

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MOCHDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, AT YSGOL BABANOD
AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 2nd October 2023

1. Members in attendance:

PRESENT: Chairman - Cllr Stephen Price

Cllrs: S Owen, S Holland-Roberts and K Munroe.

OFFICERS: C Silverwood, Community Clerk

ABSENT: Cllr G Shimmins

2. Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies of absence were received from Cllr N Davies.

3. Declaration of Interests:

Members were reminded of the need to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests.

Cllr S Price - Item 6 Planning- prejudicial interest

4. Minutes:

Resolved to receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting of the committee, held on Monday 4th September 2023.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- a. **Litter Picking:** It was noted discussions were underway to require the tools for a Litter Picking Hub with Caru Cymru - Keep Wales Tidy. Advice had been sought regarding a storage shed supplied by Caru Cymru to store the litter picking equipment.

Resolved to delegate to the Clerk to contact Ysgol Babanod and Mochdre Park Bowling Club to enquire whether the storage container could be located on their premises.

b. **Grants:**

- i. Bowling Green: ***Resolved to send a small grant application form for them to request funding.***
- ii. Members noted the Sports Club have acknowledged receipt of a small grant.

- *Having declared a prejudicial interest, Cllr S Price left the meeting during consideration of the following item.*

6. Planning Application:

- a. Planning application 0/51097 was submitted, for consideration. Members advised the planning application would be a positive addition to Mochdre.

7. Correspondence:

- a. **Website:** The Clerk submitted, for consideration three quotes from local website building companies.
Resolved to hire Andrew Silverwood to build and host the new Mochdre Community Council Website.
- b. **Noticeboard:** Members noted two quotes had been received and the other is still awaited. It was discussed whether installing a second-hand noticeboard would lower the overall cost.
Resolved to wait until the third quote had been received and consider all three quotes at the next meeting.
Further resolved to research whether a second-hand noticeboard could be purchased and installed at a lower cost.
- c. **Translator:** Members noted a local translator had been approached to supply a quote to translate agendas, minutes and the new website.
Resolved to hire Ifor Williams as the translator.
- d. **Bank Account:** It was noted the application to open a new Mochdre Community Council Bank Account had been completed and a response was being awaited.
- e. **Office Hardware:** Members noted that the laptop provided by the Council to the Clerk was not performing fast enough for the work required. It was discussed that replacing the existing hard drive with a SSD (solid state drive) would be the most effective way to boost performance and add needed capacity to the laptop.
Resolved to book an appointment with Computer World, to discuss options for the laptop.

8. Finance:

- a. The Finance meeting will be held on Monday 6th November at 5.30pm.

9. Conwy County Council Report:

- a. Members noted that some local residents signed up for assisted bin collections but had not been receiving the service. The Head of Services had been contacted and as another member of the public had been moving the bins for them, they assumed they no longer required it. The assisted bin

collection is now back in place for the residents. No further issues have been raised.

- b. Members noted a flood risk manager from ERF had visited Chapel Street stream and pallets at the site which had caused the bottleneck had subsequently been removed. It was noted the padlocks will be removed from the sandbag storage containers so there will be easy access to the sandbags in the event of flooding.
- c. **CADW Open Doors:** Members noted the Cadw Open Doors event at St Cystennin's Church was a success and was well attended.

10. School Governor's Report:

- a. It was noted that Ysgol Babanod has received their 2-week notification of an Estyn Inspection starting 16th October.
- b. Members noted meetings had been held with finance officers from Conwy CBC, Cllr S Holland-Roberts (School Governor) and Rhian Jones (Head Mistress) to discuss the options available for amalgamating Ysgol Babanod and Ysgol Cystennin. A further meeting had also taken place with governors and staff. Currently, the Education and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee are recommending an extended period of transition to amalgamation.

11. Items at Chairs Discretion:

- a. **Christmas Tree and Lights:** Members noted that a request for a forever tree was ratified and investigation/research would need to be applied ready for Christmas 2024.
Resolved for the Clerk to contact the same supplier of the Christmas tree and lights as last year and to organise installation.
- b. **Remembrance Sunday 12th November:**
 - i. Lamppost Poppies: ***Resolved for 10 x lamppost poppies to be ordered and mounted week commencing 23rd October.***
 - ii. Wreath: Members noted the Wreath had been ordered and received. ***Resolved to donate £25 for the Wreath.***
 - iii. Members noted permission had been obtained to display donation Remembrance poppy trays at local businesses.
- c. **Civic Service Sunday 3rd December 2023:**
 - i. It was noted the Civic Service will take place at Cystennin Church at 2pm.
 - ii. The Mountain View quoted £9.00 per head for the Civic Service buffet. ***Resolved to book the Mountain View for 25 people at 3pm.***
 - iii. A return Minibus would be required to transport people to/from the Mountain View and Cystennin Church. ***Resolved to delegate to the Clerk to organise minibus transportation for the day.***
- d. **Senior Citizen's Christmas Party:**

- i. Members discussed arrangements for the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner. Last year the event took place early January and was well attended. Members noted a quote from the Mountain View for the Christmas Dinner as £5.50 per head (beef or chicken) and £6.00 per head (turkey).

Resolved to book the Mountain View for Wednesday 10th January and request a £5.00 refundable deposit from attendees. A raffle will be organised with donations going towards St David's Hospice.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 6th November 2023. Finance meeting to be held at 5.30pm followed by the Full Council meeting at 6.00pm.

Meeting closed at approx. 7.50pm.

..... Chairman