

Minutes of the meeting of Mostyn Community Council held in Mostyn Community Centre on Monday 17 October 2016.

Present: Councillor J.B.Hughes (Chairman)

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

1. **Apologies:** I Davies, P Gibbons, C Joynson, V Williams

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 19 September 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising from the last minutes

The Chairman reported Councillor D Tattum had resigned from his position with immediate effect.

RESOLVED: That the clerk thank Councillor Tattum on behalf of Mostyn Community Council for his work and commitment.

The clerk advised she has contacted the electoral office and spoke with Rebecca Harburn to see if the position needs to be filled as a casual vacancy due to the short time proximity until the forthcoming elections in May 2017.

In addition Mostyn Community Council would be looking to reduce their councillors by 1 in the near future.

5. Guest Speaker – Claire Pilsbury from Shelter Cymru to speak about the work of the charity.

Ms. Pilsbury provided an overview of the work of Shelter Cymru established in 1981 and who are completely independent of the national Shelter charity.

The caseworker for Shelter Cymru is Victoria Tomlinson contact no 01978 317911. Mr Ashley Stevens is also a caseworker who works across the Flintshire Housing Team. A PowerPoint presentation handout was given to all councillors that included details of advice surgeries across North Wales.

Ms Pilsbury explained her role was to fundraise on behalf of the charity and that £19.00 would provide 1 hour dedicated advice from a member of their housing team. She encouraged people to get involved with other fundraising events in their area.

A question and answer session was held at the end of the presentation and Ms Pilsbury was asked if an advice surgery could be held in Mostyn where there are good facilities. Ms Pilsbury said she would make enquiries.

Furthermore, a concern with regard to delays experienced by people contacting their hotline number. Ms Pilsbury acknowledged this was a problem in 2015 and work is taking place to improve this situation.

Ms Pilsbury confirmed if there is an enquiry seeking an emergency appointment, were appropriate these appointments can be made by third party contacts.

Ms Pilsbury would check if residents can attend an advice surgery outside of their residents home location i.e. can a resident in Flintshire attend a Denbighshire advice surgery. Ms Pilsbury would make enquiries.

RESOLVED: That the clerk thank Ms Pilsbury for her attendance.

The clerk send a financial assistance form to her to be considered by the community council.

6. Chairman's Communications

The Chairman awarded the best garden trophy on behalf of Mostyn Agricultural Society.

A get well card had been sent to Councillor V Williams who is currently in hospital.

7. Streetscene Matters

In Summary:

Repairs required to a yellow salt bin in Penrho.

The letter about winter maintenance from Streetscene was read out.

Cllr. Debbie Seddon asked about the erection of observational mirrors in particular out of Penrho where opposite is a telegraph pole which could have a mirror attached to help see traffic approaching from the blind bend on the right.

Traffic lights at the bridge by Warwicks are having sequencing problems as the A548 should have priority.

RESOLVED: The clerk to enquire about salting near the shops in Penrho.

That the clerk enquire about the County's stance for erection of observational mirrors.

8. Police Matters

A concern with regard to mini quad bikes on Glan Y Don fields.

RESOLVED: That the clerk raise the matter accordingly with the Police.

9. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

The following information was brought to Councillors attention:

- Winter Maintenance Letter from Flintshire County Council
- Letter update on Local Government Reform from Mr M Drakeford AM
- Code of Conduct – revised guidance on the new model www.ombudsman-wales.org.uk
- Independent Remuneration Panel draft Annual Report 2017/2018 <http://gov.wales/irpwsb/home>

The clerk also read out a letter on forthcoming public engagement events for Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED: The clerk confirm attendance of Cllr. Hughes, Cllr. Hazlehurst, Cllr. Heesom and Cllr. Jones.

10. An update on the future of local bus services in Mostyn

Cllr. Hazlehurst provided an update and read out a statement from AM Ken Skates, Cabinet Secretary for economy and infrastructure who will be being conducted research to identify vulnerable bus services and a local strategy will be considered. Mr Skates would like to see a bus co-ordinator post working alongside each local authority to be considered.

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

Planning Application Ref. 055740 Min Y Don, Llanerch Y Mor, Holywell, CH8 9DX / Amendments to submitted application. Cllr. Roney has spoken with the planning officer concerned and reported the decision is still pending.

Planning Application Ref. 055964 Glan Y Don Post Office & Stores, 1 Coast Road, Mostyn, Holywell, CH8 9DZ
Proposal: Change of use of former shop/post office to residential

RESOLVED: That no objections be submitted.

Clifton, Rhewl, Holywell, CH8 9QF Planning Ref 056004, Erection of steel framed building.

RESOLVED: That no objections be submitted.

The Ayn Works, Planning Ref 052119 – proposed development of a hospital and Re-ablement Centre.

Cllr. Roney has spoken with Planning Officer, Mr M Harris who has advised of the applications deferral. It may go to the November 2016 Planning Committee meeting.

Councillor Hazlehurst reported on a letter he had received from Mr Farrow where he explained the Flintshire County Council Planning portal had a virus which was being fixed as when trying to submit comments for a Planning Application a comment was on the page saying "comments can no longer be submitted" despite the deadline for comments not having expired. This should now be rectified.

Cllr. Hazlehurst noted his concern re. Planning Application Plastirion Farm which he has personally objected to, there has been damage to garden walls due to passing cars and frequent use of horse trailers over a small bridge. He has been advised to make contact with Mr Mark Jones from enforcement at Flintshire County Council Councillor Hazlehurst has a wider concern about the knock on effect with other surrounding farms.

12. To consider and discuss – Half yearly expenditure against Budget (1 April – 30 September 2016)

Members considered in detail the half year budget against actual expenditure prepared by the clerk. Street lighting is till the largest area of expenditure in the year at approximately 40% of the precept. Councillor Hughes will arrange a meeting with Flintshire County Council Street Lighting to explore other options available. As yet there is no expenditure against grants (except for a rewritten cheque to Mostyn Vets FC from 2015/2016); the financial assistance forms will be distributed end 2016/2017 for consideration early next year. The clerk advised she was still pending an invoice from the external auditor BDO for their work, and therefore the fee was currently unknown.

Councillors were satisfied with the progress of actual expenditure against budget to date and acknowledged there may be some savings during 2016/2017 which would enable enquiries to be made in other areas. Discussion of expenditure on a bus shelter, and a piece of play equipment for the park, which may be match funded by Flintshire County Council. These items will be listed as an agenda item and considered at the November meeting.

RESOLVED: A councillor will make enquiries about the costs of a bus shelter at Maes Pennant.

Cllr. Seddon will speak with Flintshire County Council Play and Leisure services about play equipment.

13. General Matters raised by members

Councillor Hazelhurst gave an overview of the changes and updates on Mostyn Community Council website and he was thanked for his work to date. He reminded people that he volunteers at Mostyn Community Centre providing help with computer matters from 10.00am to 12.00 noon each week on Wednesdays.

Information received on the Sure Signal Community hub. This will only work with 3G and Vodaphone a maximum of 8 at any one time. No use for the Community Centre as used by general members of the public.

Cllr Seddon informed members a resident Mrs J Jones had organised 2 coaches for interested residents to go to Blackpool at a cost of £6.50, it is understood the trip is now fully booked. Cllr Seddon thought this was a good idea for the local community.

There will be a firework display at The Old Tavern on 5 November 2016.

14. To approve payments to be made RESOLVED:

- 1. (Power – Section 17 Highways 1957) 2. (Power – Section 111 LGA 1972)**
- 3.(Power section - 137 local government act 1972)**

101497 2	SLCC Enterprises Ltd Clerk Training	94.80
101498 1	SP - electricity	280.87
101499 1.	Deeco lighting	1,499.82
101500 2	Kay Roberts - Salary	500.00
101501 2	Kay Roberts - expenses	59.00
DD (SO) 2.	Nest Pensions	46.00
101502 3.	Wreath – Remembrance Service	17.00
TOTAL		£2,497.49

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

