

Minutes of the meeting of Mostyn Community Council held in Mostyn Community Centre on Monday 18 September 2017.

Present: Councillors T Conway, Cllr. J B Hughes, County Councillor P Heesom, David Roney, Dave Seddon, Debbie Seddon, A Tattum, V Williams.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Jane Jones. Non-attendance Cllr. P Gibbons and Cllr. J Evans

In attendance: Mrs K L Roberts – Clerk

2. **To extend the Community Council's official thanks to Councillor Brynmor Hughes who has resigned as Chairman of Mostyn Community Council after 11 years of voluntary service.**

Councillor Roney, presented Cllr. Brynmor Hughes with a shield to commemorate his long standing service as Chair of Mostyn Community Council and expressed thanks for his work for the community council.

3. **To receive nominations for the position of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Position of Chair

Cllr V Williams nominated Cllr. Debbie Seddon for the position of Chair, this was seconded by County Councillor Patrick Heesom.

Cllr. A Tattum nominated Cllr Dave Roney for the position of Chair, this was seconded by Cllr. Brynmor Hughes.

Councillor Debbie Seddon received a majority vote and was duly elected Chair of Mostyn Community Council.

Position of Vice Chair

Councillor V Williams nominated Cllr. Dave Seddon as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by County Councillor Patrick Heesom.

No other nominations for Vice Chair were received.

Councillor Dave Seddon received a majority vote and was duly elected Vice Chairman of Mostyn Community Council.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Debbie Seddon duly signed her declaration of office for the position of Chair.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Dave Seddon duly signed his declaration of office for the position of Vice Chair.

The clerk signed both declarations of office.

4. **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.

5. **To consider the minutes of the last meeting 17 July 2017**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by council and signed as an accurate record by the Chair.

Matters arising from the last minutes:

Item 11 Cllr. D Seddon, reported that Neil Cockerton's department representative would not have given the advice to proceed with the inclusion of Mostyn Community Centre alongside the football pitch and bowling green to improve a likelihood of success. Cllr. Roney responded to say it did not involve Neil Cockerton.

Item 11 The clerk asked County Councillor Heesom if he could furnish her with the other local resolution document from the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) on local resolution as this had not come from SLCC on her request. County Councillor Heesom advised it was a local authority document.

Item 15 The clerk reported she had contacted Mr Mark Jones, Flintshire County Council enforcement about the community councils request for a section 215 notice to be served on the owner of solar fires. Mr Jones had returned her call and left a message, she will make contact again.

6. Chairman's Communications

Cllr. Debbie Seddon reported the play scheme part funded by the community council was well received and thanked Cllr. J Jones for her assistance with the scheme.

7. Police Matters

The clerk reported PCSO Susan Page has requested any voluntary assistance from people to assist with a Halloween event on 4 November for young people at Mostyn Community Centre, she has applied to the Police and Community Trust for some funding and previously this was paid into the community council account. She also requested if any financial assistance would be available from Mostyn Community Council.

RESOLVED: That this be placed on the October's agenda.

PSCO Susan Page be invited to the next meeting.

Cllr. Conway reported stones being thrown at windows in the village. In Fford Pandarus a window was smashed. Councillors are encouraging those affected to come forward.

RESOLVED: That the clerk to raise this with the Police.

Cllr. Dave Seddon reported on an article he had read in the Daily Post at Mostyn Docks where people have been trying to saw cables to obtain copper and this has disrupted the train service. Concern expressed about the danger of this activity.

8. Streetscene Matters

The clerk reported Nigel Seaberg's response to matters raised at the last meeting:

Ownership is being clarified for the street light at Penrho

Grids reported are now sitting straight.

The overgrown walk way to Ffordd Y Ffynnon to Ffordd Pennant has been passed to housing as this is not adopted and therefore not covered by Streetscene.

County Councillor Heesom reported work is taking place on overgrown passage ways.

Discussion about traffic calming and lack of parking space in the community. This will be an agenda item for October 2017.

County Councillor Heesom reported some of the previous proposals to traffic calm were not supported by residents. Suggestions of sleeping policemen and a round a bout did not meet with any agreement. A suggestion that a part of Hafod Y Dol is blocked off and made 1 way. There appears to be support for some kind of one way system though route.

Cllr. Hughes said people not living in Penrho are parking there and this needs to be looked at by County. He suggested garages have been taken down and can this space to be utilised as parking space?

In particular, there is a lack of parking space in Ffordd Ddyfrdwy, Ffordd Pennant, Penrho and Ffordd Pandarus. The Community Council agreed people in the community need to be involved in the discussions.

The bin day being on Saturday does not help when more cars are parked at home.

RESOLVED: That the clerk make enquiries about a change of bin day to a week day with Flintshire County Council.

The clerk reported Derrick Charlton has responded to say the community council's request for fencing at Wirral View due to concerns for children who play there was not possible. He noted the community council concerns but states "given the verge is a designated highway verge and not a play area, the authority does not have the budget or indeed a policy for fencing off highway verges."

9. Community Street Lighting Matters

The clerk reported on submission of lighting faults to the local authority by Cllr. Williams and Cllr Roney. More information on their exact location may be required.

Unfortunately, Deeco lighting has reported a number of lights shot out in Mostyn again by an air raffle, an invoice and their location to follow. Councillors expressed disappointment at this needless vandalism which costs money to repair.

10. Mostyn Sports and Leisure Group and Community Asset Transfer Update

The clerk reported she had been advised by Matthew Georgiou, Deputy Monitoring Officer at County submission of a dispensation request for Mostyn Community Centre members was premature as yet they had not requested any finance form Mostyn Community Council.

Cllr Roney stated any money for the development of a professional business plan would go to Cadwyn Clwyd not Mostyn Sports and Leisure Group.

County Cllr. Heesom raised his concerns about Flintshire County Council's alternative delivery model which has developed into what it is now with transfer of assets being available.

Following a discussion by councillors it was agreed to adjourn this matter until the October Agenda when more information may be available.

11. Clerk's update and correspondence

Letter from the Pensions Regulator – The clerk updated the community council on correspondence and would liaise further with the Chair on this matter.

Invite to Civic Service, the English Methodist Church, Kings Street, Leeswood 24 September 2017 at 2.30pm

RESOLVED: The clerk to give apologies

Response letter in relation to closure of the branch surgery from Mrs A Harwood, Practice Manager at Pennant Surgery. The consultation period closed on 30 June 2017 and closure of Mostyn and Penyffordd branch surgeries was confirmed on 28 September 2017. Alternative sessions will take place at Holywell surgery to all Pennant Surgery patients. Home visits will also be available to those who are housebound living in Mostyn and Penyffordd.

Response Letter from Mr David Hanson MP in relation to Mostyn Lodge. Mr David Hanson MP assures councillors the ongoing issue of Mostyn Lodge is something the police are monitoring with mutual agreement of the owner, they have no say in who resides there. This is due to the respective councils i.e. Flintshire, Conway and Denbighshire who have a duty of care to provide people with accommodation whilst their application is reviewed.

On occasion North Wales police can oppose a placement in exceptional circumstances. The Police stress they have no influence in what the newspapers print and cannot prevent the mention of "residing at Mostyn Lodge". The Police find that individuals who reside at Mostyn Lodge migrate back to where they have come from to commit crime and there has been no influx of crime in Mostyn due to Mostyn Lodge.

RESOLVED: That the clerk to enquire with the police what is defined as "exceptional circumstances".

Update on the new community council website www.mostyn-council.wales

The clerk updated members on progress with the website and noted an invoice. She asked all councillors to check their personal details on the website and give feedback, if changes are required. Also if there are any local pictures which can be placed on the website to forward to her, to give the website a community feel.

The Chair and Vice Chair wish to attend 2nd Oct meeting of the Standards Committee with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in attendance.

One Voice Wales Conference and Annual General Meeting 30 September 2017 Royal Welsh Showground.

Email from Richard Blake, Flintshire County Council who is working with the Welsh Government of standardisation of child/burial fees. Asking for an indication of which community councils act as a burial authority for their records.

RESOLVED: That the clerk confirms Mostyn to not have any responsibilities in this area.

Letter from the Welsh Assembly: Clustering - Funding to support the initial setting up of joint arrangements with other Town and Community Councils. The clerk will circulate this letter and ask for feedback within the deadline. The clerk reported she believed the proposed joint working meeting by Holywell Town Council is the precursor for clustering.

RESOLVED: Councillors to provide any feedback to the clerk.

The clerk reported on the Public Engagement Events with Flintshire County Council which provide an opportunity for Colin Everett, Leader of the Council to meet with community organisations, businesses and local people to discuss and debate challenges facing the council along with how communities can get involved to protect services they value. Thursday 26 October 2017, Maes Y Felin, Holywell 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Buckley Town Council – Mayors Charity Concert Sunday 12 November 2017 7.30pm at St Matthew's Church, 7.30pm.

RESOLVED: Information noted, no further action required.

Flintshire and Wrexham Area Committee will take place at Gwersyllt Community Resource Centre, 21 September 2017 at 7.00pm.

12. Planning Matters

The clerk reported having received no hard copies of planning applications. However, she had looked at Flintshire County Council's planning portal and updated councillors with the following information.

During August the planning application 057128 was approved Warwick International Ltd – the creation of a footpath linking the all Wales coast path at Warwick View Point to Dock Road.

Planning Application 057439 was available to view Maes Y Delyn, Rhewl, Mostyn CH8 9QE – non material amendment to planning application 053146 revised window positions.

13. To receive and approve the Annual Return and report from BDO external accountants for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The clerk reported on the receipt of the audited annual return for the year ended 31 March 2017 and made available the report from BDO which noted two minor issues relating to annual updating of the asset register and the entering of the minute reference date for the approval of last year's return.

The Notice of Completion of Audit was circulated to councillors and placed on the community centre notice board.

RESOLVED: That the external audit report be accepted.

That thanks be provided to the clerk for her work.

14. To approve payments to be made

15. To receive items for the 16 October 2017 agenda – as per the minutes.

16. To approve accounts

RESOLVED: August/September

August DD	Pension	NEST			47.84
SO	Kay Roberts	Salary			476.00
101565	Kay Roberts	expenses			58.36
DD	Scottish Power	electricity			291.31
September					
DD	Pension	NEST			47.84
DD	Scottish Power	electricity			291.31
SO	Kay Roberts	Salary			476
101566	Wales Audit Office	audit fee			202.05
101567	FCC	play equipment			6000
101568	K Roberts				46.76
101569	Deeco lighting	LED lantern			474
101570	K Roberts	expenses			46.76
101571	HMRC	PAYE			55.60

The meeting closed at 9.06pm.