

Minutes of the meeting of Mostyn Community Council held in Mostyn Community Centre on Monday 20 November 2017.

Present: Councillors T Conway, County Councillor P Heesom, Angela Tattum, David Roney, Dave Seddon, Debbie Seddon, V Williams.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr. Evans, Cllr. J B Hughes, Cllr. P Gibbons, Cllr. Evans, Cllr. J Jones - Resigned 31 October 2017

In attendance: Mrs K L Roberts – Clerk Public Gallery - 6 people

- 2. To record declarations of interest from members**
None.

- 3. To consider the minutes of the last meeting 16 October 2017**

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

4. Chairman's Communications

The Chair gave brief feedback on a recently attended Community Engagement Event she had attended in Holywell with the Vice Chairman. The clerk had attended a similar event in Mold.

The chair provided a picture of the deficit Flintshire County Council are looking at for the financial year 2018/2019 which presented a bleak picture. The Chair encouraged everyone to get involved and to attend an event to enable them to obtain the bigger picture of the challenges Flintshire is facing.

County Councillor Heesom expressed his concerns about loss of rights for residents should providers of services change for example if the nature of the service changes this also can present a shift in the democratic position of services.

County Councillor Heesom also mentioned changes to Parliamentary Constituencies with Mostyn coming under Flint and Rhudllan.

The Chair and Clerk had also attended the inaugural meeting of West Flintshire Town and community Councils joint working forum in October which are likely to be held quarterly. This is the start of looking at how we can work together on joint issues affected our communities and has potential to have a stronger voice for matters across the County.

Chairing skills Training Course with One Voice Wales had been attended by Cllrs. Dave and Debbie Seddon which they had found worthwhile.

5. Police Matters

The clerk had received an email from PC Kelly French Jones this morning who wished to advise the operation bang disco for young people in Mostyn was very successful.

The clerk reported the police have been made aware of the area where community council owned street lights have been vandalised and they will patrol there. The clerk was asked to enquire with Deeco lighting about protective unbreakable covers to street lighting.

Nothing further to report.

6. Streetscene Matters – Mr Nigel Seaberg was in attendance

Community Lighting – Cllr. Williams reported lights out at Fford Aber x2 and Fford Pennant which she understood were County owned.

Other community council lights out included Lime Bank Road and Penrho.

Nigel Seaberg advised the clerk there would be a small charge for erection of the notice board in Rhewl. The clerk has not had estimates from a local joiner as agreed. Therefore she will circulate an example of notice boards from a company to councillors for their consideration.

Discussion on recent proposals by County to charge £30 for brown bin collection. Concerns were expressed by Cllr. Conway that this may lead to increases in fly tipping. Councillor Heesom confirmed this would commence from April 2018.

RESOLVED: The clerk would report the community council lights to Deco lighting for repair.

7. Chairman's Allowance

Cllr. Debbie Seddon wished to make a proposal that the former annual Chairman's Allowance should not be recouped due to Councillor Hughes exceptional length of service. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Angela Tattum. In future, each case, should a Chair finish part way through the year will be considered on its own merit.

However, Cllr. Roney proposed that if a councillor dies the community council would not seek to recoup any of the allowance.

The existing Chair, Debbie Seddon, will receive a pro rata amount for 2017/2018 since her commencement in the role from September 2017.

This was agreed by majority vote.

RESOLVED: The Chairman's Allowance from Cllr. B Hughes would not be recouped following his resignation.

Cllr. Debbie Seddon current Chair will receive a pro rata amount since she commenced as Chair in September 2017 until the end of the term.

Should a Chair resign part way through the year, each case would be treated on its own merit.

Should a councillor die there would be no effort made to recoup any part of the Chairs allowance for time not served.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

Cllr. Debbie Seddon requested an amendment of an error under Summer Playscheme which read £13,309 to £1,309.

County Councillor Heesom provided a map plan of proposals for traffic calming measures including zebra crossings and a one way system to Hafod Y Ddol which were received favourably when Cllr. Dave Seddon had spoken with residents. This will now be submitted to County.

8. Remembrance Day

In the absence of Cllr. Hughes, Cllr. Debbie Seddon informed members there was a good attendance this year, seeing more community councillors and a lovely service at Mostyn Church.

The clerk had purchased a wreath on behalf of Mostyn Community Council which was presented by Cllr. B Hughes.

Streetscene Matters – at the chair’s discretion taken earlier in the agenda at item 6.

9. Improvements to children’s play areas 2017/2018 update following councillors meeting with Mr Richard Roberts of Aura Play and Leisure Services with councillors at Swanfields, Rhewl.

Cllrs. had met with Mr Richard Roberts from Aura Play and Leisure at Swanfields Play Area, Rhewl they had discussed options for new play equipment. The clerk was asked by Cllr. Debbie Seddon to contact Mr Roberts who was asked to send further ideas.

RESOLVED: The clerk contact Mr Richard Roberts re. Play equipment.

10. Update on Community Asset Transfers in Mostyn

Cllr. Roney reported that he had not responded to the clerks email earlier in the week requesting clarification on Mostyn Sports and Leisure Group’s (MSLG) position as he wanted to wait for the outcome of a meeting with MSLG members toward the end of the month.

Cllr. Debbie Seddon asked Mr Hazelhurst, Chairman of Mostyn Community Centre who was sat in the public gallery for an update on Mostyn Community Centre Management Committee application to transfer Mostyn Leisure Centre. Mr Hazelhurst informed the community council that their application was reviewed by Flintshire County Council on 1 November 2017 and they have now moved to stage 3, legal completion and this should be signed in the near future.

This agenda item will be placed on the January 2018 agenda to ensure the community council is kept up to date with progress in this area.

11. Community Council vacancy following the resignation of Cllr. Jane Jones from the Mostyn ward. Clerk to advise of procedure for vacancy.

The clerk reported the receipt of an email from Cllr. Jane Jones who noted with deepest regret she will be resigning her position, she is moving and will not be travelling back to Mostyn.

Cllr. Vera Williams asked that a note of thanks be sent to Cllr. Jane Jones.

RESOLVED: That the clerk send an expression of thanks to Cllr. Jane Jones on behalf of the community council.

The clerk reported she had received 3 expressions of interest from a Gemma Gibbons, Bob Hazelhurst and Pamela Banks to date.

The clerk explained the process for advertising the vacancy and explained the vacancy notice will go up on the notice board and on the community council website.

12. Clerk’s update and correspondence

Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) draft consultation document 2018/2019 – comments by 29 November 2017 <http://gov.wales/irpwsb/home/publication-reports/financial-year-2018-19/?lang=eng>

Councillors agreed they did not wish to claim the individual proposed mandatory allowances of £150 and that this should not be being considered as mandatory.

Cllr. Debbie Seddon informed members she agreed with the travelling costs reimbursement.

RESOLVED: The clerk will convey these comments to the IRP.

Letter from PA to Neal Cockerton, Theresa Greenhough, Organisational Change. Acknowledgement relating to the community councils concerns about the state of disrepair of the Youth Club in Mostyn.

The clerk updated members on an acknowledgement letter from Neil Cockerton, Organisational Change from the letter sent about community councils concerns about the Youth Centre. The letter dated 23 October noted a response in 10 working days.

Cllr. Dave Seddon reported a delay in action to demolish the Youth Club is preventing work taking place to tarmac the school grounds as the school does not want to commence this work until a decision is taken on the Youth Club.

Pre-Deposit Proposals Public Consultation (Preferred Strategy) - Flintshire Local Development Plan 2015 -2016. Consultation from 9 November 2017 to 21 December 2017 with all relevant documents on Flintshire County Councils website.

The clerk circulated the above information – councillors agreed to submit any responses either via the clerk or individually before 21 December 2017.

Letter from Helen Jones, Older People's Strategy Co-ordinator in response the creating connections event held in Rural North.

The clerk reported on a letter from Mrs Helen Jones, Older People's Strategy Co-ordinator giving an update following an event in July 2017 which resulted in a small attendance. Councillors thought this event could have been better advertised. Mrs Jones is requesting a link person from the community council going forward. Cllr Vera Williams volunteered to be this link person and feedback on developments to the community council.

The clerk also advised Mrs Jones has heard their application for a development worker for the rural north to develop and promote activities for older people has been successful.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Vera Williams', act as the link person between the Older Peoples Strategy Co-ordinator and their events and the Community Council. This was Proposed by County Councillor Heesom and seconded by Cllr. Dave Seddon.

13. Planning Matters

The clerk made members aware of Pre-Deposit Proposals Public Consultation (Preferred Strategy) – Flintshire Local Development Plan 2015 – 2016. Consultation from November 2017 to 21 December 2017 with all relevant documents being found on Flintshire County Council website.

RESOLVED: The councillors advise the clerk of any comments/feedback they wish to give prior to the deadline.

Planning Application 057677 Proposal: Change of use from transport and distribution facility to mixed B1, B2 and B8 use (retrospective). Location: Transport Depot Glan Y Don, Mostyn, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 9DZ circulated 6/11/17

There were questions requiring clarification including a description of the waste and how are Flintshire planning to remove it. Who was given permission to place waste there? A stream is located close by yet the application states no nearby water. Potential for oil spillage concerns.

RESOLVED: The clerk will raise these questions with the relevant Planning Officer.

RESOLVED: No objections

Planning Ref 052119 Appeal Reference Number: APP/A6835/A/17/3185179 Appellants Name: Holywell Estates Ltd, Proposal development of a Hospital and Re-ablement Centre for people disadvantaged by an autistic spectrum disorder and/or learning disability, including proposed residential blocks and independent living building previously approved under planning permission 045395.

This application was previously objected to by Mostyn Community Council some years prior.

RESOLVED: The clerk contact the relevant planning officer and advise that the community council object, stand by their previous comments when the initial planning application was submitted.

14. To approve payments to be made

RESOLVED:

Nov-17					
	(DD)	Pension	NEST		47.84
	SO	Kay Roberts	Salary		476.00
	DD	Scottish Power	electricity		291.31
101577	Royal British Legion	Wreath	Rem.Day		18.00
101578	New Chair's Allowance	Debbie Seddon			200.00
101579	Deeco Lighting	New LED/Tan Y Derwen			528.00
101580	SLCC enterprises	Conference			82.80
101581	K.Roberts	expenses			46.76
101582	K.roberts	expenses			46.76
101583	HMRC	PAYE			55.60
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The second quarter Bank reconciliation was presented by the clerk which confirmed a balance carried forward of £36,632.99.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.