

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

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

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 7th October 2013, 7:00p.m.
at Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Douglas Wood

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Kath Wigley (Clerk)

County Cllr. Roche Davies

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, 2nd September, 2013 were a true record of what there and then transpired and were signed by the Chairman.

3.0. Information from the Minutes.

3.1. SLCC National Conference – Thursday, 17th October to Saturday, 19th October at Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire. After further analysis, the Clerk decided that the cost of the Conference outweighed the benefits the Council would receive directly and made the decision not to attend. This was duly noted.

4.0. Finance

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £4,238.36 (includes the 2nd Precept instalment of £2,050.00, £100.00 grant for St. Gwrhai's Church and the PCC Website Grant of £500.00). Cash book stands at £4,078.36. There are three outstanding cheques for £25.00, £63.00 and £72.00.

To consider the payment of:

1) OVW Invoice for Strong Roots Training - £30.00 (Revised invoice now showing Bursary payment included has been received. Previous cheque for £60.00 cancelled).

2) Clerk's quarterly salary - £552.50

3) HMRC PAYE Tax payment - £135.00

4) Grant payment to St. Gwrhai's Church - £100.00

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 £296.91. Cash book stands at £1,503.61 (includes P & L Community Benefits payment of £1,206.70). There are no outstanding cheques. This was duly noted.

4.3. The Draft Annual Budget for 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015 was presented for discussion.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to incorporate changes requested by the Council and present the updated Draft Annual Budget for approval at the next meeting.

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. Designated Persons Order (Number 1)** – Under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, Consultation Document – Comments by 21st November, 2013. Printed copies were distributed at this meeting to those experiencing difficulty accessing the electronic version.

6.0. Planning Matters

- 6.1.** Notification received that additional information is available to view on Powys County Council's website with reference to Planning Application Ref: **P/2013/0524** for Installation of a 50kW wind turbine generator along with subsidiary infrastructure, etc at Land at Dugwm Farm in the form of a Farm Diversification Statement, which was sent to Councillors for their information. This was duly noted.
- 6.2.** Notification received that the aforementioned Planning Application was to go before Committee on 03/10/2013. Councillors attending the committee meeting reported that the application had been approved by a slender margin. This was duly noted, with Councillors wishing the project well with minimal problems.

7.0. Community Council Website

- 7.1.** The Clerk has contacted Upper Bridge Enterprises to accept their proposal (subject to contract) now that the grant has been received (as per Minute 8.1, 8th July, 2013 meeting). Two copies of the license agreement have been received, with one signed copy returned to Upper Bridge, and the other retained for the Council's record. The domain name was discussed and there was a unanimous vote that the Council preferred something joint e.g. mochdrepenstrowedcommunity.co.uk, .net or .com.
- IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to contact Upper Bridge so that they can check for the availability of the preferred domain name, and advise them that the following should be included on the website:
- 1) **Home Page** - Photographs (to be supplied by Cllr Forster) and text (giving a general description of the Mochdre with Penstrowed area).
 - 2) **Events Page** – Forthcoming Council Meeting dates and information about community events.
 - 3) **Community Council Page** – Who Councillors are, with photographs, addresses and contact telephone numbers; the approved Council Meeting minutes and also any Planning Application details.
 - 4) **Local Organisations Page** – Website links/contact information for local organisations for a small fee e.g. £15.00 per annum.
 - 5) **Contact Us Page** – Contact button to e-mail the Clerk (who is to be the appointed representative), plus a Google map of the area.
- 7.2.** Adoption of Complaints Procedure – The Councillors, having each been supplied with a copy of a sample procedure (either by e-mail or the post) as requested at the last meeting, voted unanimously to have a similar procedure put in place.
- IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk was instructed to produce a draft procedure for Mochdre with Penstrowed for approval at the next meeting.

8.0. Powys County Council

- 8.1.** War Memorials Project – Additional feedback was given from Cllr Jones, in which he stated that the YFC were very willing to do something but required direction, format and timescale. A discussion followed concerning these points and it was decided that some kind of permanent display was required, with a historical flavour. As this is for the centenary of World War 1, which broke out on the 28th July, 1914, it needs to be ready for July, 2014.
- IT WAS RESOLVED** that Cllr Jones would pass this information on to the YFC, in answer to their queries.
- 8.2.** PCC's, in partnership with Natural Resources Wales, offer of free fruit trees to plant on land accessible by the Community was discussed. It was decided that land recently acquired close to Penstrowed Church, which has been earmarked as a community garden, might be a good possibility for this. Closing date for applications is 30th October, 2013.
- IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Chairman is to consult with Cllr Douglas Wood on this matter and, if in agreement get him to provide the Clerk with the necessary information to enable completion/submission of the application form before the deadline.

9.0. One Voice Wales

- 9.1.** Montgomeryshire Area Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 1st October, 2013 at Machynlleth – Feedback from attendees was that it was an interesting, informative meeting touching on a variety of topics (some of which have subsequently been relayed to the Council direct).

10.0.Charities

10.1.Further to the resolution made at the last meeting, discussion took place to decide on whether to spend the charity money allocation in the budget on local causes/projects in Mochdre and Penstrowed. There was a unanimous vote in favour of this.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should place a notice on the Community noticeboard initially (and on the website eventually) to advertise that such funding is available.

11.0.Street Lighting

11.1.Further to the resolution at the last meeting, County Councillor Roche Davies reported on progress with regard to low energy replacement street light bulbs. All are now switched on except for the one by the telephone kiosk.

IT WAS RESOLVED that County Cllr Davies will follow this up.

12.0.Response from Russell George re. By-Pass Build Programme

12.1.Mr George has suggested that the Community Council asks to meet with the contractors, Alun Griffiths Ltd., to discuss and express the community's concerns. He would be happy to attend such a meeting. Information on the details of the build programme are still limited and he is to have a meeting with the Minister in October to discuss progress of the By-Pass and request an update from her. This was duly noted and discussed.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact Alun Griffiths Ltd to arrange said meeting following discussion at the next Council meeting to itemise concerns raised, for presentation at the aforementioned meeting.

13.0.SP Manweb Mid-Wales Connections Project

13.1.Details of Stage Three Consultation (starting 09/10/2013) received, including flyers promoting a series of exhibitions due to take place in the area (these will be posted on the community noticeboards). This was duly noted.

14.0.Correspondence

14.1.**E-mail from the Mayor of Llandrindod Wells** – Requesting completion of a short questionnaire with regard to Powys County Council (Yes or No answers to 5 questions). Duly noted and completed.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should forward the Council's answers by e-mail.

14.2.**Hope Church Newtown Promise Auction on 30th October** – Requesting attendance at their fundraising event for their new building. It was decided to leave this up to individuals to decide if they wish to attend.

14.3. **License Agreement from Upper Bridge Enterprises** – Has been signed and returned. Once they receive it, an invoice will be raised for half the initial cost (£125.00 + £25.00 VAT = £150.00), payable within 30 days, so a cheque will be required for this amount before the next meeting to comply with their terms and conditions (the balance is due once the website is up and running satisfactorily)

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk was instructed to raise the cheque for the above amount in anticipation of receiving the invoice before the next meeting.

14.4. **Response from Andrew Jones reference nameplate signs for Penstrowed.** Duly noted.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Chairman should be given a copy of the map provided, in order to ask residents for their suggestions for where to site the road signs.

14.5. **OVW Availability of Planning Training Module** – The standard planning course will cost £400. When this was last discussed at the 8th October meeting last year, it was resolved to wait and see if any of the other Community Councils wished to be the 'lead council', so that the Council would only have to finance a small share of the cost, due to lack of funds. This was once again discussed in the light of sufficient funds now being available to allow the Council to host this course.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should approach OVW about the Council hosting this course, and also check with them if any other Council had decided to be 'Lead' Council.

14.6. **Application Ref: VAR/2013/0011** - Application to discharge section 106 Agreement attached to M22259 (occupancy condition) at The Bungalow, Lower Rock, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys. Notification received that discharge of this Section 106 obligation has been granted was duly noted.

15.0.Chairman's Announcements

15.1.Thanks have been conveyed to the Council for Cllr Jones's swift action in cutting back the overgrowth on part of the Walkmill path.

15.2. Advert for Glebe land near Mochdre Church to let (Jones Peckover). Cllr Forster has put in a bid on behalf of the Council, with the intention of making the land available for community use, and the outcome is awaited.

15.3.There is currently a problem of dogs worrying sheep in the area, which needs resolution.

15.4.Presentation of BEM to Enid Morgan – This is to be at a Church service followed by a buffet. The Council unanimously voted in favour of paying for this out of P & L funds, as it was felt that Mrs Morgan should **not** have to pay for this herself. Cllr Philip Williams will further investigate.

15.5.'Walkabout' Report – This is still awaited from John Ward.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should chase this again.

15.6.Cllr Jones reported on his Ex-Wavia connection experience – The funding process went very smoothly and he does now get 4mb, but getting it all set up to work properly did not run smoothly. He obtains his signal via the 'bounce back' method.

15.7.Congratulations were given to Llandinam School on its reprieve.

16.0.Date of next meeting

16.1.Next meeting will be on Monday, 11th November, 2013.

Meeting closed at 9:25pm.

