

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MOSTYN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 21 January 2019

1. (A) To record attendance

Councillors: S Calvert, I Davies, J B Hughes, G Gibbons (newly co-opted councillor) B Hazlehurst, County Councillor P Heesom, D.E.Jones, D Roney, Dave Seddon (Vice Chairman) Debbie Seddon (Chair).

(B) To record apologies

Councillor V Williams.

In attendance: Mrs K L Roberts

2. To record any declarations of interest from members

Relevant members left the room as necessary during item 12 if the amount being requested exceeded £500 and they were a member of the group requesting financial assistance.

3. Matters arising from the 19 November 2018 community council meeting

3a Mr T Hughes from Calon Y Dyffryn will attend the February 2019 meeting providing a demonstration of the defibrillator and members questions. 3b An update on the former Alyn Works/Solar Fires.

The clerk read an email from Jon Hill who advised the footpath has been placed on the maintenance programme when resources become available and that they will monitor the situation. No comment can be made on the signage on Glan Y Don Bridge with the weight limit as Network Rail erected them. The Chair, said the community council will monitor The Cob and no further action to be taken re. the signage.

A response from Ruth Cartwright, officer at Flintshire County Council (FCC) re. the no tax/mot on cars in Mostyn that FCC do not have powers to act on reports of no tax and mot.

Concerns continue about the ongoing state of disrepair of the Solar Fires building, which councillors are unhappy about given the response by FCC that they have been informed by their County Councillor Heesom about a potential development opportunity for the site. Councillors agreed this was unsatisfactory and the clerk in liaison with the chair to raise this matter with Hannah Blythyn Am in relation to a time scale for letting this potential development opportunity continue.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting

Item 15 - duplication in planning application number the clerk has amended to read 05287 for the 059198 for the port of Mostyn, coast road – change of use application.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record and proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Dave Seddon and signed by the Chair.

5. Chairman's Communications – feedback from West Flintshire Working Group, Mr J Hill's response, Rights of Way – The Cob and fly tipping and dumping of pheasants.

There will be a bi monthly Police meeting which members can attend. Jason Baker, Town Clerk for Holywell will keep Cllr. Debbie Gibbons informed. Update on making Holywell High Street to make un pedestrianised again at a cost to FCC of £800,000 which they are asking for community councils to support due to a reported 40% decrease in revenue for traders. Members agreed to supporting this. Another matter was a general consensus of a low response rate from officers of matters being raised by Town and Community Councils with County. County Councillor Heesom reported an introduction of a new digital system – ICT/computers and phones at County.

Discussions regarding the re-opening of Greenfield Railway are ongoing.

The Chair and clerk had sent various emails to Jon Hill, Rights of Way Officer about the

dumping of pheasants along the cob, which he advised had been removed. However, the Chair reported their removal was not completed fully as carcasses remained. The rural crime unit were informed. The clerk was requested to contact Warwick International to enquire if they would be supportive in acquiring CCTV for the area as a deterrent.

RESOLVED: The clerk to make enquires about acquiring CCTV for The Cob with Warwick International.

A councillor reported dumping of a number of foxes in Gronant.

The Chair and Vice Chair had attended the Christmas Pensioners meal at Mostyn Community Centre which was enjoyable.

6. To co-opt Mrs Gemma Gibbons, and sign the declaration of office.

The Chair, welcomed Gemma Gibbons as a newly co-opted councillor. Councillor Gemma Gibbons duly signed her declaration of office which was witnessed by the clerk.

RESOLVED: Councillor Gemma Gibbons was cop-opted to Mostyn Community Council and signed her declaration of office as witnessed by the clerk.

7. Streetscene – traffic calming and feedback request following residents survey on traffic control. 7a. Empty shops on the estate – to enquire about any action being taken.

Councillor Gemma Gibbons had requested the two agenda items at 8, she asked County Councillor Heesom what was happening with the results from the surveys. County Councillor Heesom reported County are reviewing the feedback and as a result some work is taking place i.e. dropped kerbs in Fford Pennant.

Councillor Gemma Gibbons expressed concern about the empty properties/shops at Fford Pennant and asked if the community council can find out their current status?

RESOLVED: That the clerk make enquiries with Mr N Cockerton about their status.

County Councillor Heesom reported some major housing development pending in the village and that there will be a major public consultation.

Report of lines fading between Ffynngroyw and the old station and no cats eyes on the roads. Lletty Hill Hotel – a listed building but in a poor state of repair with smashed windows and members of the public have complained.

Youth Club – County Councillor Heesom gave assurances some money has been found to demolish this building.

RESOLVED: That the clerk report the relevant matters to Mr N Seaburg at Streetscene.

8. Police Matters

The Chair reported if there is nothing significant for councillors to report she can understand why the police cannot justify attendance at monthly meetings. Members should report any concerns via 101 and not leave matters until the meetings.

An email from PC Kelly French Jones, no significant matters to report in the area. The clerk had circulated an email in between recess to advise that no incidents of cats had been reported to the police or RSPCA following a members comment at the November meeting. The clerk updated members on correspondence received from Chief Constable Foulkes

Cars parking causing obstruction on the zebra crossing by the chapel. The clerk will notify PC Kelly French Jones.

9. To receive, consider and approve the budget for 2019/2020.

The clerk as financial officer provided members with a spreadsheet which demonstrated a recommended allocation for each of the council budget headings for 2019-2020 based on previous spending. The clerk left the room during discussion of employee costs.

Following discussion of employee costs the clerk re-joined the meeting. The employee costs were agreed.

A discussion commenced on Members Allowances which previously had not been a specific budget heading year on year, this was agreed at £1,650 (£150 per annum per member). The clerk advised that unless she received an email/something in writing from a member foregoing part/all of the allowance the payment would be forwarded to the relevant member in May 2019. Members agreed there would be no specific addition to the budget for special responsibilities in 2019-2020.

Cllr. Hazlehurst provided an update on the lighting situation. He will be holding a meeting with the community councils own engineer at Deeco and FCC to ascertain specific lighting numbers which he believes are now at 82, 7 of which won't want replacing. A small reduction in electricity has been factored into the budget for when a new certificate is formalised the electricity should reduce. The suggested amount of £1,800 for replacement LED lights will remain, which may be used for this or to contribute toward a scheme such as SALIX to renew the lighting.

After review of the proposed budget and precept options for 2019-2020 it was agreed to submit the precept request for £32,000 as per 2018/2019.

Members agreed to "ring fence" some of the reserves for a capital project/defibrillator in the community 2019 -2020.

The clerk reported the reserves are at a reasonable level being between one third to one year's annual expenditure as per guidance.

RESOLVED: That the clerk submit the precept request for £32,000, to Flintshire County Council.

9a. Review of Clerk's wages - an update on what was agreed.

There was agreement by members present to the employee costs as presented during the budget session in line with NJC scale 24 pro rata of £23,401 (from NJC scale 23) for 11 hours per week. Other contributions: pension and expenses would remain the same.

RESOLVED: The clerks salary would remain at 11 hours per week at NJC scale 24.

10. Update from The Lighting Replacement Sub Committee

This was outlined in agenda item 9 during the budget discussions.

11. To receive, consider completed financial assistance forms and agree financial assistance for charities and community groups for 2018/2019.

The clerk provided a summary of information from organisations and community groups for councillors. After discussion and consideration the following financial assistance awards were resolved:

Estuary Voluntary Car Scheme £500
Proposed (P) County Councillor Heesom and Seconded (S) Debbie Seddon

Mostyn Monday Club £300
(P) Cllr. D Roney and (S) EJ

Mostyn Christ Church £200

(P) Cllr. B Hazlehurst (S) Cllr. Debbie Seddon.

Hebron United Reformed Church £250
(P) Cllr. S Calvert (S) Cllr G Gibbons

Mostyn Senior Citizens £500
(P) Cllr. B Hazlehurst (S) Cllr. Dave Seddon

Mostyn Community Centre £1750
(P) Cllr. P Heesom (S) Cllr. E Jones

Mostyn and District Gardening Club £250
(P) Cllr. P Heesom (S) Cllr. Debbie Seddon

Mostyn Arts & Crafts £250
(P) Cllr. P Heesom (S) Cllr. Dave Seddon

Flintshire Citizens Advice Bureau £250
(P) Cllr. Roney (S) Cllr. E Jones

Mostyn Revolutions Dancing £400
(P) Cllr. S Calvert (S) B Hazlehurst

RESOLVED: The clerk write to the organisations listed to inform them of the financial assistance awarded for their work in the community.

12. The Chairman, to provide an update on the community engagement survey.

The Chair reported 800 surveys were delivered by a small number of councillors and this has resulted in 40 returned (5% response rate). The Chair will summarise feedback for the next meeting.

13. Aura Leisure and Libraries, confirmation of match funding towards play equipment at Swanfields Play Area, Rhewl.

The clerk circulated information on equipment proposals from Mr Richard Roberts at Aura, and confirmed £3,000 contribution to match fund the £3,000 from Mostyn Community Council. It was agreed the Rhewl Councillors would meet with Mr Roberts to discuss the proposal and feedback at the February meeting.

14. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

Letter from Martin Bull, Welsh Government Finance and Partnerships division, Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2019/2020. The clerk briefed members on the new maximum expenditure limit that can be incurred under section 137 for the financial year 2019-2020 which is £8.12 per elector.

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

Planning Application Re No 059198 PROPOSAL: Change of use from cargo storage to form existing concrete caissons for use in marine construction projects. LOCATION: Port of Mostyn, Coast Road, Mostyn, Holywell, CH8 9HE. (No objections submitted during recess).

Planning Application Ref N0: 059287 PROPOSAL: Minor alternations to ground floor kitchen, front porch, proposed rear infill extension and change of use from stable to accommodation. LOCATION: Kilfinan, Llywn Ifor Lane, Whitford, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 9ER.

The clerk reported this application had been approved when she visited the planning portal. No further comments from members.

Abandon standing orders

Councillor Roney raised the matter about static caravans being sited near properties which may require planning consent. Members discussed this matter and requested the clerk clarify the requirement for caravans to have planning consent and in which circumstances with the

planning department.

RESOLVED: The clerk to make enquiries about the regulations for siting of caravans with the Planning department.

Reinstate standing orders.

16. To receive, consider and approve the Risk Assessment Document for Mostyn CC

The clerk had circulated this document for members consideration, members required further time to consider and comment and this will be a February agenda item.

17. Approval of accounts for payment. (Bank reconciliation – Oct, Nov, Dec 2018).

Bank reconciliation - Await statement, defer until a future meeting.

January					
(DD)	Pension	NEST			47.84
(DD)	Scottish Power	electric			291.66
SO	Kay Roberts	Pay			579.19
101635	Deeco lighting	Quarter charge			1379.89
101636	Estuary Vol Cars	financial Assistance			500
101637	Mostyn Monday Club	FA			300
101638	Mostyn Christ Church	FA			200
101639	Mostyn Senior Citizens	FA			500
101640	Mostyn Community Centre	FA			1750
101641	Hebron Utd Reform Church	FA			250
101642	Mostyn Gardening Club	FA			250
101643	VOID				
101644	Mostyn Arts & Crafts	FA			250
101645	Flintshire CAB	FA			250
101646	Mostyn Revolutions Morris Dancing	FA			400

Summary of local powers used for providing financial assistance:

Local Government Act (LGA) 1972 Section 137

S214 LGA 1972 – power to contribute to the expenses of cemeteries

CAB S142 2A LGA 1972 power to assist voluntary organisations – provision of advice/information

Social/Sports/Youth Groups S19 of the LGA (Miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976

S10 Open Spaces Act 1906 – power to maintain open space.

Donation S145 LGA 1972, provision of entertainment and support of the arts including festivals and celebrations.

18. Next Meeting 18 February 2019, 7.00pm at Mostyn Community Centre.

