

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MOCHDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, AT YSGOL BABANOD**  
**AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2023**

**1. Members in attendance:**

**PRESENT:** Chairman - Cllr Stephen Price

Cllrs: S Owen, S Holland-Roberts, G Shimmins and N Davies

**OFFICERS:** C Silverwood, Community Clerk

**2. Welcome and Apologies for Absence:**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies of absence were received from Cllr K Munroe.

**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 the Monday 3rd July 2023.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

- a. **Litter Picks:** The last litter pick was a success. The next one will be organised for the first week in October.
- b. **Summer Fayre:** Mochdre Community Council had a table at Ysgol Babanod's Summer fayre in order to introduce/reiterate the role of the local Community Council. Councillors spent time speaking to local residents about their views/ideas for their community. Members noted that suggestions collected from the event will be discussed at the next Council meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.
- c. **Playground Scheme:** It was noted the 'Playing Out Posters' had been displayed on the noticeboard over the Summer to promote the importance for children to have time to play outside with their families/friends and explore their local community.

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

**6. Planning Application:**

- a. **Planning application 0/50922:** Resolved to object to the planning application due to the environmental impact on the area.

**7. Correspondence:**

- a. Correspondence was received from Cllr K Munro regarding ordering wreaths for Remembrance Sunday. Resolved to delegate authority to Cllr K Munro as the Poppy Appeal Organiser to order the wreaths.

**8. Finance:**

- a. Due to the absence of the Finance Chairman all financial business was postponed until the following meeting.

**9. Conwy County Council Report:**

- a. **Conwy Cars:** No further complaints have been received.
- b. **Tan-yr-Allt Avenue:** Reports had been received regarding trees along the road encroaching on resident's properties and depriving inhabitants of light. Advice on the matter has been sought from Environmental Protection.
- c. **Bowling Green:** The lease for the Bowling Green is due to end and discussions were taking place to change from a short-term to a long-term lease.
- d. **Rodent Infestation:** Concerns have been raised about a rat infestation in the local area. A meeting has been arranged with the Public Protection Enforcement Officer this week. A report from this meeting will be available at the next Community Council Meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.
- e. **Christmas Civic Service:** To be held at St Cystennin's Church, Mochdre, the date will be confirmed next week.
- f. **CADW Open Doors:** Members noted St Cystennin's Church will be open for two days on Saturday 9th and 16th of September from 10 am until 2pm for the CADW Open Doors Event 2023.
- g. **Bowling Green Residents Day:** Members noted the event was taking place Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and were invited to attend. The time is to be confirmed.
- h. **Noticeboard:** Members noted the noticeboard is currently in need of repair and the size is inadequate to fit all the documentation needed. Resolved for the Clerk to seek quotes to replace the current noticeboard outside the One Stop shop in Mochdre.
- i. **Skip Day:** The skip day was a success and the next one is planned for Spring'24.
- j. **Litter Pick Hubs:** Discussions are underway to require the tools for a Litter Picking Hub with Caru Cymru - Keep Wales Tidy. Members noted guidance

was being sought from Conwy County Council regarding implementation and a location for the equipment.

**10. School Governor's Report:**

- a. The Nursery and Reception are now successfully amalgamated.
- b. Members noted that Ms Roberts is now the new Community Liaison Officer.
- c. There had been no statement from Conwy CBC regarding Ysgol Babanod in relation to the current government order to close buildings at risk of collapse due to the presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (Raac).
- d. It was noted that the School Governor's report did not need to be included in the agenda monthly. Resolved to include the School Governor's report quarterly to coincide with the School Governor's meetings.

**11. Other Business:**

- a. **Bank Account:** Councillors noted that issues/problems with their current bank account holder meant it would be beneficial to switch to an alternative bank.  
Resolved to delegate authority to the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk to switch Mochdre Community business bank account holders.
- b. **Website:** Members noted the current website is not fit for purpose and a new website needed to be designed/built. Resolved to delegate authority to the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk to seek quotes from local website builders and authorise work to commence.
- c. **Office Software/Administration:** Members noted that Microsoft 365 software was required for all administrative work performed for Mochdre Community Council. Access to a photocopier/printer and scanner was also required. Resolved to open an account with the Bay of Colwyn Town Council for any photocopying/printing and scanning of documents and to purchase Microsoft Office 365 for the Mochdre Community Clerk's laptop.

**12. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 2nd October 2023

Meeting closed at approx. 7.30pm.

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