

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

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

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2013, 7:15p.m. at
Mochdre Old School.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

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, 25th March, 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. With reference to the resolution of the hedge pletching problem for Mrs Rogers (see Minute Ref 3.1, 25th March 2013 meeting), Councillors met up with Martin Watkins immediately prior to this meeting, for a visit to site for discussion, and reported back. Martin Watkins stated that the "hedge" in question is actually trees, so the remedy is not hedge pletching, it is something with far greater cost implications. Having said that, he is prepared to do something to remedy the problem. Cllr Jean Williams was nominated to speak to Mrs Rogers in order to ascertain exactly what she wants to be done and forward a written report of her findings to the Clerk.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk forwards the report to Martin Watkins for his comments and an update on his plans for remedying the situation.

4.0. Finance

4.1. **Update on Accounts:** Mochdre CC bank statement £925.28. Cash book stands at £890.28. There is one outstanding cheque for £35.00.

To consider the payment of:

1) New Minute Book from Shaw and Sons Ltd = £149.69 (£124.74 + VAT). Cheque to be made payable to the Clerk, as reimbursal for purchasing this online using a personal credit card.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk be reimbursed accordingly.

4.2. Mochdre CC No2 Account (for P & L funds) bank statement £1,296.91. Cash book stands at £1,296.91. There are no outstanding cheques.

To present the cheques for signature for the following donations (see Minute Ref 4.4, 25th March 2013 Meeting):

- 1) Mochdre WI = £200.00
- 2) Mochdre YFC = £200.00
- 3) Mochdre Church = £200.00
- 4) Pentre Chapel = £200.00
- 5) Stepside Chapel = £200.00.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the cheques be signed and that the Clerk forwards them on to the recipients.

4.3. Presentation of Annual Return for year ending 31st March, 2013 for approval, following return from internal auditor. There was unanimous agreement for approving the accounts, which were then signed by the Chairman.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk despatches the Annual Return to BDO for external audit.

5.0. National Assembly

5.1. Consultation on draft Social and Environmental guidance to Ofwat (for circulation, to enable the Consultation Response Form to be completed at the next meeting). This was duly noted, and the document commenced its circulation around Councillors.

6.0. Planning Matters

6.1. Request for observations by 24th April for:

Planning Application: P/2013/0357 Grid Reference: 306838.68/286261.43 for Householder: Erection of an extension at Pwll Glas, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys (householder is Mr R Davies) **AND**

6.2. Time period for making any representations concerning the following application (required by 29th April):

Application Ref: DECC2013 0002 Grid Ref: 307174.03/283412.23 for Application under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to erect 11Kv overhead line supported by wood poles at land near Esgair Draenllwyn, Llaithddu, Llandrindod Wells, Powys (applicant is SP Manweb PLC, Wrexham).

6.3. Because of the deadlines for both the above applications, the papers were left with Cllr. Jean Williams to give Councillors the chance to inspect them, to enable them to make an informed decision. The overall majority were in favour of allowing the Pwll Glas extension application to go to determination. There were no representations to be made concerning the 11Kv overhead line application because the overall majority were in favour of it, as it would allow some community residents currently without an electricity supply to now be supplied. Duly noted.

6.4. Notification has been received that Full Planning permission has been granted for both the proposed development at Kincoed Farm, Mochdre and the extension of the time period for the Wind Monitoring Mast at land adjacent to the existing Wind Farm, Llandinam (See Minute Refs 2.2 and 2.3. of Interim Planning Meeting held on 4th March 2013). Duly noted.

7.0. One Voice Wales

7.1. "The Councillor" training on Wednesday, 3rd July at Castle Caereinion. Cllr Wood stated he is available and happy to attend.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk books a place on the course for Cllr Wood.

7.2. Two copies of the Spring edition of "The Voice" received, for circulation. Duly noted and the question was asked if more copies could be made available.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts OVW to ascertain if this is possible.

7.3. Wales Rural Observatory – Services Survey 2013. This is used by the Wales Rural Observatory to develop a broader understanding of service provision across Wales; to assist One Voice Wales; and to inform the policies of the Welsh Government. The Clerk has completed and submitted the survey online within the timescale stated. Duly noted.

7.4. Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 17th April 2013 at the Community Centre, Castle Caereinion. Cllr Wood attended and reported that it was a lively and informative meeting. A presentation was given by Cllr David Jones, Leader of Powys County Council, covering a wide range of topics followed by a question session (this included potential school closures and querying the use of expensive consultants by Powys County Council).

8.0. CeltPower

8.1. Llandinam Windfarm 2013 Supplementary Environmental Information (on DVD) – Deletion of five northerly wind turbines, reducing the scheme further from 42 as in the original proposal to 34; alteration to the proposed delivery route for the wind turbine components; findings of further surveys relating to a variety of subjects, including environmental management and pollution prevention measures, etc. Duly noted and the question was asked if copies of the DVD could be made available for circulation amongst Councillors.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk ascertains if the DVD can be copied, and if so, make several copies.

9.0. Community Council Website

9.1. A further 2 quotes have been obtained from other website providers as requested at the last meeting (see Minute Ref 9.1, 25th March 2013 Meeting) in order to enable a decision to be taken at this meeting. The 3 quotes are as follows:

1) **Upper Bridge Enterprises** – Initial charge £250 (for provision and building of 5 web-site pages, including training for website manager), plus a monthly charge of £10.00 for up to 10 pages (includes all fees for hosting, maintenance, support, new website releases and one domain name – possibly Mochdre.com). All costs subject to VAT at the standard rate

2) **Parish Council Websites.co.uk** – Basic Welsh Community Council website setup fee £399.00, + either £10.00 per annum for registering a .org.uk domain or £75.00 per annum for registering a .gov.uk domain + hosting for 12 months £100.00 per annum + Online Help Desk £240.00 per annum. All costs subject to VAT at the standard rate.

3) **Vision ICT** – Level 1 website for Community Councils £425.00 in Year 1 and a cost for Year 2 onwards of £200.00 per annum (price includes website hosting and a standard e-mail account). All costs subject to VAT at the standard rate.

The above quotes were discussed and the Council unanimously chose to go with Upper Bridge Enterprises. There was just one question that requires an answer before confirming the go-ahead with them, i.e. would the Council own the domain name?

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Upper Bridge Enterprises and asks the question.

10.0. PAVO

10.1. Community Engagement Meeting – Held at Plas Dolerw on March 27th, 2013. A full and informative report was given by Cllr Linda Davies, who attended this meeting. The main message put across was that the Power of Well-Being should be made use of by being more pro-active in the community.

10.2. Powys Befrienders Promotion – Follow on to the presentation made at the above meeting. Duly noted, and thought to be possibly part of the YFC remit.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk posts the information on the Community noticeboard.

11.0. Powys County Council

11.1. LED Streetlight Replacement Scheme – It was decided to let this run its course, as it was close to the scheduled time for the work to be done.

11.2. Amended Blanket Dispensation received from Clarence Meredith (Strategic Director, Law and Governance) for: Charity Trustee Interests. Duly noted.

11.3. Powys Local Development Plan – Candidate Sites and Community Needs. Forms were duly completed.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk return the forms by Friday, 31st May, 2013.

11.4. Strategic Framework for Planning and Commissioning Full Time Education Provision for 16-19 year old learners in Powys. For circulation.

11.5. 2012/2013 Notice of Audit – Request to display the notice, to help publicise the Inspection. It was agreed to print a further 2 more copies for display on community noticeboards.

12.0. Highway Matters

12.1. Cllr Jean Williams has reported water leaking again by the Dolau Inn and running down the road, due to the 'patching up' done to resolve the problem last year breaking up.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Severn Trent Water to report the leak.

13.0. Charities

13.1. Thank you received from Montgomeryshire County Music Festival for the Council's donation. Duly noted.

13.2. Thank you received from Urdd National Eisteddfod for the Council's donation. Duly noted.

14.0. Zurich Insurance

14.1. Invitation to renew insurance cover due 1st June, 2013 received - £243.80 (Including Insurance Premium Tax). The Clerk has contacted Zurich and established that this policy will also embrace the new website. There was a majority vote that the policy should be renewed and the cheque for £243.80 be signed.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk sends the renewal payment off to Zurich.

15.0.Rural Broadband

15.1. eXwavia made a presentation to members of the community on 29th April, which was well-attended. Feedback from Councillors who were present at the meeting was that it was a good presentation, but unfortunately eXwavia were unable to confirm the timescale of when the system will be up and running to serve this community.

16.0.Correspondence

16.1. **One Voice Wales** – Strong Roots training (with reference to the Sustainable Development Bill) on Monday, 3rd June 2013 at Montgomery Town Hall. Cllrs Jean Williams and Linda Davies agreed to attend.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk books two places on the course for the above Councillors.

16.2. **Powys County Council** – Consultation Proposal on the Provision of Secondary Education in the John Beddoes and Newtown Catchment Areas has been received. The document commenced its circulation around the Councillors for their information.

16.3. **Planning Application Ref: P/2013/0450 Grid Ref: 306829.29/289007.02 for:** Installation of a sewage treatment plant at The Old Barn, Perth Y Bu, Mochdre, Newtown, Powys. There was unanimous agreement that a site visit was required, to enable the Council to make informed observations.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Mr Paul Duffy (the applicant) and arranges a mutually convenient meeting on site.

16.4. **Garreg Lwyd Windfarm Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS)** – This was brought to the Council's attention by Cllr Gordon Jones. The scheme is for local businesses, community buildings and private residences near the site of the proposed windfarm who will be eligible for an annual discount of £230.00 off their electricity bill for the duration of the operational life of the windfarm, once it is fully operational.

17.0.Chairman's Announcements

17.1. **Llandinam School update from County Cllr Roche Davies** – Roche attended the Cabinet meeting today for discussion of Llandinam and Carno potential school closures. The recommendation was made to defer the decision for Llandinam school until the results of the Estyn inspection have been received (in probably another 5 weeks) and then discuss again at the next Cabinet meeting in October. It was decided that Carno school would be federated, having one Head and one governing body.

17.2. **Following on from Minute Ref 3.1, 4th February 2013 Meeting** – Further erratic behaviour has been exhibited by the person mentioned, this time directed to Cllr Jean Williams personally, and there was an overall majority in favour of Cllr Williams informing Sergeant Rees of the exchange which had taken place.

18.0.Date of next meeting

18.1. Next meeting will be on Monday, 8th July, 2013.

Meeting closed at 9:52pm.

K. Wigley
Clerk/y cleric
May, 2013

