

MOCHDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2023 YSGOL BABANOD

A most interesting presentation was given by Cdt L/Cpl Bryn Baxter from Tan Yr Allt Ave Mochdre, of his impending visit to South Africa.

He has been selected as a participant for Expedition Kwazulu Natal 2023; the Welsh army cadet (ACF) expedition, which will involve cultural, historical and adventurous training components.

Whilst much of the cost of this expedition is funded by the ACF, cadets must also make a personal contribution. Bryn asked the Council if they were able to offer any sponsorship. It was agreed by the Council to offer £250 proposed by Chair Cll G Davies seconded by Vice Cll: Price towards the activity. Councillors asked if he could keep in touch whilst in Africa via our social media Facebook page and also for him to present back to the Council on his return early May.

1. Members in attendance:

CHAIR Cll: G Davies, Vice Cll. Stephen Price, Cll: N Davies, Cll: Munro, Cll: Holland Roberts, Cll: Owen, Cll: Warraich, Cll: Shimmin, Cll: H Davies

Minutes taken by clerk Nikki Darbyshire

2. Apologies for absence:

NONE

3. Declaration of interest:

NONE

4. Minutes of previous meeting:

- a. Proposer: Cll: Holland-Roberts
- b. Seconded: Cllr: Owen

5. Matters arising from the minutes:

Forever tree:

Cll: Holland Roberts had been in discussion with Mark Roberts who organised the litter pick for the village, and he is contacting a Kate Surrey who undertakes various art type projects. Suggestions were made as to the topic the tree the tree could take not just for Xmas, but throughout the year i.e wildlife bird boxes, feeding and nesting etc.

Kings Coronation:

Following the last meeting Chair Cll: Davies asked if anything had been heard from the PTA. Cll: Holland Roberts as Chair of School Governors was unable to respond as he had not been notified.

Community notice board:

Cll: Owen confirmed that an A Frame had been obtained asking who would be responsible for the posters. Cll: Holland Roberts suggested the A frame be branded across the top Cll: Munro offered to produce same.

The plastic community board on the wall adjacent to One Stop is broken beyond repair. Cll: Price in his capacity as County Councillor to approach the Council with a view to getting it replaced.

6. Planning:

NO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

7. Correspondence:

Dropped curb: A request for £300 had been received from a Mochdre resident being an application fee from the Council. Cll: Price had already been liaising with Mr Earp Hughes. Cll: Owen stated that this could possibly set a precedent, which members agreed with. After some discussion it was suggested as a gesture, to offer £50 which was proposed and voted unanimously by all Councillors present.

Summer play scheme: Correspondence had once again been received from Nathania Scyner re the annual summer play scheme which has been held in Mochdre for a number of years. The total cost for one week's sessions is £810. Cll: Holland Roberts proposed we proceed, seconded by Cll: Owen. As a well run and attended event Cll: Holland Roberts proposed this event be ring fenced.

8. Finance:

Finance chair Cll: Price advised that the bank account, at the time of the meeting stood at £18284.20, the next precept due April 9th for £4361.

One voice membership renewal request for £341, approved.

Lloyds Bank signatories: Cll: Holland Roberts had again spent considerable time with the Bank and produced documentation accepting Chair Cll: Davies as new signatory, just Cll: Munro to be enrolled.

9. County Councillor's report:

Cll: Price reported communication with Highways, who had requested roads in Mochdre which needed attention. TANRALLT **street and Avenue** plus Singleton Crescent were put forward.

Attended the St David's Day parade.

Liaised with Levi Earpe-Hughes re funding assistance for dropped curb outside his house, to assist access for his disabled daughter.

Meeting scheduled for 10th March re the Orme Road land. County Council is setting up discussions with Betws Y Cadwaladr re their possible involvement/inclusion with the land.

It was reported that the litter pick was a huge success and should become a regular event. Going forward it was agreed to advertise more widely as a number of residents were unaware of the event until the day.

The 'skip day' was another triumph. One of the skips was filled within ½ hour of its placement. It was agreed to repeat the exercise at an agreed date, extending the duration of the units to accommodate those residents at work during the day.

Attended County Council meeting, reporting that Council tax for the forthcoming year had been set at 9.9%

10. School Governors report:

Governors meeting scheduled for Wednesday 8th March.

In May major works are scheduled to be undertaken in the schools.

Cll: Holland Roberts reiterated as in previous minutes that stakeholders were being sought to move the Orme Road project forward. Cll: Price and Cll: Holland Roberts will formulate a friendship group with full constitution, to which the local schools had expressed their willingness to become involved.

11. Additional items discussed:

Remembrance Day:

Cll: Munro has now been officially accepted as Poppy Appeal Organiser for Mochdre.

He reported that Tommy sleep out had raised £500

Website:

Chair Cll: Davies had contacted 5 different web site designers who declined as it was for a Council.

Fly Tipping:

Cll: Warraich had met with farmer **Jim Dyn Woody** re the rubbish dumped up Mochdre road to the top of Chapel Street. As it was not on private land, little Council could do.

Meeting closed 7.35pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday 2nd MAY

Finance meeting 6.00pm - Council meeting 6.30pm