

Minutes of the meeting of Mostyn Community Council held in Mostyn Community Centre on Monday 17 July 2017.

Present: Councillors T Conway, J Evans, P Gibbons, County Councillor Heesom, J Jones, David Roney, Dave Seddon, Debbie Seddon, A Tattum, V Williams.

Apologies: Cllr. J B Hughes

In attendance: Mrs K L Roberts – Clerk

Public Gallery – 8 members of the public

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence

Cllr. J B Hughes

2. To record declarations of interest from members

Declaration of interest from Cllr. T Conway who works in the homeless unit at Flintshire County Council which occasionally works with Mostyn Lodge.

Cllr. Heesom, Cllr Williams, Cllr Dave Seddon and Cllr Debbie Seddon are on the Mostyn Community Centre Management Committee.

The clerk read out correspondence from Cllr. Brynmor Hughes which was received earlier in the day advising of his resignation with immediate effect as Chairman of Mostyn Community Council for personal reasons. Cllr. Hughes still wishes to carry on his duties as a Councillor for Mostyn Community Council.

Cllr. D Roney and members unanimously agreed to write to thank Cllr. Hughes for his work and commitment over the last 11 years as Chairman.

Cllr. D Roney will be acting Chairman for the meeting and an agenda item for the position of Chair will be on the September agenda.

RESOLVED: That the clerk write to thank Cllr. Hughes, for his 11 years as Chair to Mostyn Community Council.

3. To consider the minutes of the last Meeting 19 June 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising from the last minutes

Cllr. Heesom updated members of County's decision to refuse the planning application planning reference N0. 052119.

5. Chairman's Communications

Cllr. Roney requested a letter provided to him by Cllr Hughes from Mr R E Hazlehurst, Chairman of the Management Committee, Mostyn Community Centre which would be dealt with under clerk's correspondence.

6. Guest Speaker Helen Jones, Flintshire County Council - Older People's Strategy Co-ordinator and Karen Crane, Age Connects. To provide feedback on the Rural North survey on loneliness and isolation and how the community council can become involved.

Cllr Roney welcomed Helen Jones and Karen Crane to the meeting.

Both speakers provided an overview of their work with older people, which was part of the Ageing Well Project aimed at supporting older people to age well. Helen reported that findings suggest loneliness and isolation have found to have similar symptoms as those who

smoke and the impact on health and social services. In particular they have identified in their targeted work of rural areas transport lacking for older people.

Energy Advice Centre sent out a leaflet to 3,250 houses about keeping warm and this linked into questions about loneliness and isolation.

They wish to raise awareness of forthcoming events which can help to bring older people together in an effort to help them maintain independence. Karen Crane provided an overview of services offered although she noted some do not extend to North Rural Flintshire. Age Connects hope to fund a part time development worker for these communities and await an outcome from the Gwynt Y Mor fund in Autumn 2017.

County Cllr. Heesom suggested a consideration may be an approach to Mostyn Community Council when planning for future events for financial assistance toward transport for older people.

Cllr. Angela Tattum enquired about the use of volunteers. Carol Crane reported they do use volunteers together with social enterprise schemes.

Cllr. Debbie Seddon stated she could possibly assist with a leaflet drop or perhaps the voluntary car scheme may help people to future events.

Cllr. Gibbons enquired about people accessing events in scooters and wheelchairs. Age Connects would not exclude anyone.

Information was left for Councillors including a forthcoming event creating connections community get together events in July in Gronant and Mostyn Community Centre. Places can be booked by calling 08450 549969 or emailing info@acnew.org.uk by 14 July 2017. Although this deadline has passed places can still be booked.

Cllr. Roney thanked the guest speakers for their attendance and reaffirmed Mostyn Community Councils willingness to support them with their endeavours.

7. Streetscene Matters

7a Consider a letter from Mr Derrick Charlton re. Streetscene co-ordinators - attendance at Town and Community Council meetings.

The clerk reported on a letter from Mr Derrick Charlton at Streetscene advising of a recent review of area co-ordinators attendance at town and community councils which after consideration a suggestion of quarterly attendance was thought sufficient. Members accepted this and acknowledged the increasing demands on Streetscene.

County Councillor Heesom reported he had submitted the feedback to Flintshire County Council from the June meeting regarding the Road Speed Review being conducted by County.

A summary of matters raised:

From the June meeting was the street light at the end of Penrho owned by County?

Cllr. Jones reported large circular grids had been lifted and remained higher than the pavements and have created a trip hazard in some places including 44 Ffordd Ddyrdwy. She believed work had taken place on them recently and they may not be back in place properly.

Cllr. Gibbons reported the walk way from 21 Ffordd- Y- Ffynnon to Fford Pennant is very overgrown.

Councillors discussed the progress of the speed calming measures at the bottom end of Hafod Y Ddol Road.

County Councillor Heesom has further information regarding the recently discussed PSPO should people require further information.

Cllr. Debbie Seddon enquired about the progress being made with Wirral view and the young children who play on the road. The clerk reported that Cllr. Angela Tattum had recently sent detail for the letter which will be sent.

8. Police Matters

The clerk reported on an update sent from PC Kelly French-Jones who was unable to attend.

Police have successfully identified those responsible for driving around the estate on their off road motorbikes. They have been dealt with accordingly.

No further reports of problems from the school since the cameras installed. PCSO Matt Griffiths has issued yellow cards to a number of youths.

Reports of deliberate ignitions to hay bales and in the area including the bowling green. The farmer has been instructed to collect the bales and the Police are discussing with the council to secure the fence. Patrols have been conducted and fire information appeal posters erected and any assistance to identify the offenders would be helpful.

Prior to the discussion about Mostyn Lodge Councillor T Conway left the room.

Cllr. Gibbons has received reports from residents about concerns regarding a young man from Mostyn Lodge hanging around school. Another man, again from Mostyn Lodge outside the shop collecting cigarette ends. Cllr. Evans spoke to a resident who lives close by to Mostyn Lodge concerned about smoking drugs. As there was not a response from the police and crime commissioner it was proposed by Cllr Debbie Seddon and seconded by County Councillor Roney that the clerk writes to David Hanson MP.

RESOLVED: That the clerk to write to David Hanson MP with regard to members continued concerns about Mostyn Lodge.

9. Community Street Lighting Matters – Feedback from Zurich Insurance on street lighting cover.

The clerk reported back from the June meeting her discussion with Zurich Insurance that £100 excess would need to be paid on such a claim for lighting.

The clerk also informed members that 3 street lights have been smashed outside of the old police station and she has reported this to PC Kelly French Jones who will patrol the area.

Members discussed the replacement of the community lights at Lletty woods and it was proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded by Cllr. Evans that due to their vandalism several times in recent years they would not be replaced in an area that is infrequently used by residents.

Community lighting will be an Agenda Item in September 2017.

10. Discussion regarding Maes Pennant Dr's Surgery re. a letter considering closure.

Cllr. Debbie Seddon referred to a letter she had received regarding the proposed closure of Maes Pennant, Dr's Surgery, Mostyn.

County Councillor Heesom reported he was aware that in the past there have been reports of limited usage and residents have previously been advised to use it or lose it.

It was proposed by County Councillor Heesom and unanimously agreed that the clerk write asking for it not to be closed in view of the pending housing development in Mostyn and surrounding areas.

A suggestion the clerk contact Llanasa Community Council to share their concerns.

11. To consider Mostyn Sports and Leisure Group request for match funding to commission an independent consultant to provide feasibility studies for the future use of the former bowling green and the proposal of a youth facility within Mostyn.

All 3 members of Mostyn Sports and Leisure Group (MSLG) have been granted a dispensation from Flintshire County Council Standards Committee until 3 July 2018. This enables them to speak at meetings of the Community Council and answer questions about the issue. All 3 members will leave the room prior to any vote on the subject.

The clerk reported Cllr. Roney, Cllr Angela Tattum and Cllr. Gibbons have been awarded dispensation to speak but not to vote at the meeting in relation to Mostyn Sports and Leisure Group.

Cllr. Roney commenced the discussion reporting that the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) had been very slow in its progression. Initially they made enquiries into the Youth Club next to the school again this was very slow in progressing and now he understands it is going to be demolished. A CAT transfer was agreed on two items but at stage 1 an officer from Flintshire County Council informed him they were unlikely to consider unless Mostyn Community Centre was included too. Cllr. Debbie Seddon requested the officer's name. MSLG reported no one else put in for Mostyn Community Centre and so they applied and formed a registered charity.

The sports field and bowling green have been through various hoops and stages and are now at stage 3 and contracts are waiting to be signed.

In addition, Helen Williams at Cadwyn Clwyd reported they have funds they wished to spend and they would need to complete work on Mostyn resident's needs. There was never a view to close Mostyn Community Centre.

The clerk read out a letter from Mr R E Hazlehurst, Chairman of Mostyn Community Centre Management Committee who wished to inform Mostyn Community Council the Management Committee have now applied for Mostyn Community Centre under the Community Asset Transfer scheme. Stage 1 has been accepted and it is now at stage 2 of the process. The letter further states that the application from MSLG has been put on hold until a decision is reached by the CAT panel as to which application would be supported to proceed further in the process.

In light of this information, Cllr. Heesom suggested this item be adjourned and this was seconded by Cllr. Williams and that this is an item on September's agenda.

RESOLVED: That the Community Asset Transfers in Mostyn be an item on the September Agenda.

The clerk circulated dispensation forms to members of Mostyn Community Centres Management Committee for completion and submission to her before September to enable them to speak but not vote on issues concerning the community asset transfer of Mostyn Community Centre.

12. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

Information received on Flintshire Active Travel Integrated Network Map Proposals <http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Streetscene/Active-Travel-Integrated-Network-Map-Consultaton.aspx> or Flintshire County Councils website. www.flintshire.gov.uk

County Cllr. Heesom urged Councillors to look at the above information.

SP Energy Networks – Partnership Opportunities. The clerk read out a letter from Rebecca Naughton who was requesting how SP Energy networks can work in partnership and promote their hotline so people know who to report a power cut to in the event they happen and for the community council to join their SP energy network to receive quarterly information .

Councillors agreed this would be a good idea.

RESOLVED: That the clerk make contact with SP Energy Networks.

The clerk read out a letter received from Mr R E Hazlehurst re. 19 June 2017 Community Council meeting in it he made 3 main points: about procedure being adhered to and the Chairman following the agenda and as a discussion which he perceived turned into a verbal attack on Cllr. V Williams by some councillors which contravenes the Code of Conduct.

Secondly, a query in relation to councillors organising events involving raffle tickets. The clerk suggested these councillors liaise with Flintshire County Council licensing before raffle tickets are sold again.

Thirdly, Mr R E Hazlehurst stated members of the community could have supported Alder Hey Children's hospital being well known but many had not heard of an organisation called Mostyn Community. Cllr. Jane Jones informed the meeting the group is called Mostyn Colts Community. As the resident Mr R E Hazlehurst was sat in the public gallery with his permission the clerk pointed him out and suggested the conversation continued after the meeting.

Letter from Mr R E Hazlehurst, Chairman of Mostyn Community Centre Management Committee. To advise the management committee of Mostyn Community Centre have applied for the Centre under the Community Asset Transfer scheme. This item was dealt with under item 11.

For consideration - document from One Voice Wales – Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils.

County Councillor Heesom suggested there was a similar document recently produced by The Society for Local Council Clerks and it was proposed we consider both documents before adopting the One Voice Wales Model. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams.

RESOLVED: To consider One Voice Wales the model local resolution document and the Society of Local Council Clerks document at a future community council meeting.

The clerk read out the preferred Strategy briefing detailing the Local Development Plan event on Tuesday 25 July 2017 should members wish to attend.

The clerk had attended the SLCC 1 day conference and provided brief feedback on the event which enables liaison with other fellow clerks. In 2017/2018 further focus on the financial audit will be on town and community council reserve levels which in some cases are unacceptably high noted an officer from the audit office. The clerk confirmed Mostyn Community Council financial reserves are within the recommended limits.

Additional Training Date for Members of Town and Community Councils.
Thursday 14 September 2017, 6.00pm, Clwyd Room, County Hall, Mold.

RESOLVED: That the clerk book 4 places provisionally.

New Councillors would advise the clerk nearer to the time if they are unable to attend.

13. 1st Quarter Budget Monitoring (April – June 2017)

The clerk circulated the 1st quarterly budget against expenditure.

Cllr. Roney asked if the clerk was happy with the current financial position.

She noted the Summer Play Scheme of £900 and Playground Equipment £3,000 in 2017/2018 a further £3,000 would come out of reserves as this was not spent in 2016/2017 as it was anticipated work would start in the last financial year and did not.

Cllr, Jones asked why Mostyn Community Council only participated for 3 weeks of the summer Playscheme. The clerk explained as Mostyn community council had not participated in the scheme for some years councillors wanted to see how it went following which councillors can review this next year.

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

Planning Application Ref 052119 – Solar fires, Coast Road, Mostyn requesting a section 215 notice to be served by Flintshire County Council now a decision to refuse the planning application has been issued.

RESOLVED: That the clerk contact Flintshire County Council Planning Enforcement following the decision to refuse this application and request a section 215 notice be served on the owner.

Planning Ref: 057128 Proposal: Creation of footpath linking the current all wales coast path at Warwick View Point to Dock Road. Location: Warwick International Ltd, Dock Road, Mostyn, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 9HE.

RESOLVED: No objections

16. To approve payments to be made

17. To approve the Chair and Vice Chairman to be authorise to undertake urgent action required during the recess period. Cllr. D Roney and Cllr. D Seddon will be the councillors to take any urgent action required during the recess period.

Any transfer of asset decision required by the community council would be postponed until after the recess period.

16. To approve accounts

RESOLVED:

Jul-17					
(DD)	Pension	NEST			47.84
101559	Scottish Power	electricity			281.82
SO	Kay Roberts	salary			476.00
101560	Kay Roberts	expenses			58.36
101561	Deeco Lighting	Rechargeable materials			165.60
101562	SLCC	Annual renewal			54.00
101563	HMRC	PAYE			52.32
101564	Deeco lighting	Quarter payment			1427.89

The meeting closed at 9.06pm.