

Minutes of the meeting of Mostyn Community Council held in Mostyn Community Centre on Monday 24 April 2017.

Present: P Gibbons, B. Hazlehurst, P Heesom, B. J Hughes, D.E. Jones, C Joynson, Dave Seddon, Debbie Seddon, County Councillor Roney, Cllr. V Williams.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. I Davies
2. **In Attendance:** Mrs K L Roberts – Clerk
3. **To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed**
None
4. **Matters Arising from the last minutes.**

Item 5 Page 1 County Councillor Roney stated he did not make unsavoury insinuations regarding Cllr. Heesom he was exercising his democratic right to present evidence about Cllr. Heesom's qualification for a community councillor. Cllr. Heesom reported he was currently in an appeal process.

The clerk has received a picture of the existing notice board in Rhewl today and has forwarded this to a local joiner. She will aim to get another quote.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr. Heesom and Seconded by Cllr. Jones.

5. Police Matters / PC Kelly French-Jones was in attendance.

Councillors welcomed PC Kelly French-Jones back to the meeting after her period of maternity leave.

Children are gaining access to the bowling green – this will go on the Police patrol plan.

Concerns of the speed of vehicles on the Lletty Hill – PC Kelly French-Jones is aware of this and said there needs to be a safe place to pull vehicles in.

RESOLVED: The clerk will contact Highways at Flintshire County Council.

PC Kelly French Jones informed members of Operation Snap (Can be accessed via the North Wales Police website) this is in response to increasing submissions of photographic video and photographic evidence relating to driving offences members of the public have seen. PC Kelly French – Jones will send a link to the clerk who will circulate to councillors for information.

In relation to Mostyn Lodge PC Kelly French-Jones wanted to ascertain if the community council has had a response from the Police Commissioner. The clerk advised there has been no response. The PC Kelly French- Jones reported no increase in crime in the area.

Councillor Hughes reported on a recent press article of park owners being attacked by a person with a knife with an address of Mostyn Lodge. Previous and continued concerns of councillors were reiterated. PC Kelly French Jones reported regular foot patrols around the area. If people are being placed at Mostyn Lodge by Flintshire and Denbighshire County Council this may be a housing matter.

Cllr. Williams reported damage to the Community Centre roof – PC Kelly French-Jones will speak to the wardens to deter further action.

Cllr. Hughes reported a slow moving/stopping car in the early hours of Saturday morning which looked suspicious. A registration for future reports would help the police.

PC Kelly French-Jones noted her concerns about the former Solar Fire Place which the fire service has recently deemed a fire safety risk which is unsafe. The Community Council briefed her on their attempts to get the County Council to take action to make safe this building requesting a 215 notice is serviced on the owners. However, the County Council previously responded to say they would not take this action with a planning application for improvement works in the system.

RESOLVED: The clerk to forward the Community Councils original letter to County to the Police. This may assist to influence appropriate action to be taken.

PC French-Jones would appreciate any observations of a blue/white off roader bike which has been seen travelling at high speed around the meadows.

RESOLVED: That the clerk thank PC Kelly French-Jones for her attendance.

6. Streetscene Matters / Mr Nigel Seaberg was in attendance.

Cllr. Gibbons reported residents' concerns about rats in Hafod Y Dol and brought to the meeting a petition signed for the request for the removal of the rats by local residents. This was given to County Councillor Roney. Previously housing paid for poison to be placed down. 50% of the housing is privately owned and the other half is council owned. In some cases there is a charge of £60.00 per household.

Cllr. Hazelhurst reported the grid by Downing Road flooding. Mr Seaberg reported this is on the 12 monthly sweeping schedules.

A little bin was requested by the new bus shelter/stop.

Mr Seaberg will see trainers are removed which are overhanging on cables.

Mr Seaberg reported on a letter recently circulated by Flintshire County Council about consulting on the new Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to cover the whole Country.

The purpose of the letter is to enquire if there are any public spaces sites that are leased or owned by community councils which they would like to nominate. Mostyn Community Council do not lease or own any.

Councillors had some questions for example how would this be managed, how many wardens would patrol. Also concern that if restrictions were in place on some public spaces that may penalise responsible dog owners who immediately clear up any dog waste.

RESOLVED: That the clerk writes a letter outlining these questions/concerns to Mr Seaberg.

Cllr. Williams reported repeated barking dogs in Rhewl.

Request for more dog waste bins to include The Cob and Maes Pennant Road in the future. Mr Seaberg noted there are a lot in Mostyn already and they are expensive, a private purchase is £200 per bin.

7. Chairman's Communications

Cllr. Joynson would not be standing again for community councillor and she wanted to thank councillors for their support over many years. The Chairman thanked her for her time and commitment.

The Chairman reported the retiring Post Mistress Mrs C Wheatly thanked the Community Council for her flowers.

The clerk had information to hand on nominated individuals for County and community council seats for councillors. This information is also available on the Flintshire County Council Website.

The clerk read out an email from the retiring Town Clerk of Holywell Town Council to propose closer working on common issues via a forum, requesting if Mostyn Community Council would be interested in becoming involved.

RESOLVED: Councillors asked the clerk to respond with an expression of interest.

Cllr. Seddon suggested raising awareness of the work of Mostyn Community Council as she believed some residents did not know or always understand the work the Council was involved with. This year Mostyn Community Council has made the financial contribution to the Play Scheme for summer 2017 and is in the process of purchasing new play equipment for Maes Pennant Park all of which are positive and should be promoted.

There was a discussion about utilising the community council website, a future poster/information and use of other local newsletters to share the good work of the Community Council.

8. Planning Matters

None received. Cllr. Roney gave a brief update on the application for the coastal path (Planning ref: 056471) which was currently withdrawn by the applicant due to a number of factors which meant this application/information required would run on into a new financial year. Warwick International has started to clear the woods.

9. To approve payments to be made

The clerk circulated an actual spend to date 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017 which demonstrated a total spend of £28,399.83.

RESOLVED:

(DD) Pension Nest Pensions £47.84

Chq NO's

101504 Deeco Lighting 6 new LED Lights £2,844

(101504/101541 Power Section 17 Highways 1957)

101541 Scottish Power electricity £291.11

101542 Clerk's Salary £476

101543 VOID

101544 Expenses £75.00

101545/101546 HMRC/PAYE £73.00 **TOTAL £3,806.95**

(101542/101543/101544/101545/101546 Power – section 19 LGA misc. provisions act 1976)

The clerk had circulated a Full Bank Reconciliation for 2016/2017 which was signed by the Chairman. As at 31 March 2017 the bank balance was £32,811.74. The clerk confirmed the financial information/accounts 2016/2017 would be going to JDH Business Supplies for internal audit following this community council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the clerk be thanked for her work.

10. General Matters raised by members.

Cllr. Debbie Seddon provided an update on her meeting with Mr Richard Roberts from play and leisure and the equipment. It was suggested a 3 year plan to provide money in the budget each year to maximise any match funding from Flintshire County Council could be considered.

The clerk was asked to confirm afternoon Play Scheme sessions with Janet Roberts at Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED: That the clerk contact Janet Roberts, at Play and Leisure Services to confirm the afternoon sessions for the Summer Playscheme.

Cllr. Heesom proposed the Charter Trees should be something Mostyn Community Council should become involved with. This was seconded by Cllr. B Hazlehurst. This would be a future agenda item.

Cllr. Williams gave a further update on improvements taking place at Mostyn community centre

RESOLVED: Cllr. Heesom Proposed and Seconded by Cllr. D Seddon a record of thanks on behalf of the community council to Cllr. Williams and Susan, a volunteer for their work.

Cllr. Hazlehurst reported on an update he provided to an officer at Flintshire County Council who was completing a survey to help combat loneliness for older people in Flintshire. Certain rural North areas were considered as potential loneliness hotspots. He gave information about what goes on at the community centre.
The meeting closed at 9.00pm.