

Minutes of the meeting of Mostyn Community Council held in Mostyn Community Centre on Monday 20 February 2017.

Present: Councillor J.B.Hughes (Chairman)

Cllrs. I Davies, P Gibbons, B. Hazlehurst, P Heesom, D.E. Jones, Dave Seddon, Debbie Seddon, County Councillor Roney

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. C Joynson and V Williams

2. **In Attendance:** Mrs K L Roberts – Clerk

3. **To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed**

4. **Matters Arising from the last minutes.**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Planning Aid Wales had notified the clerk of a forthcoming training course – times to be confirmed in Llandudno. This was in response to the feedback from councillors that there were few training courses/events to be accessed in North Wales area.

Councillor Debbie Seddon raised a query that the Community Council had provided financial assistance to Mostyn Colts and she subsequently learned that there was not actually a football team. The Chairman had spoken with Mr Geraint Rowlands who had reassured him activities were still being undertaken with young people although not specifically football.

Councillor Dave Seddon asked the clerk had there been any further information from the post office about any other proposed outlet. The clerk reported no further information to date.

5. Chairman's Communications

The Chairman informed members he was aware that Mostyn Parish Church is closing and Hebron Chapel is considering closure. He would be meeting with them on 27 February to discuss this. Should the closures take place this would be a disappointment for the local community. The new area Vicar would be chairing the meeting.

The Chairman read out a letter from Nesta Davies on behalf of Monday Club Members. The clerk reported the majority of acknowledgements for financial assistance are being received and she will bring them all to the March meeting.

Cllr. Hazlehurst reported on the response received from Mrs B Kinnear with regard to some councillors' perceived inconsistencies of planning decisions in relation to Planning application 055964 and Planning applications 056220/055778. The planner had consulted with Natural Resources Wales. Details of which are available on the website in officers delegated reports.

Cllr. Heesom confirmed an invoice received by Mostyn Community Council from One Voice Wales had been sent in error.

6. Streetscene Matters

Mr Nigel Seaberg was unable to attend the meeting.

County Councillor Roney provided an update on a bid to the Welsh Assembly Government regarding a 20 mph limit being introduced in Maes Pennant, a zebra crossing near the school and shops and traffic islands. The Welsh Assembly Government would fund 90% and Flintshire County Council would fund 10%.

Councillor I Davies reported pot holes which were worsening in Isglan Road.

Lletty Hill – concerns about speeding vehicles again, follow up about the possibility of a one way system.

RESOLVED: The clerk to follow this up with Flintshire County Council Highways.

Community lighting in Rhewl – two lights are not working. Cllr. Hazlehurst had liaised with County about some street lighting faults.

7. Police Matters

The Chairman informed members of two individuals named in the local press who have committed theft and noted as of Mostyn Lodge. Councillors again felt young men being placed in the lodge was inappropriate and having had police reassure them in past meetings Mostyn Lodge was not a half-way house. This did not seem to be the case. County Councillor Roney stated he believed housing young males in a semi-rural environment completely inappropriate due to limited work opportunities. Some of whom sit on the football pitches with little else to do.

RESOLVED: The clerk to write a letter expressing Councillors ongoing concerns to the North Wales Police Commissioner copying in Inspector D Jolly and relevant local police.

8. To welcome Guest Speaker Mr John Morris, Manager Community Speed Watch, North Wales Police

A presentation was given by Mr John Morris a North Wales Police Volunteer who provided a brief overview of the speed watch scheme and how it was being run in various communities. Any interested groups would need at least two volunteers who would be trained. North Wales Police cover the insurance. However, groups have to purchase the Bushnell speed reader at a cost of £80. Mr Morris went through some of the actions which can be taken should a volunteer capture a reading of a speeding vehicle in their community. If a problem area is identified special constables can stop the vehicles. As the Scheme is rolling out Mr Morris reported communities seeing a positive impact and speeds reducing.

Councillor Gibbons made a suggestion that any volunteers may want to be involved in a speed watch scheme in another community, as in a relatively small area there are many people who know each other and some concern about possible ramifications.

RESOLVED: The Community Council thanked Mr Morris for his presentation.

Members to consider information provided.

The Chair welcomed Mrs Janet Roberts, from Flintshire County Council Play and Leisure Services

Mrs Janet Roberts gave an overview of the Summer Play Scheme for young people aged between 5 and 12 years of age and handed out relevant information about what the scheme provides to the community. Members of staff are trained in play activities, first aid, and managing challenging behaviour.

If the weather was wet during the session, they have gazebos they can erect. Sessions can be provided 10.30am-12.30am or 1.30am – 3.30am for a minimum of 3 weeks at a cost of £1,309.

Members wished to consider the information provided.

RESOLVED: Members thanked Mrs Janet Roberts for her attendance.

This item would be on the March Agenda for a final decision.

9. Renewal of Community Street Lighting – Feedback from the Chairman

The Chairman had met with Mr Gareth Edwards of Deeco lighting.

The clerk circulated a letter from Deeco lighting with suggested LED street lighting which required members consideration for replacement. 6 lights were highlighted for replacement with new LED lanterns.

It is proposed to cancel the annual maintenance charge currently charged for the existing 6 lanterns for the period of 8 years.

The clerk had consulted the Financial Regulations (Section 11 Page 14) held by Mostyn Community Council and advised the Council that the necessary funds are available to proceed with this small LED renewal installation project. Should Mostyn Community Council wish to embark on a larger scale street lighting replacement the clerk will consult the financial regulations about a tender process. However, at present this represented an extension of the existing lighting contract with Deeco lighting.

RESOLVED: The LED Community Street Lighting Pilot Project was proposed by Cllr Hazlehurst and seconded by Cllr Debbie Seddon. This was a unanimous vote by members.

Each LED lantern would cost £395 plus VAT. The clerk reported she can claim back the VAT.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond to Deeco lighting and confirm commencement of the LED Pilot Project.

10. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

Letter received from One Voice Wales inviting renewal of annual membership for 2017/2018 at a cost of £243.

RESOLVED: To renew Mostyn Community Council's annual membership for 2017/2018.

Information had been circulated to advise members that the match contribution of £6,000 has been approved by Flintshire County Council for Maes Pennant Play Area. Mostyn Community Council will earmark £6,000 of funding. The clerk informed members she had spoken to Richard Roberts at Flintshire County Council who advised he was unsure if some the work would commence in this financial year or 2017/2018.

Dee Estuary Landscape Partnership Scheme information from Martin Varley Director of Conservation at Cheshire Wildlife Trust and Dee Estuary Catchment Partnership are applying to the Heritage Lottery for funding to protect, restore and celebrate the natural built and cultural heritage of the Dee Estuary.

Cllr Heesom had raised questions in an email sent to the clerk regarding the Tidal Dee Steering Group, their funding and statutory authority or charitable status. There were no other questions from members.

RESOLVED: The clerk to raise the questions from Cllr. Heesom.

Cllr. Heesom reported a recent local media article announcing £30,000 investment in the Wales Coastal Path.

A White Paper from Mark Drakeford, Local Government Secretary entitled Renewed and Resilient - consultation until 11 April 2017. The paper sets out how councils will deliver some of their services.

Confirmation of the County Forum Meeting from Flintshire County Council on 28 February.

The clerk brought a completed financial assistance form from the Eisteddfod to the meeting. Unfortunately, this had gone into her deleted items on email prior to the deadline. The request was for £50.00.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to provide £50.00 financial assistance to Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru.

Letter from Holywell Leisure Centre requesting consideration of financial assistance from the now registered charity group to secure the future of Holywell Leisure Centre. A significant amount of financial assistance has been received from Holywell Town Council already.

Cllr. Debbie Seddon also asked about financial assistance for the local Morris Dancers.

RESOLVED: Members had considered Financial Assistance applications already for 2016/2017.

The clerk to advise Holywell Leisure Centre of this. A councillor will furnish the clerk with information about the Morris Dancers so she can contact them too.

Ockenden Team - Review of Older Peoples mental health care. An independent team looking at the care of older people in North Wales would be travelling across the region this Spring giving opportunity to share views and experiences.

RESOLVED: Information noted as received. No further action.

The clerk had received the Councillor Nomination Forms for Councillors which were circulated with relevant information in a pack from Flintshire County Council.

11. To consider (A) Planning Applications (B) Planning Decisions

Planning Reference N0 056471 Location: Warwick International Ltd, Dock Road, Mostyn, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 9HE. Proposal of a footpath linking the current all wales coast path at Warwick view point to Dock Road.

County Councillor Roney reported the legal pack is with Warwick's legal team and the relevant wildlife organisation will duly respond to the application.

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised for the application.

12. To approve payments to be made

The clerk had received notification of a PAYE payment required from HMRC of £376.42. .

The clerk reported a reduction this year in the external fee from BDO external auditors as the fee is now based on time spent not in specific bands for different sized councils.

The clerk will update the engagement letter for the internal auditors and send out.

RESOLVED: The clerk to instruct JDH Business Services, as the internal auditor for 2016/2017.

RESOLVED:

(DD) Pension	Nest Pensions	£46.00
101527 Scottish Power	electricity	£291.11
101258 Wales Audit Office External	Audit Fee	£172.50
101259 HMRC	PAYE	£376.42
101230 K.ROBERTS	SALARY	£500.00
101231 CLERK'S	EXPENSES	£59.00
101532 Eisteddford	Financial Assistance	50.00
TOTAL		£1,495.03

13. General Matters raised by members.

Cllr. Gibbons reported vermin seen at Hafod Y Ddol – County Councillor Roney has reported this to County.

Cllr. Jones reported a new project for transport of which Mr Steve Jones of Flintshire County Council had shared information. Cllr. Hazlehurst was not aware of this and would make enquiries.