

MOCHDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for the meeting on Monday 7th April 2025 at 6.00pm Council meeting

Held at Ysgol Babanod Mochdre

1.0 Members in Attendance:

Cllr Stephen Price

Cllr Sylvia Owen

Cllr Simon Holland Roberts

Cllr Jim Paton

Cllr Andy Roberts

Cllr Phillip Baxter

Cllr Chris Williams

Also in Attendance:

Dawn Butters (Clerk) Five members of the public

2.0 **The Chair welcomed everyone** and announced the appointment of new Clerk Dawn Butters

3.0 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Keith Munro

Cllr Wendy Munro

Cllr Graham Shimmin

4.0 Declaration of Interest:

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests.

5.0 Previous Minutes

Cllr S. Owen proposed and Cllr A. Roberts seconded. All present unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

6.0 The website had been changed.

Jeff Stuart had been spoken to regarding parking and he was going to see if he could do anything about this.

Inspector Catherine Walker had been spoken to about speeding and there was the suggestion of a live van on the road. Nothing further had been heard so far. School engagement was suggested for speed-awareness and this would be discussed with Ashley.

7.0 Easter Litter Pick

It was agreed that this would take place on Saturday 26th April and that this date would be put on facebook.

8.0 100th Birthday April 21st

A concentrated effort was made to find John Evans. He was tracked down to Woodside on Tan y Bryn in Rhos on Sea. Mr Evans is a D Day veteran who now has dementia. Cllr S. Owen offered to accompany Cllr S. Price to visit Mr Evans on Monday 21st April at 1pm and an appropriate gift would be found.

9.0 Singleton Crescent and Tanrallt Street

The resurfacing is scheduled for 14th April and cars will need to move from the street. A skip also needs to be moved. The road works will finish on the day that the school opens.

10.0 Finance Report

There had been no further transactions this month. The bank is now charging £4.25 per month.

A: Insurance renewal

Cllr Keith Munro has a quote to account for extra assets, such as a laptop, phone, bench, planters, etc. The estimate is £123 per year.

B: One Voice Wales renewal for 25/26

The contributions had been paid in January 2025.

C: Audit Update

The documents had been forwarded to the internal auditor. The external audit would take place by the end of July. **Action:** to look at this before the next meeting.

11.0 Planning

There are no planning applications.

12.0 Garden Competition

This had been advertised. Cllr S. Owen believed that the prizes would be the same as last year.

13.0 CCTV

£750 per year had been paid by the council to Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC) as a contribution towards this. Ysgol Babanod Mochdre is closing and the internet would be disconnected. The CCTV signal on the roof would therefore be lost. It will cost £1500 to move the CCTV connection to the new school and there will be no CCTV in the village if this is not done. The cameras themselves could remain where they were. An email had been received only a week prior regarding this

matter, which was very short notice, so a decision needed to be made at this meeting.

Proposal: the council would fund the CCTV installment for now and seek funding from elsewhere. Cllr P. Baxter proposed and Cllr A. Roberts seconded; all unanimously agreed.

14.0 Correspondence

J Sutton had made contact with Cllr S. Owen.

15.0 County Councillors Report

16.0 A.O.B

The bench was due for maintenance this year and Cllr A. Roberts will be happy to take care of this in the school summer holidays.

A Bursary was set up in 2008 for yearly use, although this had not been used every year. No one had been declined and the bursary was split when there was more than one applicant. There is some question as to whether a council could bestow a financial reward unless this was under a Trust. **Action:** look at this.

Cllr Phil proposed new signage at the junction.

VE Day could be celebrated in August to coincide with when victory was gained in the Middle East. Mountain View will be asked about VE Day.

13.0 Date and time of next meeting: Monday 12th of May 2025