

Cyngor Cymuned MOCHDRE gyda PHENSTRYWAID
MOCHDRE with PENSTROWED Community Council
Ashford, The Bank, Newtown, Powys, SY16 2AB

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 10 July 2012, 7:00p.m. at Mochdre Old School

1. 0. Attendance, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Members' Interests.

- 1.1. Cllrs Russell Williams (Chairman), Robin Lewis (Vice Chairman), Linda Davies, David Forster, Gordon Jones, Adrian Owen, Jean Williams and Philip Williams were in attendance. Apologies were initially received from County Cllr Roche Davies, but he was in fact able to attend, arriving at 7:10pm.
- 1.2. There were no declarations of members interests.

2.0. Minutes of Meetings - to approve and sign the minutes as a correct record.

- 2.1. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 21st May 2012 at Mochdre Old School, having been printed and circulated with summons to meeting, were agreed to be a true record and signed as such by the Chairman.

3.0. Matters Arising from Minutes.

- 3.1. Minute 7.1. Powys Local Growth Zones Task and Finish Group. Clerk to research to check if the remit covers the community immediately surrounding Newtown.
- 3.2. Minute 7.2. Concurrent Functions – Recreation. Consider applying for grant aid for recreational services for children. All in agreement that this be put on the agenda for next time.
- 3.3. Minute 9.1. Zurich Insurance. Clerk to look at the possibility of increasing the amount of cover for Libel and Slander when the policy comes up for renewal. Also to look in depth to establish if Councillors are covered by any 'parliamentary type' privilege.

4.0. Finance

- 4.1. Bank statement £1952.39 - Cash book stands at £1952.39. The breakdown of balance is £1823.84 for Mochdre CC (includes precept instalment of £1066 and HMRC VAT repayment of £114.07) and £128.55 for P&L Trust. There are no uncashed cheques but there are payments to approve, namely: Clerk's first salary instalment to date of £83.25; PAYE tax payment to HMRC of £20.60; BDO invoice for £60.00. All in favour of payments being approved.
- 4.2. Annual Audit has been returned from BDO external auditor. Unanimous approval and acceptance was given by the Council. This completes the audit and the Notice of Conclusion of Audit will be displayed giving contact details for arranging public inspection by appointment between 12/07/12 and 08/08/12.
- 4.3. A new bank account has been set up for P&L Trust money, in order to keep it separate from other income. Approval for the P&L balance of £128.55 being transferred to Mochdre Community Council No2 Account was given, with all in favour.

5.0. National Assembly

- 5.1. Consultation Document – Proposals for a Sustainable Development Bill. Response by 18th July. All were in favour of giving this to the Clerk to further analyse to see if it was applicable to Mochdre with Penstrowed and if so complete.

6.0. Planning Matters

- 6.1.

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Powys Standards Committee Community Sub-Committee – requires 3 members from local councils. "Left on the table" from the previous meeting. Ballot paper has now been received and all were in favour of nominating Cllr Derrick Pugh of Trefeglwys Community Council. Clerk to complete ballot paper to this effect.
- 7.2. Free Code of Conduct Training Session at Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool on July 11th. To be attended by Cllrs Russell Williams, Robin Lewis, Jean Williams, Philip Williams and the Clerk. Feedback at next meeting.

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. Code of Conduct Training – Details of courses to be held in July. All were in favour of waiting to see if the Council were likely to hold further free training courses.

- 8.2. The Council was informed via e-mail on 12th June that there was no Bursary from the Welsh Government as yet this year towards the cost of OVW training. An e-mail was then received on 29th June stating that a Bursary is now available but it cannot be claimed for training that has already taken place, so does not apply to New Councillor Induction training which took place on 25th June. Duly noted.
- 8.3. Feedback from New Councillor Induction training. Those who attended felt it had been very informative and well worth attending.

9.0. Dyfed Powys Police Authority

- 9.1. Official Receipt and thanks for donation made in respect of Bobby Van Scheme – duly noted.

10.0. Powys Regeneration Partnership

- 10.1. Back copy of “Regenerator” magazine and 3 leaflets explaining current funding available under “Resilient Powys, “Sustainable Tourism Powys” and “Farm Diversification”. The Chairman provided website and e-mail address for interested parties. Leaflets to be circulated, starting with Cllr Russell Williams.

11.0. Boundary Commission

- 11.1. Response to letter sent expressing concern at the treatment of Montgomeryshire in the BC proposals in respect of parliamentary constituencies in Wales. Both letters were read out and County Cllr Roche Davies suggested that further lobbying should be done via Glyn Davies, Russell George and the Prime Minister. Chairman provided contact details for interested parties to contact the Commission and asked if the date of the end of the consultation period could be established. All in approval that the Clerk investigates this date and writes letters similar to that sent to the Commission to the aforementioned individuals.

12.0. Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations

- 12.1. Currently developing their strategic plan for 2013-16, they require completion of a brief survey. All in agreement that, as the Council has never been actively involved with PAVO, this is not applicable.

13.0. Charities

- 13.1. Motion to suspend donations until further monies are received was suggested by the Chairman and all were in favour.

14.0. Urgent Highway Maintenance Matters

- 14.1. Water leak just below Gelli. Had been inspected by the Waterboard, but is now running again. Clerk to write.
- 14.2. Grass cutting – The contractor is using equipment which is far too big for purpose, and this is causing mess and damage. Large stumps were left in Ffridd Lane and Oak lane causing an obstruction. Clerk to write a letter of complaint.
- 14.3. White lining by the Willows junction with Oak Lane has not been done, and the junction is a dangerous one. Clerk to write to Powys County Council.
- 14.4. General letter to complain about the road surfaces i.e. bad potholes is required. Clerk to write.
- 14.5. Footpath by Walk Mill has had branches left on the road and the grass is extremely long, making walking along it difficult. Clerk to write to Footpaths Officer.

15.0. Welsh Government White paper on Local Democracy for Consultation – Page 17 Ref. Town and Community Council

- 15.1. Being circulated around Councillors – deadline for comments is 3rd of August. Circulation is almost complete and all were in favour of having a meeting to collate comments. It was decided to hold the meeting on Tuesday, 17th July, at 8:00pm in the School House.

16.0. Clerk’s Training

- 16.1. SLCC “Working with your Council” Course – 2 full days, 12th and 26th September, 2012, based in Aberystwyth, at a cost of £175.00. Clerk is willing to attend. All were in agreement that the Clerk should book a place on the course and also send in an application for a bursary towards the cost.

17.0. Correspondence

- 17.1. HMRC BACS Remittance advice for VAT repayment. Duly noted.
- 17.2. Confirmation from the Ombudsman that the Members Declarations of Acceptance have been received, noted and placed on file. Duly noted.
- 17.3. Correspondence with Coleg Powys Fronlas Farm – reference Mrs Rogers’s hedge query. Will hopefully be resolved in the Autumn. Cllr Russell Williams to check with Fronlas Farm that they have got the correct hedge.

- 17.4. Welsh Government Practice Guide – Planning Pre-Application Discussions. Duly noted and circulated for reading and return to Clerk.
- 17.5. One Voice Wales Flood Risk Management Research. Flood plan not yet developed, but in view of recent appalling weather causing flash flooding, it should possibly be looked at. It was agreed that the Council should be kept up to date with flood control methods. Clerk to write.
- 17.6. MAP - Requested circulation of notice of their AGM to all Councillors. It was forwarded to them by e-mail on 21/06/12.
- 17.7. One Voice Wales – Annual Meeting of Montgomeryshire Area Committee at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 4th July 2012 in Llanidloes Town Hall, followed by their July meeting. Attended by Cllrs Russell Williams, Jean Williams, Linda Davies, Dave Forster and the Clerk, it was deemed to be a useful and informative meeting by all attendees.
- 17.8. 'Traffic in Villages – Safety and Civility for Rural Roads' Pamphlet. Duly noted.
- 17.9. Ombudsman Annual Report 2011/2012. Duly noted.
- 17.10. Swansea Metropolitan University – Additional Community Governors. Short questionnaire for completion and return by 23/07/12. Not applicable to Mochdre with Penstrowed.
- 17.11. Letter from Rhodri Thomas concerning communication between Council and Electorate, and suggesting more should be available on-line, possibly via a website. There is no allocation in the current financial year's budget for a website. The cost would be approximately £400 p.a. so this would have to be considered for inclusion in the next annual budget. The Council considers that what it is doing currently is enough for now, but it would be useful to investigate what other Community Councils do. Clerk to research.
- 17.12. Letter from the Welsh Government (from OVW, by e-mail) with reference to Birthday 2013 Honours Nominations. Unanimous approval to nominate Mrs Enid Morgan, nominee must NOT be informed. Clerk to write.
- 17.13. Letter from ScoutsWales by e-mail, with a copy of the report on the study of the impact of Scouting. Held on line for information. Duly noted.
- 17.14. Copy of the revised 'Home to School/College Transport Policy' received from County Hall. It was confirmed by Cllr Phil Williams and County Cllr Roche Davies that this is no longer relevant as it has been "kicked out" by Myfanwy Alexander.
- 17.15. Invoices received from One Voice Wales for the New Councillor Induction Training which was held at Trefeglwys on 25th June. All were in favour of payment being approved.
- 17.16. E-mail from Cllr Linda Davies concerning the decision on the location of the National Grid's Hub. It was agreed that it be put on the next agenda.
- 17.17. Personal correspondence to Cllr Philip Williams (concerning matters prior to his election to the Community Council). Cllr Gordon Jones expressed a prejudicial interest in this item and suggested he should leave the room. The Chairman over-ruled this suggestion. Cllr Philip Williams said he would leave the room after the 3 letters were read out, so that his proposed reply to them could be read out to the meeting. The Chairman over-ruled the suggestion that he should leave the room and Cllr Philip Williams's response was read out. A copy of his proposed response and the original correspondence were handed to the Clerk to keep on file.

18.0. Chairman's Announcements

- 18.1. Presentation of commemorative seat to take place on 12th August, 3:00pm at the joint open air service at Mochdre Church. The Chairman asked County Cllr Roche Davies if he would be willing to do the presentation, and he agreed. Coverage in the County Times to be arranged. All were in favour of these arrangements and agreed to attend.
- 18.2. Letter thanking all the organisers of the Jubilee events – all in agreement that one should be written and posted on noticeboards. Clerk to write.
- 18.3. One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting on the 2nd October to be held at Mochdre Old School. The meeting is open to all.

19.0. Date of next meeting – Tuesday, 21st August at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

