

## MOCHDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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Clerk welcomed Mochdre residents in attendance, introducing Council Members.

Letter of resignation from Chair Cll. Heather Evans with immediate effect was read to those present.

As there was not a Quorum to elect a new Chair, Cll. Gareth Davies as Vice to remain as Acting Chair until a vote can be conducted.

### **1. Members in attendance:**

Vice Chair Cll. Gareth Davies, Cll. Stephen Price, Cll. Kamal Warraich, Cll Simon Holland Roberts.

Minutes taken by Community Clerk, Nikki Darbyshire

### **2. Apologies for absence:**

Cll. Graham Shimmin. Cll: Leah Victoria

### **3. Declaration of interest:**

As and when they arise, none declared at meeting.

### **4. Minutes of previous meeting:**

4.1 Proposer Cllr. Price

4.2 Seconded Cll: Warraich

### **5. Matters arising from the minutes:**

Following discussions at the previous meeting to be noted that Cll: Davies and Cll: Holland Roberts visited CCTV headquarters and reported it "was state of the art". Unanimously agreed, at the September meeting, agreement to the funding of CCTV upkeep at a cost of £336 p.a. At the time of the meeting nothing more had been heard.

### **6. Planning:**

Nothing to report

### **7. Correspondence:**

Councillor Holland Roberts read an e-mail from a Mochdre resident in relation to the "ECO design" sited at the Chapel building, Chapel Street and the rubbish discarded into a skip which is being strewn all over the area and into the stream. He also referred to a well known small number of youths violating the village causing damage and depositing rubbish in fields and surrounding areas. Cll: Price stated he had spoken with police and been advised that 'yellow cards' had been issued and basically the Council should leave well alone for now.

**8. Finance:**

Cll: Warraich advised he wished to step down as a Lloyds Bank signatory but would stay in the role until replacement signatory had been accepted. Cll: Price offered to take his place. No further issues were raised as Finance meetings are held every other month.

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

Cll. Price had not submitted a written report but gave an overview of his extensive activities since the last meeting, including Bob Squire's funeral & a Merchant Navy Memorial.

**10. School Governors report:**

Brief verbal report given by Cll. Holland Roberts, salient points were:

He will be attending the Schools AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> October when he expected to be made Chair of Governors' and will be liaising with county about training etc thereafter.

He reiterated the point made at the last meeting that both schools are in a financially safe zone for the coming year. However, impacts from all ALN provision being landed on the school will have a stark impact on children needing special support in the future.

He promised to have more information for the next meeting.

**11. Civic Service:**

December 4<sup>th</sup> was confirmed as the date for the Civic Service 2.00pm at Cystennin Church with refreshments after at the Mountain View. Via Cll: Roberts the schools to be approached to ascertain if a group of children could be in attendance to sing at one of the venues. Given the locality of the church Cll: Roberts suggested perhaps a 'Park & Ride: shuttle could be arranged for local residents.

**12. Additional items discussed**

**Community Skip Day:**

Cll: Price contacted ERF who suggested sites for the skips as, Conway Road Bus stop (opposite bowling green) Mountain View and ano. It was proposed that ERF transport a cage around the village to enable less mobile residents to get rid of unwanted items. The date to be confirmed, possibly late January/February. It was agreed that rules and regulations (guidelines) would be displayed to advise residents how the skips should be used.

**Xmas Lights:**

Previous contractors, who erected and supplied the street illuminations and Xmas tree lights, are now no longer qualified, under new regulations. New suppliers of the motifs, and a Company to erect, to be sourced. Residents had previously asked if the 9 motifs could be extended to 12, Council agreed to give this consideration. Cll: Robert had visited a company in South Wales where recycled material had been used to make a tree which could be used year after year. Warmly welcomed by all present, to be put into the system for the perhaps 2023.

Cll: Roberts agreed to organise the real Xmas tree for this year.

**Orme Road:**

ClI: Roberts reaffirmed that a meeting to discuss the future use of Orme Road would be held in the Mountain View on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. He gave an overview of responses via Facebook, regarding resident's views which varied from park, nature area, allotments or skate Park.

**Village Hall:**

Residents asked why the Council was not utilising it as the Centre of the village. ClI: Roberts gave a succinct response explaining that it does not belong to the Village and is run as a standalone private business. It is hoped that a meeting between the company Directors and two representatives from the Council will be arranged in the New Year.

**Book of Condolence:**

Buckingham Palace requested that all books should remain in the vicinity of where they were generated. Mochdre's is in a display case in the Mountain View.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November YSGOL BABANOD

6.00pm Finance meeting

6.30pm Council Meeting