

Minutes of the meeting of Mostyn Community Council held in Mostyn Community Centre on Monday 16 January 2017.

Present: Councillor J.B.Hughes (Chairman)

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

1. Apologies: I Davies

2. In Attendance: Mrs K L Roberts – Clerk

3.To approve the minutes of the last meeting

Amendment requested to the minutes for factual accuracy.

Item Page 2 noted Councillor Jones being approached by a resident from Mostyn Lodge it was Councillor Joynson not Councillor Jones.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21 November 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

A number of members had declared interests in applications for financial assistance which would be considered at the meeting. Members wished to be open and transparent in line with the Code of Conduct. Those members did not participate in the discussion and as appropriate left the room.

Mostyn Community Centre – Cllr. Heesom, Cllr. Jones, Cllr. Debbie Seddon, Cllr. V Williams

Welsh Border Community Transport – Cllr. D.E.Jones

Estuary Voluntary Car Scheme and Mostyn Arts and Handicrafts Club and Mostyn and District Gardening Club – Cllr. B Hazlehurst

5. Matters Arising from the last minutes

Councillor Heesom noted reference to quotes having previously been received for the proposed bus shelter in previous minutes. The clerk reported on progress made during the December recess after consulting with both the Chair and Vice Chair about the Bus Shelter. County Councillor Roney had liaised with an officer from Flintshire County Council who had confirmed 50% match funding would be available. Councillor Heesom asked if he could have copies of the email and quotes.

The clerk reported following liaison with the network of clerks and having referred to the Good Councillor's Guide community councillors should report their apologies directly to the clerk and any explanation for their absence.

6. Chairman's Communications

The Chair, Councillor Hughes had attended the Senior Citizens Christmas Party and reported a good event and good entertainment.

7. Police Matters In attendance PCSO S Page and PCSO P Rushby.

PCSO Page reported PC Williams is now working in Deeside and PC Kelly French-Jones will be returning full time in March 2017. At present the local police are being supported by officers from Holywell.

County Cllr. Roney asked if PCSO Page can speak with him about the junction at Penrho and look at a 20 mph limit and possible round-a-bout i.e. a mini central reservation.

Speed bumps were discussed; however Flintshire County Council has reported complaints from residents after damaging their cars.

PCSO Page suggested Mr J Morris of Community Speed Watch Initiative came to a meeting to talk about how volunteers can get involved with monitoring vehicle speeds.

RESOLVED: The clerk to contact Mr J Morris, and invite him to a future meeting.

Councillor Williams reported damage to the community council roof which was reported to the police at the time. The head teacher of the primary school has also spoken with the children about the danger of children falling and injuring themselves.

8. Streetscene Matters

Mostyn Road – Gronant. The clerk to contact Mr A Stanford, Highway Strategy Manager to request consideration of the removal of road signage as this sign was thought by councillors to be misleading and confusing to people using the road. Councillors remain concerned particularly due to a fatality in this area in the past.

Ffordd Pennant – Cllr C Joynson said a resident has put crusher run down, its public land. There are continued improvements required to parking in Mostyn. Consider sending a letter to Flintshire County Council.

Mr N Seaberg has explained the lights sequencing to his colleague at Warwick, unsure the settings can be changed. Cllr. E Jones wanted to know if in commuting hours the main road can have priority.

Cllr. Debbie Seddon reported seeing a number of rabbits which had been shot at Greenfield Docks. This would be reported to the police who can make contact with the rural crime unit.

Mr N Seaberg provided an update from Streetscene:

Faulty streetlights dealt with, a reported crack in the road by A. Andrews Coaches yard by Wirral View. This will be filled with bitumen and will be monitored by the contractor.

Give way markers at the top of Rock Hill will be dealt with.

Replacement of the streetlight in the community centre car park was discussed. The clerk said she would speak with Gareth at Deeco lighting who she believes has looked at this. Also a light near the old police station needs attention, Deeco lighting is struggling with finding parts now to repair the existing light.

WEBSITE – Cllr. Hazlehurst had spoken with HCI data, they had not repaired any other council websites. It was the web designers who completed the work to temporarily stop the hacking.

Cllr. Hazlehurst asked all councillors to look at other community council websites and see what they liked and obtain any information to feed back. He advised the community council do have ownership over the existing website.

The clerk would forward the contact for Gabriel Media who has set up and provided training for Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council at affordable rates and provided good ongoing customer service.

Three quotes would be obtained and a payment of the final invoice would be made.

RESOLVED: The clerk was instructed to pay the final invoice to Bagillt Web Design.

Local Development Plan Workshops had been attended by Cllr. Jones and Cllr. Heesom.

9. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

Glen Y Don Post Office temporary closure letter from The Post Office; advising that any future outlet would be decided by potential customer numbers and thus providing the next nearest outlet addresses.

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Invite to discussion 26 January 2017

Summer Play Scheme Summer 2017 the clerk reported on a letter from Flintshire County Council Play and Leisure about the Play Scheme for summer 2017. Three weeks provision at £1,309. Cllr. Debbie Seddon asked to clarify hours for costs, number of play workers and activities provided.

Resolved: The clerk to contact Janet Roberts at Flintshire County Council who leads on the Playscheme.

The clerk provided an update on the timetable for local elections in England and Wales: 4 May 2017.

Letter from Ken Skates AM on Transport Consultation in Wales.

Consultation on changing the name of the Welsh Assembly. More information on the Consultations can be found at www.assembly.wales.

Leadership Airbus Scheme has £10,000 to share with community groups by application.

Information on Consultation Swansea – Pre Planning meetings training promotion. The clerk was requested to request something local to North Wales would be useful.

Best kept Communities – leaflet from Jan Kelly at Flintshire County Council. For those interested an information evening will take place on Wednesday 8 Feb 2017.

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

The clerk had laid out the 4 planning applications on the table in the community centre before the meeting. All hard copies of planning applications are logged then sent immediately to the Chair who liaises accordingly.

Councillor C Joynson left the room. It was agreed improvements were required between Councillors about Planning applications to enable those who wish to submit their comments to have opportunity to do so.

The 3 of the 4 applications arrived with the clerk on Friday 13 January and today 16 January 2017. In this instance there was insufficient time to forward to the Chair prior to the community council meeting.

Councillor Heesom will speak directly to One Voice Wales(OVW) about an invoice that arrived with the clerk for payment by Mostyn Community Council for a OVW event in Autumn 2016, which Cllr. Heesom reported he did not attend and as this was subsequently paid for by OVW. This was deemed not to be a community council matter.

Bychton Hall Farm Planning Reference 056313

Cllr. Roney had spoken with the Planning Officer who said feedback was only on the time to allow the applicant further details. Cllr Heesom noted this could be taken as a new application and the community council could assist with its review. Cllr. Roney will enquire to see if the community council can object again? This application was previously refused by Flintshire County Council and overturned by appeal from Welsh Assembly.

Cllr. Heesom reported the applications do not conform to TAN12 and TAN18. Poor/insufficient vehicle access, concern about sewerage, drainage other infrastructure issues such as the local primary school being full to capacity.

The clerk will liaise with the Chair and await further instruction.

Cysegr Chapel Planning Ref 056319

RESOLVED: The community council to object on the basis of lack of parking and taking down a listed wall.

Pennant Park Golf Club Planning Ref 056376

RESOLVED: The community council to object on a change of use.

Blue Mint Restaurant Planning Ref 056220

Councillor Hazlehurst reported his concern and queried the consistency of planning decisions for planning applications Ref 055964 Glan Y Don Post Office and Blue Mint Restaurant and Ref 055778 / 056220 with regard to some potential decision making inconsistencies with the request for flood risk assessment as the Blue Mint Restaurant was refused and a flood risk assessment was requested. The Glan Y Don PO property Ref 055964 was approved and he understands no flood risk assessment was requested. Cllr. Hazlehurst queried doesn't TAN 15 apply to new developments?

RESOLVED: The clerk to liaise with Cllr. Hazlehurst and contact the Planning Officer, Mrs B Kinnear for clarification of perceived inconsistencies.

11. To consider the budget against expenditure 1 April 2016 – 31 December 2016 and discuss and approve the precept 2017/2018.

The clerk had circulated information on 1 April 2016 – 31 December 2016 which demonstrated an actual spend as at 31 December 2016 of £14,781.43.

The clerk advised on forecast expenditure for the remaining quarter of approximately another £14,000 dependent upon the awaited external audit fee and if some of the expenditure for the play area takes place in this financial year or 2017/2018. Furthermore, the expenditure on financial assistance/grants will be decided at this meeting of up to £6,000.

Savings have been made throughout the year in areas such as street lighting. Expenditure for 2016/2017 will be within budget.

A draft budget for 2017/2018 was circulated and considered.

Members requested an increase under Schemes by £250 to £1,000. Contingencies increased by £300 to £500.

Financial assistance /Grants reduce from £ 5,500 to £6,000 as this amount has not previously been spent.

11b Clerks Pay and expenses Review 2017/2018 (During this discussion the clerk left the room.)

Members considered the clerk's pay and expenses and it was agreed to move the clerk to the next point on the National Joint Council scale to point 23.

RESOLVED: By unanimous vote to move the clerk's pay to point 23 on the NJC Scale from the new financial year 2017/2018

12. Street Lighting – to consider a small pilot renewal project for new LED lights in the community to replace failing older street lighting.

The clerk informed the meeting that Deeco Lighting had offered £40.00 off the maintenance contract per annum for up to 6 years for each old lantern replaced by an LED light. As it was likely spend on street lighting would fall under the amount budgeted in 2016/2017 £1,500 was agreed to be placed in the new budget from street lighting into street lighting renewal project in addition to an additional £1,500 to invest to save on 6 new LED lights.

RESOLVED: A unanimous vote that Mostyn Community Council request an increase in their precept to £30,000 an increase of 3.12%.

RESOLVED: The clerk was thanked for her work on the budget.

13. Councillors to consider the completed financial assistance forms and requests from community groups and Charities.

After detailed consideration and discussion of the completed financial assistance forms from Charities and community groups. The following financial assistance awards were agreed:

RESOLVED:

M&D G Club	250.00
M Arts and Crafts	400.00
Mostyn S.Citizens	500.00
Mostyn CC	1,750
Hebron UR Church	250.00
Estuary VC Scheme	500.00
Mostyn Colts	300.00
The BA Shop	100.00
Mostyn M Club	250.00
Welsh B C Transport	350.00
Samaritans of NE	
Wales	50.00
Shelter Cymru	100.00

TOTAL

£4,800

14. General Matters raised by members

Councillor Williams reported that Mostyn Community Centre would be having new doors. The Food Bank would be present on Thursday afternoons and would deliver on Tuesdays. The Disability Group meet each Friday, 1.00pm – 3.00pm.

Councillor Gibbons expressed concern on behalf of residents he had spoken with regard to increases in Council tax from Flintshire County Council.

Councillor Seddon suggested councillors need to review their Code of Conduct document and ensure councillors treat each other with mutual respect.

15. To approve payments to be made

RESOLVED:

DD (SO)	Nest	Pension	46.00
101509	Scottish Power	electricity(Dec)	280.87
101510	Scottish Power	electricity(Jan)	290.35
101511	Kay Roberts	Salary	500.00
101512	Kay Roberts	expenses	59.00
101513	Deeco	quarterly bill (Oct-Dec)	1499.82
101514	M&D G Club	financial assistance (FA)	250.00
101515	M Arts and Crafts	FA	400.00
101516	Mostyn S.Citzens	FA	500.00
101517	Mostyn CC	FA	1,750
101518	Hebron UR Church	FA	250.00
101519	Estuary VC Scheme	FA	500.00
101520	Mostyn Colts	FA	300.00
101521	The BA Shop	FA	100.00
101522	Mostyn M Club	FA	250.00
101523	Welsh B C Transport Samaritans of NE	FA	350.00
101524	Wales	FA	50.00
101525	Shelter Cymru	FA	100.00
		Website	
101526	Mr C Owens	update/maintenance	167.50
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(Power – Section 17 Highways 1957) (Power – Section 111 LGA 1972)
(Power section - 137 local government act 1972)
Financial Assistance – Power Section 137 Local Government Act 1972.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.