

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2012, 7:00 p.m. at Mochdre Old School

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

1.1. The meeting was attended by Cllrs Rees Williams (Chair), Russell Williams (Vice Chair), John Jandrell Derek Hamer, Robin Lewis, Adrian Owen and County Cllr Roche Davies. One member of the public also attended, namely, Mt Rhodri Thomas,

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Tony Leach. One declaration of interest, made, namely Cllr Rees Williams re Planning Application for erection of an agricultural building at Old Neuadd, Mochdre the interest being personal.

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

2.1. The minutes of the last meeting on Monday 19th December 2011 at Mochdre Old School, as printed and circulated were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman

3.0. Matters Arising from Minutes.

3.1. There were no matters arising

4.0. Finance

4.1. Bank statement £4166.24 - Cash book stands at £2985.32, there being 5 uncashed cheques totalling £1180.52 The breakdown of balance is £1856.77 for Mochdre CC and £1828.55 for P&L Trust. Payments due, namely, Clerk's fee. £767.00 (that is £613.60 to clerk and £153.40 to HMRC) and Internal auditor's fee £25.00 were approved for payment. Clerks expenses to be paid at next meeting

4.2. Audit for year ended 31 March 2011 has been completed and notice, to this effect, promulgated for the statutory period

5.0. National Assembly

5.1. Consultation document – Fire and Rescue National Framework 2012 Onwards. The Chairman gave a brief overview Members voiced two concerns (a) the proposal to have no full-time fire officers based at Newtown Fire Station and (b) the prevailing traffic problems in Newtown.

5.2. Soft Option Organ Donor Transplants – the proposal to have an 'opt out' scheme – councillors were in favour of this proposal.

5.3. Proposal to alter the date of local government elections in Wales from 2016 to 2017 - there was no objection to the proposal – clerk to respond

5.4. Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2012 – 13 £6.80 per elector. - noted

5.5. Borrowing for Community and Town Councils 2012-13. Not relevant to this council at the moment - noted

6.0. Planning matters

6.1. Scottish Power Energy Networks Project Update 2. Chairman gave an overview. SPEN had a very strong response to their request for objectors views, as part of their project consultation. 2,200 letters, forms, emails and phone calls were received, each making a number of important points, more than 16,000 individual comments were made.

They hope to announce project proposals in February 2012 referred to as Stage 2, following Stage 2 SPEN will start working on the detailed route options and this will follow about 6 months after Stage 2

6.2. Application for the Repowering Llandinam Windfarm: Supplementary Environmental Information. By CeltPower Ltd Response by 17th February 2012 – Council not in favour – Clerk to write, drawing attention to the cumulative effect of a succession of wind farm proposals, in and immediately outwith SSA's

6.3. Neuadd - goch Bank Windfarm Application – same objections as those for Llandinam Repowering – clerk to write

6.4. Meeting with National Grid, chaired by Glyn Davies MP Friday 27th January at 6.30pm Baptist church Newtown Only the clerk was able to attend this meeting; there were at least 600 attendees. Numerous questions were put to National Grid staff, all answered reasonably well. The mood was very anti but on the whole dignified. Meeting could easily have gone on longer, but brought to a close, by good chairmanship, at 8pm as planned

7.0. Powys County Council

- 7.1. Welsh Education Strategy Plan, Chairman gave an overview it was agreed that adequate facilities exist at the Moment – clerk to write
- 7.2. Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. It was resolved to set aside up to £1000.00 from the P & L Trust Fund to finance celebration of the event. Bonfire would be lit at 10:30pm on 4th of June 2012 at location to be decided. Clerk to enquire whether current insurance cover would be adequate. Advice from the local Fire Brigade would be sought. Local events e.g. Childrens' sports, party, barbecue and older folks lunch could be organised
- 7.3. Village Hall Revenue Grant Clerk completed the form as requested by PCC
- 7.4. One point of contact for Town and Community Councils - noted
- 7.5. Independent Inspection of Childrens' Play Areas – not relevant to this community -noted

8.0. One Voice Wales

- 8.1. Montgomeryshire Area Committee – minutes of meeting held on 19 October 2011 and notification of meeting to be held on 28th February at Newtown Council Offices – Newtown bypass will be on the agenda – noted. Several councillors indicated their intention to attend

9.0. Independent Remuneration Panel

- 9.1. Conclusion of audit for 2012/13 - noted
- 9.2. Final Annual Report 2012/13 - noted

10.0. Boundary Commission

- 10.1. Letter from Glyn Davies MP urging support at a meeting to be held in Welshpool Town Hall 28 January 2012 Councillors informed. Unfortunately no one was able to attend due to previous commitments. However, it was agreed that the break-up of Montgomeryshire was to be deplored, and clerk instructed to write letter of support to Glyn stated that mid Wales would be left without support.

11.0 Dyfed Powys Police Authority

- 11.1. Conclusion of audits for 31 March 2012. noted, noticed to be displayed on Community notice board
- 11.2. Bobby Van Scheme – request for financial support – it was agreed to

12.0. P & L Trust

- 12.1. Letter of thanks from St Gwrhai's church for financial support

13.0. MAP

- 14.1. Publication, decrying the spread of windfarms, transport of turbines and overhead powerlines. A powerful document Councillor Russell Williams to take it for study it will then pass to each councillor in turn

14.0. Charities

- 14.1. Marie Curie Cancer Care request for donation – this is the second in the current financial year. Clerk to write explaining that the year is from 1 April to 31 March
- 15.2. Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – acknowledgement of, and thanks for donation -noted
- 15.3. Wales Air Ambulance - request for donation. Resolved to donate £35.00
- 15.4. Montgomeryshire Musical Festival – request for donation Resolved to donate £35.00

16.0. Correspondence

- 16.1. Welsh Government letter Ref para. 5.3 above Correction Note for error in Welsh version – noted
- 16.2. Powys Community Safety Partnership – Questionnaire completed
- 16.3. Planning Application P2012/0040 Neuadd Goch Bank windfarm. This was discussed. It was resolved that the same objections that were made against the Re-powering of Llandinam windfarm would apply. Clerk to write

17.0. Matters raised

- 17.1. Bridle path from Brook Terrace past Mochdre Mill to Stepside is in need of clearing, due to growth of vegetation. Clerk to write.
- 17.2. Street lighting, at present 4 street lights are switched off to save electricity and reduce carbon emissions. Long lasting bulbs, which are more efficient, will be fitted, and then all lights will be switched on

17.0. Chairman's Announcements

18.0, Date of next meeting 29th March 2012. **19.0. The meeting closed at** 8:50pm

