

## **Minutes of the meeting of Mostyn Community Council held in Mostyn Community Centre on Monday 18 July 2016.**

**Present:** Councillor J.B.Hughes (Chairman)

Councillors, B Hazlehurst, P Heesom, D.E. Jones, C Joynson, County Councillor D Roney, Dave and Debbie Seddon and V Williams.

**1. Apologies:** Councillors I Davies, P Gibbons, D Tattum,

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

### **3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 July 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Cllr. Hazlehurst reported being in touch with Mr C Owens, proprietor of Bagillt Website Design and the website has been updated. He will continue working with Mr Owens and liaising with the clerk. Mr C Owens will be asked to quote on a new module for a news page on the website. In due course The Code of Conduct document will also be reflected on the website as required. Councillors thanked Cllr. Hazlehurst for his work and delegated the necessary website updates to him.

Cllr. Hughes reported the meeting with Mr D Jones about a survey following concerns about speeding on the Lletty Hill and a discussion about the Lights unfortunately Mr D Jones did not attend. The Chairman will rearrange this in the near future.

The clerk reported Claire Pilsbury from Shelter, Cymru will attend the 17 October 2016 meeting to give a presentation on their work.

Cllr. Heesom reported he planned to attend One Voice Wales AGM meeting tomorrow. Cllr. Jones and Cllr. Joynson will also be in attendance.

### **5. Police Matters**

PCSO Susan Page reported the anti-social behaviour referred to at the last meeting with regard to Fford Pennant has been dealt with and said no new incidents had been reported.

Councillor Debbie Seddon reported a resident had spoken with the police and obtained two crime numbers with regard to cars scratched, milk bottles smashed etc. PCSO Susan Page requested further information from Councillor Seddon and advised she would look into this.

Councillor V Williams reported children causing damage to the community centre roof and the flue being blocked. Also young people causing damage to cars and fencing in nearby bungalows.

Councillors requested a greater visible police presence as Councillor David Seddon reported seeing a patrol 5/6 weeks ago but nothing since. PCSO Susan Page advised patrols are regularly made of the area.

PCSO Susan Page asked councillors to encourage residents to contact the police control room should they have concerns.

### **6. To welcome Guest Speaker - Mr Mike Taylor, Senior Coastal Ranger, Countryside Services**

**The Chairman welcomed Mr Mike Taylor to the meeting.**

Mr Taylor informed members there are two coastal rangers Mr Tim Johnson and Mr Steve Lewis. The coastal path was finished in 2012. Mr Taylor spoke of the work which has been carried out to date to improve areas of the coastal path. In 2013/2014 a report by Harrison Design was produced which would assist in prioritising sections of the coastal path to be upgraded. He accepts between The Cob and Port of Mostyn some areas are very difficult to access. There are potential opportunities; Abakhan has an underpass at the back of their car park which may provide an access point. He would like interested partners on board to discuss improvements; previous discussions have taken place with Warwick International and The Rowley Family. The Community Council are in principle supportive of any improvements to access, particularly so that people with prams and people with a disability can access The Cob.

Councillors noted if the gate behind Abakhan gate closes at 5pm. A pedestrian gate could possibly be used by Abakhan which may encourage tourists in, there are kissing gates predominately along the path. Consideration for access through for dog walkers too.

Councillors requested a site walk when convenient for a small group of nominated people.

The clerk reported Gwynt Y Mor not accepting applications at this present time and will open in a few months. An overwhelming response to the fund.

Warwick International have held discussions. Cllr. Heesom asked if the fun ship car park could be utilised. Network Rail and Rowleys previous have had previous discussions with future stakeholders.

## **7. Chairman's Communications**

The Chairman has been invited to meet the new minister at Hebron Chapel on 17 September at Flint. He would be attending as Chairman and previously his father had been secretary for many years.

## **8. Streetscene Matters**

Councillors requested the clerk invite Mr Seaburg to the September meeting.

Dog and litter wardens fines of £75 of which FCC receive 12.5%. Notice of intention of fine, if unpaid sent to court £1,000. Cllr. Seddon queried if this is applicable to all age groups as she had heard information to the contrary.

### **Issues raised:**

Councillors had concerns regarding the standard of grass cutting in Mostyn and other parts of Flintshire. In particular Rhewl to Lime Bank was overgrown and many road signs are not visible such as the Mostyn sign on the Coast Road. County Councillor Roney reported a new company have been contracted to cut the grass and in some places where work has been unsatisfactorily completed they have been sent out again.

The footpath to the Church is very overgrown. Fly-tipping on the footpath from Ffordd DDyfrdwy.

Councillors requested a dog bin on The Cob, a previous request and by Aberkhan, Maes Pennant Road and Ffordd DDyfrdwy.

**RESOLVED:** The clerk to contact Mr J Hill, Rights of Way Officer to raise the community councils concern about the poor standard of grass maintenance.

## **9. Police Matters**

This item was taken earlier in the meeting.

## **10. Discuss establishing a Planning Sub Committee**

Members discussed establishing a Planning Sub Committee which was agreed. Terms of Reference including membership to be finalised at the first meeting which will meet 30 minutes before the 19 September meeting at 6.30pm.

Bryn Caeser Farm 055534 – this is another smaller scale application and pre advice has been taken from the planning officer.

**RESOLVED: That no objections be raised.**

A councillor noted some concern about the length of time the Local Development Plan is taking and increased loss of appeals.

Port of Mostyn - The applicant has withdrawn the application.

Cysegr Chapel - A full planning application would have to be submitted and may come back into the system. The original conditions i.e. leaving the wall untouched should remain in place.

Objections previously submitted by the community council.

## **11. Update on Street lighting matters**

The Chairman's meeting with Cllrs. Mr D Jones did not take place, see Chairman's Communications. The clerk has provided the Chairman with a draft lighting specification which will need specific details about Mostyn's lights and Mostyn Community Council's requirements adding to complete it. Initial contact has been made with some local lighting contractors and Deeco Lighting current Lighting contractor will be appraised of developments.

## **12. Clerk's Update and Correspondence**

The clerk reported the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Report for the year 2015/2016 had been received. In summary, there was a 4% increase in enquires and complaints compared to 2014/2015.

The clerk requested members consider funding the Society For Local Council Clerk's day Conference to be held in September 2016 in Llandudno. The conference would cover financial management, Planning Act Wales and Community and Town Council Reform. The cost inc VAT would be £82.00. The clerk would be applying to the Welsh Government for a clerk's bursary to cover 50% of the cost.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously voted to fund the conference for the clerk.

## **13. To consider (A) Planning Applications (B) Planning Decisions**

This was covered under agenda item 9.

## **14. To consider and discuss the budget for April-June 2016 (budget monitoring)**

The clerk had circulated a budget which showed actual spend against the budget for the first quarter with pertinent comments. The clerk informed members there was an outstanding payment to Deeco lighting from 2015 which will mean there will be five quarter payments in 2016/2017, depending on maintenance for storm damage, vandalism and gear failure the council should stay within the allocated budget figure of £8,000.

Pension deductions for the clerk should commence in the next quarter.

The payment for the financial internal audit has been paid. The Council await the fee for the external audit which due to new auditors the cost is yet unknown and may exceed the budgeted figure.

The website has required updating and has not been updated for some years. Much of this has been completed and the annual contract to date has been exceeded by £10.00.

The first precept payment (a total of three per annum) has been received £9,666.67 in addition to the annual VAT claim of £1,343.20. The Council await the bank statement to allocate the bank interest for this quarter.

Cllr. Seddon raised a question about the budgeted figure for Mostyn Youth Club which she said appears not to be moving forward. She is concerned that money has been allocated for some time for the establishment of this Youth Club and asked if this money could be used for Youth in the community. County Cllr. Roney reported they should know in the next few months and the County has advised it is a "commercially sensitive matter".

There is some concern in the community that there is not much for young people in the community. The Community Council previously made a decision in January 2016 not to participate due to the value for money for previous sessions and quality of some of the activities. Cllr Seddon asked the clerk to enquire about numbers previously attended and overall costs.

**RESOLVED:** That the clerk would contact Flintshire County Council Youth Service.

The clerk was advised by the adviser from Society of Local Council Clerks it would not be appropriate to request future money in 2017/2018 should the Youth Club not be established. Members would have to agree if they want to keep this money ring fenced in the next budget.

The clerk as responsible financial officer and members are satisfied with the movements in this quarter against budget for 2016/2017.

**RESOLVED:**

**15. To approve payments to be made**

101485	Scottish Power	electricity	280.87
101486	Kay Roberts	salary	500.00
101487	Kay Roberts	expenses	75.00
101488	Kay Roberts	salary(Aug)	500.00
101489	Kay Roberts	expenses	75.00
101490	SLCC	annual membership	74.50
101491	Deeco	quarterly bill (2015)	1,499.82
			<b>£3005,19</b>

**General Matters raised by Council**

Cllr. Jones and Cllr. Heesom provided a brief summary of their attendance at the forum meeting in June.

Cllr. Jones reported Mr A Farrow has taken over the lead for the LDP from Mr A Roberts.

Cllr. Jones asked members if they had noticed a new structure of 3 chimney stacks at Warwick International. Members thought they may now be visible due to trees being cut.

Cllr. Seddon had reported groves in the skateboard park which may cause an accident. The clerk will report this to Mr A Roberts at Play and Leisure Services at Flintshire County Council who will inspect.

Cllr Joynson raised concerns about a lack of activities for children in Mostyn this summer a lack of play groups for young children.

The Tavern will be holding an event in aid of Macmillan – numerous groups playing to raise funds for a good cause.

Cllr Hazlehurst noted Estuary cars already take people on visits to Drs etc. Councillor Hazlehurst asked all members to think about questions to ask when considering community transport in the village. Bus routes will decrease but the main route will be maintained. The County Council Transport Review should be finalised at the end of the month. Statutory services will be maintained i.e. school buses. Cllr. Hazlehurst said Flintshire County Council are setting out core routes and he believes are doing their utmost to maintain them the best they can set against a backdrop of decreasing funds. In the future, routes will be run by commercial enterprises and assist any organisation to set up community transport.

**The meeting closed at 9.45pm.**

**15. To receive items for the Monday 19 September 2016 meeting.**