

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MOSTYN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2018**

**1. (A) To record attendance**

Councillors: S Calvert, D.E.Jones, B Hazlehurst, County Councillor P Heesom, Dave Seddon (Vice Chairman), D Roney, Debbie Seddon (Chair), Dave Seddon (Vice Chair) and V Williams.

**(B) To record apologies**

Councillors: I Davies, J B Hughes

**In attendance:** Mrs K L Roberts

**2. To record any declarations of interest from members**

**None.**

**3. Matters arising from the 15 October 2018 community council meeting**

County Cllr. Heesom – there is a commitment to resurface the road at Penrho following the gas installation works.

Cllr. Patrick Heesom reported he understood there are discussions with an industrial user about occupying the Former Alyn Works/solar fires site.

**4. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 15 October 2018**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes were approved as an accurate record and proposed by Cllr. Hazlehurst and seconded by Cllr Jones and signed by the Chair.

**5. Chairman's Communications.**

The Chair had attended the remembrance service. The Deacon conducted the service which was pleasant and a wreath was placed on behalf of MCC.

The Chair, Vice Chair and Cllr. Hazlehurst had attended County Forum where the review of Boundary Changes were discussed. The Chair reported no changes to MCC boundary. There is a 12 week consultation which is part of the consideration to reduce County Councillors from 70 to 63. There was also a presentation from North Wales Fire and Rescue Service about their current financial circumstances.

The clerk had circulated an A4 summary sheet from Flintshire County Councils website which gave their budget position from 2018/2019 and beyond. County Councillor Heesom expressed concern that there could be up to a 15% increase which may be passed on to the council tax payer.

Mr Ken Molyneux, the lay member from the Standards Committee at Flintshire County Council provided feedback at the Forum and noted he was pleased with the way Mostyn Community Council in particular had been chaired.

Social Media document to be circulated – The Chair noted once again not to rise to comments on social media. Page 44 provides some golden rules and suggested councillors made themselves familiar with it.

**6. To read out any expressions of interest received on the Community Councillor Vacancy and vote, a proposed and seconded new community councillor to sign a declaration of office as appropriate.**

The clerk reported no further expressions of interest in the time period. Therefore, Gemma Gibbons was proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded by Cllr. To be co-opted. Gemma will need to sign her declaration of office at the January 2019 meeting.

**RESOLVED: Gemma Gibbons be co-opted to Mostyn Community Council and invited to the 21 January 2019 meeting.**

**7. Streetscene Matters – Preparations for the coming winter. Response from Jon Hill, FCC Highways Officer regarding the state of repair on The Cob.**

The clerk read out an email from Mr J Hill who recently inspected the Cob and confirmed: *there is only one section of the track as you turn off the A548 to the railway bridge where remedial works will be undertaken, it was concluded that the remainder of the surface was in a suitable condition for its use as a public footpath. There is no obligation on the County Council to provide a surface suitable for vehicles, however residents or landowners possessing private rights of vehicular access who would like a higher standard of maintenance are entitled to make the access useable for their purposes at their own cost, providing the correct materials are used, but all works must be approved in advance by the Rights of Way Section. In some cases residents / landowners may actually prefer the access to remain fairly rough, as this reduces speeding and incidents of fly tipping.* Mr Hill would also advise that if any works were to be carried out on the flood embankment then the relevant landowner should be contacted and NRW consulted. This he states clarifies the Authority's position.

Members agreed they were dissatisfied with his response and asked the clerk to write to request attention is required along The Cob and express concern about any problems emergency vehicles would have. In addition, to clarify the max tonnage over the Glan Y Don bridge.

**RESOLVED: That the clerk contact Mr J Hill to express members' dissatisfaction with his response about the condition of The Cob and clarify weight/tonnage allowed.**

**Winter Maintenance** – in response to a letter from Mr Mark Middleton. The Chair asked councillors to check if the salt bins were being sufficiently maintained. The clerk was agreed as the nominee to receive details of gritting actions by Streetscene and 1 Community Snow Kit to be requested which would be stored in the Community Centre.

**RESOLVED: The clerk would be nominee to receive details of local gritting actions and circulate as appropriate. 1 Community Snow Kit to be requested.**

The path at Christchurch was noted as being dangerous and covered in leaves, particularly as a lot of older people use this path. Also the railings are loose. Dog fouling on the Glan Y Don fields.

**RESOLVED: The clerk to refer to the aforementioned issues to Mr N Seaburg, Streetscene Area Co-ordinator.**

Cllr. Roney expressed concern about vehicles not being MOT/taxed in Mostyn and said despite reporting this to County through Ms Ruth Cartwright, little action is taken. Cllr. Roney suggested Flintshire County Council taking action like Swansea County Council where an untaxed/without MOT vehicle can be clamped for a time period and then removed particularly when it is publicly owned land/highway.

**RESOLVED: That the clerk make contact with Ms. R Cartwright, Flintshire County Council about members concerns of untaxed/MOT vehicles in Mostyn on public owned land/highways.**

**8. Police Matters**

Members expressed disappointment at a lack of communication with the police, despite emails for updates. It was agreed the clerk write to the Chief Constable to express disappointment.

A couple of incidents of cats possibly being poisoned in the area

**RESOLVED: That the clerk write to the Chief Constable about a lack of communication/liaison from the local police.**

**9. Residents Matters – fireworks and livestock**

Cllr. Hazlehurst had received concerns from residents about people using local open spaces used for livestock for their fireworks etc and it was agreed a reminder be placed on the website in October 2019 asking for people to be careful/considerate when planning their displays.

**10. Update from The Lighting Replacement Sub Committee**

Cllr. Hazlehurst gave an update from the Lighting Sub Committee, there is a lot of work going on to identify community council owned/FCC owned lights, which may hopefully result in a reduction of our electricity charges once this information is updated and a new certificate received. It is hoped a meeting will take place in early 2019 with the current engineer from Deeco Lighting to clarify matters. 82 located to date not 86, 9 of which are now LEDS.

The Chair, thanked the lighting sub-committee for their work to date.

**11. To receive information for members to consider about defibrillators for the Mostyn area.**

The clerk had circulated information in advance of the meeting on 3 different providers of defibrillators. Members considered this information and after robust discussion the clerk was asked to follow up with Achub Calon Y Dyffryn? And invite their representative to give a demonstration/presentation at a meeting in February.

**12. To agree distribution of the Community Engagement Survey for 2018/2019.**

The Community Engagement Survey had been distributed in advance of the meeting and no further comments were made by members. It was agreed to make a small payment for expenses under £30.00 to each community volunteer (x 2 maximum) to distribute the surveys in Mostyn and Rhewl. The Chair had checked with Royal Mail about distribution. However, they would not be able to do this for 4/5 weeks.

**13. To distribute Mostyn Community Council financial assistance forms for charities and community groups for 2018/2019.**

The clerk circulated copies of the financial assistance forms to members and asked that they be completed and returned by the relevant organisations by 17 December 2018 for consideration at the January 2019 meeting. Members to note which organisations they were taking them on behalf of on a list with the forms, they individually would be responsible for ensuring the applications reached the relevant organisation.

**14. To consider an update to Mostyn Community Councils website – Councillor Bob Hazlehurst**

Cllr Hazlehurst reported he had been approached by Mrs Helen Jones, Older Peoples Strategy Co-ordinator at Flintshire County Council to see if they can provide a section on the community council website about their work/events etc. After discussion, and cost implications for the community council, members decided this would not be cost effective and other community councils have found in particular this was not accessed regularly by the public for information. Cllr. Hazlehurst will feed back to Mrs Jones that Mostyn Community Council would be happy to have a link through to their website but not a specific section.

**15. Review of Clerk’s wages (The clerk left the room during this discussion)**

The clerk had circulated a letter in advance of the meeting on her key responsibilities as clerk to the council and responsible financial officer to aid members understanding of her role.

It was agreed to move the clerk from point 23 to point 24 £22,401 pro rata for 11 hours per week. The Chair noted that this is based on scales issued for 2018/2019. As the increases are not usually published until April 2019, the necessary adjustment will be made once known.

A further adjustment will be made to bring the clerk’s pay in line with the current scale 23.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to increase to the clerks pay to point 24 on the NJC Scales, pro rata for 11 hours per week. The Chair to liaise with the clerk on the necessary pay adjustment required.**

**16. Clerk’s Update and Correspondence**

Electoral review – Local Democracy and Boundary Commission Update (agenda item 5)

**17. Planning Applications (A) Planning Decisions**

Planning Reference: 059118, Warwick International Ltd, Coast Road, Mostyn, Holywell, CH8 9HE. PROPOSAL: Extension of an existing high voltage substation in order to provide better access to the plant inside and to meet current regulations. **RESOLVED: No objections.**

Reference: 058359 Old Tavern, Llanerch-Y-Mor, Holywell, CH8 9DX Proposal: Change of use from land to touring caravan/tent site. Correspondence received on public speaking at the planning and development control committee.

The clerk had brought a letter for information saying this application was going before the planning and development Control Committee. No objections were brought to the community councils attention at the meeting.

**18. Approval of accounts for payment.**

<b>November</b>					
(DD)	Pension				47.84
SO	Kay Roberts				579.19
(DD)	Scottish Power				291.66
101632	FCC	Summer Playscheme			2,220
101633	PAYE	HMRC			7.40
101634	Kay Roberts	Back Pay			94.52

**19. Next Meeting 21 January 2019, 7.00pm at Mostyn Community Centre.**