



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MOCHDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, AT YSGOL BABANOD
AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023**

1. Members in attendance:

PRESENT: Chairman - Cllr Stephen Price

Cllrs: K Munro, 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. There were no apologies for absence.

3. Declaration of Interests: Members were reminded of the need to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests. None were declared.

4. Minutes: *Resolved to receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting of the committee, held on the Monday 2nd October 2023.*

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

a. **Noticeboards:** *Resolved to find a second-hand noticeboard and replace the old/damaged one as the cost would be considerably less than purchasing a new one.*

b. **Website:** The Clerk gave a brief verbal update on the progress of the website. The following items were needed in order to complete: -

i. Cllr images:

Resolved for Cllr S Holland-Roberts to bring his photography equipment to the next full Council meeting to take pictures of the Cllrs for the website.

ii. Cllr bios:

Clerk to send bio forms for all Cllrs to fill out.

iii. Heritage page – including historical images:

Resolved to use information for the website from the heritage leaflet.

iv. Welcome address on the home page:

v. Images of Mochdre – special places, areas of natural beauty:

Resolved to put a call-out on social media for locals to send their images of Mochdre for the website.

6. Co-option application:

The applicant was introduced to the Council, the applicant then gave a brief verbal account of his background and experience.

Resolved to co-opt Phillip Baxter into the Mochdre Community Council. Further resolved for Phillip Baxter to sit on the board of governors at the school due to extensive experience in education.

The Chair welcomed Phillip Baxter to the Council.

The Chair proposed training would be required for the new Councillor and further training would be required of existing Councillors.

Resolved for the Clerk to email the Cllrs with the statutory training required and the dates available and for a new training log to be created for each Councillor.

7. Correspondence:

- a. The Clerk gave a brief verbal update regarding the litter picking hub. A rep from Caru Cymru was currently looking into finding a storage shed for the litter picking equipment. Issues were raised regarding the equipment being accessible at all times. Members noted that set times can be arranged for organisations/public to pick up and return the equipment.

Resolved to delegate to Cllr S Holland-Roberts (as a school governor) to put in a request for Ysgol Babanod to store the shed/equipment on their grounds.

- b. Members noted the quotes received for Civic Service minibus.

Resolved to accept the quote from Alpine, as they were a local business and were used for the Civic Service last year.

8. Finance report from the Chair of Finance:

a. Resolved to approve the following payments:

- i. Wreath for Remembrance Sunday: £25
- ii. CCTV standing order: £720

b. Resolved to earmark the following amounts for 2024/25:

- i. Civic Service - £750.00
- ii. Senior Citizen Dinner - £250
- iii. British Legion - £100
- iv. CCTV - £750
- v. Insurance - £150
- vi. Allowances (Committee and Chairs) - £2316.00
- vii. Play Scheme - £550.00
- viii. Clerk's annual salary - £5000
- ix. Website annual hosting charge - £168.00
- x. Christmas Tree supply and installation - £520
- xi. Christmas Tree Lights – TBC

- c. Members noted that the amount of precept needs to be raised for 2024/25.
Resolved to defer until the next full Council meeting, when further information/advice from Conwy CBC will have been sourced.

9. Conwy County Council Report:

- a. **Rodent Infestation:** The problem has been resolved.
- b. **Chapel Street Stream:** Members noted there was another incident of flooding the previous week. Conwy CBC immediately sent out emergency contractors and the situation was resolved.
- c. **Cars parking on curb outside Ysgol Babanod:** Members noted a complaint had been raised regarding cars mounting the curb during school pick-up, this was making access to the school difficult.
Resolved to inform the school and suggest a reminder be sent out on ClassDojo to parents/carers not to mount the pavement with their cars.

10. School Governor's Report:

- a. Members noted the school inspection is complete and the Estyn report will be out 18th December.

11. Other Business:

- a. **Remembrance Sunday:** The Chair thanked Cllr K Munro for all his help with Remembrance Sunday. The feedback from the community was extremely positive. Members noted the Chair would be laying a Wreath on behalf of Mochdre Community Council at the War Memorial, Queen's Gardens, Colwyn Bay on 12th November.
- b. Member's noted issues with parking on Conwy Road outside the One Stop Shop had been raised.
Resolved to inform ERF that a yellow line is required at this position.

12. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 4th December 2023

Meeting closed at approx. 7.30pm.

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