

# MOCHDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 YSGOL BABANOD

Co-option of new Councillor: Sylvia Owen gave presentation as to reasons for joining Council. Cll: Price proposed her election, seconded by Cll: Gareth Davies. Mrs Owen was duly elected to the Council.

## 1. Members in attendance:

CHAIR Cll. Gareth Davies, VICE CHAIR Cll. Stephen Price, Cll: Shimmin, Cll: N Davies, Cll: H Davies  
Cll: Munro, Cll: Holland Roberts, Cll: Warraich

Minutes taken by clerk Nikki Darbyshire

## 2. Apologies for absence:

NONE

## 3. Declaration of interest:

As and when they arise, none declared at meeting.

## 4. Minutes of previous meeting:

- a. Proposer: Cll: Price
- b. Seconded: Cllr. Heather Davies

## 5. Matters arising from the minutes:

Cll: Holland Roberts raised an objection to item 10 which stated “*On 9<sup>th</sup> November minutes it stated that ‘Cll: Holland-Roberts had been in touch with the Head Teacher who was more than happy to be involved, and he would pursue. Sadly, due to circumstances the School knew nothing about the service’*” Cll: Holland Roberts insisted that the school did know. Chair Cll: Davies advised that on approaching the school to hand flyers re the Civic Service to the children the week before the event the school indicated that they did not know about it? He stated he had also received an e-mail reiterating the fact but that they would do everything in their power to get the children involved. The clerk apologised to Cll: Holland Roberts for any affront, and stated it was clear from both sides that there had been some crossed wires. It was confirmed however that the children did become involved and as previously stated the event was a great success.

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## 6. Planning:

Details of a planning application for a new children’s home in Chapel Street Mochdre was read out. There were no objections raised.

**7. Correspondence:**

The clerk read out the resignation of Cll: Victoria which was received the day after the last meeting.

Council were advised that a request for sponsorship of Station Road car park had been received and that the clerk on behalf of the Council had returned the invoice and a credit note had been received.

Chair Cll: Davies read out a letter from Cll: Munro stating his concerns as to why projects previously discussed in Council had not been followed up. Cll: Warraich gave a quick overview of the difficulties previously due to the pandemic, lack of Councillors etc, stating that with the strong Council now in place 2023 would be more structured. Cll: Owen suggested sub committees for projects, was the way forward.

A request was received from Mochdre Park Bowling Club seeking sponsorship for £300 to assist in repairing damage it has sustained. Chair Cll: Davies proposed the motion Cll: Price seconded. All Councillors voted unanimously to approve.

**8. Finance:**

Finance chair Cll: Price gave overview of payments approved in December. December precept had been received.

Chair Cll: G Davies and Cll: Munro were processing the applications to become Lloyds Bank signatories with Lloyds.

Cll: Nick Davies asked where the money came from for the Council. Cll: Price advised that mainly from precepts which equated to £13083 p.a. Cll: Davies asked if any fund raising was undertaken and if it was something the Council would look at. A positive response was given.

**9. County Councillor's report:**

County Cll. Price had not submitted a written report but gave an overview of his extensive activities since the last meeting. He and Cll: Holland Roberts had attended a positive meeting with Cartrefi re the Orme's Road proposals and a further meeting was scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

He had been clearing black bags from the shops back alley and was contacting Regulatory services regarding the continuing fly tipping problem as previously recorded.

**10. School Governors report:**

Brief verbal report given by County Cll: Holland Roberts as Chair of School Governors: The schools suffered with regards to staff over the Xmas period with almost all suffering with Covid. A full Governor's meeting is scheduled every 4 months following which a more detailed reports would be given.

## 11. Additional items discussed:

**Festive Lunch:** Chair Cll: Davies and landlord of Mountain View advised that only 9 Mochdre residents attended. Cll: Owen volunteered to co-ordinate the lunch for 2023.

**Social Media Reports:** Cll: Warraich currently lead on social media requested that other Councillors become involved as he and Cll: Holland Roberts had restrictions on their time. Cll Munro offered to join the social & communication group which was proposed by Cll: Holland Roberts and seconded by Cll: Warraich. Cll: Warraich reported that currently there on 748 followers in the Mochdre Group Community site. Newsletters of proposed Council activities, Facebook and any suitable social media should be pursued to build on and enhance the very strong group.

### **Website**

Chair Cll: Davies to assist where required to bring MCC web page up to date and obtain 3 quotes for new hosting company.

### **Litter pick/skip day:**

Sub Committee formed comprising, Cll: Price, Cll: Owen and Mark Roberts resident. The date of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February was agreed upon for the litter pick. Cll: Price agreed to contact ERF to ascertain if the skips could be provided for the same day. Those present agreed to a suggestion that we could perhaps get the press involved and the schools.

**Forever Tree:** Cll: Holland Roberts to take the lead with the assistance of Cll: Price

### **Remembrance Day 2023**

Following on from last meeting it was confirmed the project would be led by Cll: Munro supported by Chair Cll: Davies and community liaison officer Phil Baxter.

### **Dog Fouling Bin:**

The problem of the broken bin adjacent to the Bowling Club was brought up again. Cll: Warraich advised that he had communication with ERF 12 months ago and still nothing has happened. It was proposed that ERF be asked to remove the bin altogether. Cll: Price advised that green dog fouling bags can legally be placed in any large black bin and the Council should look at an awareness campaign advocating same.

**Date of next meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February - YSGOL BABANOD**