdre Parish Church - £125.00

Penstrowed Parish Church - £125.00

Pentre Chapel - £125.00

**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 £1,970.19. Cash book stands at £1,970.19 (includes P & L cheque for £1,236.29). There are no outstanding cheques. Duly noted.
- 4.3. Draft Annual Budget for 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 was presented and discussed. A small increase in the Clerk's salary (for extra website duties) included within the budget was agreed from 1st January, 2015. The Council felt that an increase in the internal auditor's fee was long overdue (it has been the same figure for many years) and unanimously voted to increase it from £25.00 to £50.00 for the next financial year. The revised draft budget (with this amendment in place) was then agreed.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Council unanimously approved and agreed the budget at £5,800.

#### **5.0. National Assembly**

- 5.1. Developing the Welsh National Marine Plan: Consultation Document – There were no comments on the proposed vision for the Welsh National Marine Plan.
- 5.2. Introduction of Planning (Wales) Bill with 5 Consultation Documents and a final Circular on planning conditions – responses requested by 16th January, 2015. These have been e-mailed to councillors and also hard copies were circulated at this meeting so that they can be read prior to discussion at the December meeting.
- 5.3. Independent Remuneration Panel Draft Report 2014 – Relevant section for Community and Town Councils (Chapter 10) e-mailed to councillors on 14th October, was discussed and duly noted.
- 5.4. Review of Designated Landscapes in Wales – E-mailed to councillors on 14th October, was discussed and the council was unanimous in having a single designation for reasons of optimisation of use of resources and an improvement in collaboration across Wales.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to forward the council's comments by the required deadline.
- 5.5. Thank you letter received for the council's comments on the proposals included in the consultation on improving the availability of allotments and community gardens was read out and duly noted.

#### **6.0. Planning Matters**

- 6.1. Appeals by: RES UK and Ireland Ltd ref. Land at Garreg Lwyd Hill between Felindre and Llanbadarn Fynydd.  
Appeal reference: APP/T6850/A/13/2209593 **AND** Appeal reference: APP/T6850/A/13/2209595:  
Letter received confirming that an Inspector appointed by the Welsh Ministers would be holding a Local Enquiry into the aforesaid appeals, starting on 15th October, 2014 (scheduled to sit until 24th October) in Llandrindod Wells. This was e-mailed to Councillors on 29th September, to give them plenty of notice. There were no attendees from the council.
- 6.2. **Application Ref: P/2014/0946** Grid Ref:306936.85/288684.98 for Householder: Demolition of single storey extension, erection of a two storey extension, siting of mobile home for temporary residence with subsequent use as a shed and creation of area of hardstanding at The Oak, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys. This is a revised application for this property, the original application was withdrawn.  
The council was unanimously in favour of recommending that this application be passed, as long as the following condition is made and met:  
That the caravan used for temporary accommodation during the building work must be used as a shed only, after completion of the work.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to forward the council's comments to the Planning Department by the required deadline.
- 6.3. **Application Ref: P/2014/0944** Grid Ref:307413.54/287950.78 for Full: Erection of a dwelling and detached garage. Formation of new vehicular access. installation of sewage treatment plant and all other associated works at Land at The Waun, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys. The Council was in full agreement that the above application is unacceptable and should be rejected for the following reasons:  
1) The proposed bungalow is deemed to be unsuitable for an elderly, infirm gentleman (it is too large, and distant from relatives).  
2) In order to cater for the elderly gentleman's needs, it would be preferable to have a "Grandad flat" added to Mr and Mrs Crosby's existing dwelling so that they are really close to hand.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to forward the council's comments to the Planning Department by the required deadline.
- 6.4. Planning Aid Wales – This is a registered charity partially funded by the Welsh Government. They are holding a half-day seminar entitled "Exploring Community Planning" in Cardiff on Tuesday afternoon, 18th November, at a cost of £20.00 per person. No interest in attending was shown.

- 6.5. Newtown By-Pass – Further information received from Hilary Kewley, scanned in and e-mailed to councillors on 4th October, for information. Duly noted.
- 6.6. Letters from Edmund Hikins (received on 22nd September and 16th October respectively) reference planning permission for “Power Station” at the Pentre. See also 12.4. below. Mr Hikins attended the meeting to elaborate on his concerns and was invited to speak.  
This item was pushed up the agenda, to follow on from item 2.1. Mr. Hikins’ letters were read out, followed by an overview by the Chairman of the situation regarding the Planning Application, which had been correctly dealt with by the community council. Mr. Hikins felt that he had been excluded from the planning process (which he is in the process of taking up with Powys County Council Planning Dept.) – furthermore he feels that there was a confused Planning Officer appraisal of the application, containing several mistakes. He is also experiencing difficulties with the ultrasound generated by the turbine. A lengthy discussion then took place, in which Mr Hikins was advised about the Noise Control Enforcement Complaint with reference to the Dugwm turbine that is currently underway, and culminating in the council’s decision that there was not much more that could be done at this point.

## **7.0. Powys County Council**

### **8.0. One Voice Wales**

- 8.1 New Model Financial Regulations - The revised regulations have been e-mailed to Councillors for them to read and digest. A hard copy was also circulated at this meeting. This will be on the agenda for discussion, with a view to adoption by the Council, at the next meeting.
- 8.2. Electronic Standing Orders – The revised Standing Orders have been e-mailed to Councillors for them to read and digest. A hard copy was also circulated at this meeting. This will be on the agenda for discussion, with a view to adoption by the Council, at the next meeting.
- 8.3. Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting, 7th October at Penstrowed Church Hall – The meeting was well attended overall, with 4 MwPCC councillors in attendance, and covered a range of topical items.
- 8.4. OVV 2014 Training Programme – for information. Duly noted.

### **9.0. Highway Matters**

- 9.1. Newtown Bypass – Meeting at Mochdre Old School on Monday, 22nd September, between Councillors and residents of Glandulas, Bontdulas and Brook Terrace. It was felt that the meeting had helped make residents aware of the need to write in once Draft Orders are published and that the draft letter prepared by the Clerk was a good basis to start from when composing their individual letters. It was agreed that another meeting should be held once Draft Orders are published.
- 9.2. Overhanging trees by Mr Collinson’s bungalow in Stepside (Minute Ref. 14.11, September 1st meeting) – Response from Adrian Jervis was read out and duly noted.
- 9.3. Proposed road widening by Chapel Close - Information from Adrian Jervis and Russell George was read out and duly noted..

### **10.0. Charities**

- 10.1. Play Wales – Following the request for support from the national charity for play (because their application for WAG funding for the next 3 years had been unsuccessful which meant they cannot continue their work), the council resolved at the last meeting (Minute Ref. 10.1.) that the Clerk was instructed to write to the relevant Welsh Government Ministers, the Assembly Member and sign their on-line petition. The Clerk did so, and so did a large number of other Clerks, with the resulting good news that Play Wales has now received its funding for 18 months. Duly noted.
- 10.2. Thank you letter received from Newtown Hospital League of Friends for the council’s £50.00 donation. Duly noted.
- 10.3. Thank you letter received from Mochdre and Penstrowed YFC for the council’s £250.00 donation (spent on “The John Jandrell Perpetual Cup”). Duly noted.

### **11.0. Community Council Grant Requests**

- 11.1. Possible grant from the P&L account for a new hot water tap system (Lincat Filter Flow, or similar) – 3 quotes to supply and install have been requested, but only one received as yet from Flamecare (Powys) Ltd (just prior to the meeting).  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to chase up the other two requested quotes from M. Bufton and Andrew Barrett.
- 11.2. The council discussed the possibility of having a community automated external Defibrillator. This was also discussed at the recent OVV Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting where Chris Backshall of Carreghofa CC outlined how his community council had obtained one.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to contact Chris Backshall for details, ready for discussion at the next meeting.

**12.0. Correspondence**

**12.1. Citizen's Advice Bureau (Newtown Office)** – request for financial assistance. The council declined the request.

**12.2. Letter from Grant and Linda Ward re. Dugwm Turbine** – Request for Community Council's help. This was discussed at some length.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to inform Mr and Mrs Grant about the Noise Control Enforcement Complaint with reference to the Dugwm turbine that is currently underway, and also advise them that the documentation relating to the wind turbine application should be available on the Planning Portal.

**12.3. Powys Regeneration Partnership "Celebrating Success" event** – Invitation. Duly noted.

**12.4. Further Letter from E. Hikins re. Dugwm Turbine** – Reference ultrasound transmission from the turbine pervading an area of 2 or 3 miles diameter including Pentre. He wishes to ascertain if the Community Council has any concerns about this. (See 6.6. above).

**12.5. St David's Awards Nominations** – Confirmation of receipt of nomination for Clare Jones. Duly noted.

**12.6. Highway Matters** – Concrete broken away and STWA pipe exposed, down from Brookside, Mochdre and turn left; surface very slippery on Stoney Lane by the Revel; potholes on Gelli Lane.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to write to Adrian Jervis about the highway issues and advise STWA about the exposed water pipe.

**13.0. Chairman's Announcements**

**14.0. Date of next meeting**

**14.1.** Next meeting will be on Monday, 15th December, 2014.

Meeting closed at 9:35 pm.

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**Minutes of the Interim Community Council Planning Meeting held on  
Monday 17th November 2014, 7:00p.m. at Mochdre Old School.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

None

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

**1. 0. Attendance and Apologies for Absence**

1.1. See above.

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

Name of Councillor	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Robin Lewis	2.1. & 2.2.	✓	✓
Gordon Jones	2.1.	✓	✓

**2.0. Planning Matters**

2.1. Application Ref: **P/2014/1040** Grid Ref: 305638.5/285060.51 for Full: Construction of a Micro Hydro Scheme involving engineering operations consisting of pipeline, intake and forebay tank at Land at The Dugwm, Mochdre, Newtown. Following discussion (in which Cllr. Lewis and Cllr. Jones did not take part), the Council unanimously voted to support this application (neither Cllr. Lewis nor Cllr. Jones took part in the vote).

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk writes to the Planning Officer to convey support by the required deadline.

2.2. Planning Application Ref: **P/2014/1079** Grid Ref: 299790.27/287669.46 for Full: Erection of single domestic scale 15kW micro wind turbine (27.131 metres to blade tip height and 20.584 metres to hub height) at Bwlch, Llandinam, Powys. The Council had been consulted as a neighbouring Community Council whose area may be affected by the development, and it was agreed that the development would not affect the Community Council area.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk writes to the Planning Officer accordingly to advise her of this.

The meeting closed at 7:25pm.

K. Wigley Clerk/y clerc  
November, 2014