

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MOSTYN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2019

1. **To record attendance (a) apologies (b)**

**(A)** Cllrs. S Calvert, A Gladwin, B Hazlehurst, County Councillor P Heesom, Dave Roney, Dave Seddon (Vice Chair) and Debbie Seddon (Chair).

**(B) Apologies:** E Jones and V Williams. **Non-attendance:** Cllr. I Davies and G Gibbons.

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

None.

3. **To approve minutes of the meeting 16 September 2019**

The minutes of the 16 September were proposed by Cllr. Dave Seddon and seconded by Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst and signed as an accurate record by the Chair, Debbie Seddon.

4. **Matters arising from the last minutes**

Item 7, page 2 The clerk reported she had followed up her initial email to Mr Jon Hill, concerning the reinstating of the footpath by resident Mr Norman Evans who had responded to say his colleague Mr Stuart Jones will reply in due course. Cllr. Heesom stated he would follow this item up.

Item 8, Page 2 The clerk reported a response from Claire Parry, Road Safety at Flintshire County Council who advised instances of speeding in excess of the mandatory speed limit would be subject to enforcement by North Wales Police. Mrs Parry will arrange for a speed and volume survey for 7 days at this location, data received will be sent to GoSafe. She will also speak to the area supervisor to discuss if a one way is feasible at this location and if this is the case the request will need to be assessed in accordance with the Authorities Traffic regulations Matrix for which all requests to County are scored, ranked and prioritised.

Item 12d, Page 3 Cllr. Roney reported the outstanding items are now complete in the play area. Some concern expressed over wooden fencing in disrepair. The clerk would report this matter to Mr Richard Roberts.

Item 14, Page 4 The clerk reported a video clip had been forwarded to her demonstrating "engagement" with the children at the playscheme from Janet Roberts at Flintshire County Council, following her report at the last meeting that some councillors in attendance had reported little engagement. No further to be action taken. Should the community council participate in Summer 2020, any concerns should be reported immediately and a number and contact will be provided.

An ongoing matter about concern expressed with the traffic lights at Warwick to which PCSO Matthew Griffiths had responded that he will do a review of incidents in the area to see how many road traffic collisions (RTC's) there have been and advice roads policing of concerns.

Claire Parry, Road Safety Flintshire County Council has been advised the lights are working operationally correct.

5. **To welcome Police Inspector Gareth Cust to hear about changes to the police service and to receive questions on police matters.**

Police Inspector Gareth Cust was welcomed to the meeting by Chair/Councillor Debbie Seddon. He covers Flint, Holywell and Deeside - Flintshire North.

Inspector Cust reported that for the 7 months from April 2019 compared to the previous 7 months from April 2018 last year crime has remained reasonably static. A 2.6% increase which equates to 2 more crimes in the area. The Home Office changed the way in which crimes were reported last year so had this not have been the case this may have resulted in a possible recorded reduction. Some repeat crimes associated with the Duke of Lancaster and Options. 78 crimes to date since April 2019 which include assaults, theft, damage and domestic crimes.

Inspector Cust wants to encourage more police visibility, get officers coming of the A548 and driving through Mostyn. Since June more officers have located to Holywell from Flint having a more local presence which is a positive improvement. The contact for Mostyn is PCSO Matthew Griffiths and PC Kelly French Jones. There will be a dedicated email address in the future. Historically there has been a reduction in police officers. However, a recent government announcement of 20,000 more officers which equates to 200 for North Wales and Inspector Cust wants to feed this into Neighbourhood policing.

Frustration from councillors were expressed with the 101 system are understood, however the inspector stated he has no control over this as a local manager. He has sent tonight the clerk details of the webchat, crime stoppers and a needles helpline which will be circulated. Sometimes the operators are not familiar with local roads and some do not have a specific names, this would be helpful information for the police.

The Police School Liaison Officer PC Debbie Barker goes into school and talks about low level county line and knife related/crime prevention matters. Five months ago 6 people were sentenced to 22 years in an investigation into County lines.

PAC funding can be applied for ask PCSO Matt Griffiths for further information.

**RESOLVED: The Police Inspector was thanked for his attendance.**

6. **Chairman's Communications – a resident's concerns about pot holes on The Cob.**

The Chairman provided a verbal summary of information from the West Flintshire Town and Community Council meeting. Support was requested from Mostyn Community Council by writing a letter to Mr Ken Skates, Secretary for Economy and Transport to reopen Greenfields Railway Station. This was proposed by Cllr. Debbie Seddon and seconded by Cllr. Dave Seddon and unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED: The clerk to write on behalf of Mostyn Community Council to Mr Ken Skates AM in support of the reopening of Greenfield Railway Station.**

Cllr. Debbie Seddon reminded councillors of the mandatory training in Code of Conduct required to be completed by Cllrs. Sarah Calvert, Gemma Gibbons and Allison Gladwin at Halkyn Community Centre on 13 November 2019, places have been provisionally booked for these councillors. Other councillors who may wish to attend please inform the clerk.

**7. To Co-opt Allison Gladwin into the position of community councillor for Mostyn.**

Allison Gladwin was welcomed to the meeting and signed her declaration of office, having received the code of conduct in advance. This was duly witnessed and signed by the clerk.

**RESOLVED: To co-opt Councillor Allison Gladwin as community councillor for the Mostyn ward.**

**8. To discuss Streetscene Matters – residents’ concerns about pot holes on the Cob**

Cllr. Debbie Seddon recapped on correspondence previously received from Flintshire County Council (FCC) in response about The Cob, Mr Jon Hill acknowledged some areas are in disrepair but there was no obligation on Flintshire County Councillor to make the surface suitable for vehicles.

Councillors commented this was disappointing given the work completed on other areas of the designated coastal path. Communication with the local rangers and Hannah Blythyn AM was a suggested course of action, unanimously supported. The clerk to invite a local ranger to the next meeting.

**RESOLVED: The clerk to make contact with the rangers and / or Hannah Blythyn AM.**

**8a To discuss enhanced enforcement presence in the area paid for by the community council.**

A discussion and lengthy debate was held about a proposal from Streetscene at Flintshire County Council to offer an enhanced enforcement presence in communities to include litter picking and dog fouling as examples paid for by community councils. Varying views were held by councillors, however a decision about an expression of interest in the service would be put on hold until members had sufficient information to make an informed decision. The clerk was requested to invite Mr S Jones or a representative from FCC to the November meeting to give more detail on the service at present and the proposal of the enhanced service.

**RESOLVED: The clerk to write to Mr S Jones, for further information about item 8a.**

**9. To receive feedback on the funding application for Youth Sports Events from Cllr. Sarah Calvert.**

Cllr. Calvert explained Mr Dan Williams from Aura Play and Leisure Services had supported her with this application for funding to put on Youth Sports Events and an outcome should be known this year. The taster session had gone well with 30 children attending. Some practical matters to do with the use of the school pitch in the winter months is being resolved.

**RESOLVED: That the clerk invite Mr S Jones, Head of Streetscene to a future meeting.**

**10. To receive an update from Cllr. Hazlehurst on street lighting matters.**

Cllr. Hazlehurst reported receiving two lighting quotes to date and despite several attempts with other companies' no further responses. The clerk has contacted the Society for Local Council Clerks to find out if the two quotes would be acceptable but no response to date. The clerk and Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst will collate the information to date for Councillors to consider at a future meeting.

**11. Drop In with your Community Councillor – Autumn 2019**

Councillor Debbie Seddon proposed these sessions for members of the public are held quarterly with herself and one other councillor.

Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst circulated information on handling intimidating behaviour from the Local Government Association, given a situation which had previously occurred which included suggestions on keeping safe.

**RESOLVED: The clerk will produce a poster to advertise the “drop in” and forward this to the Chair.**

**12. To discuss and agree Match Funding Scheme/Improvements to Maes Pennant Play Area 2019/2020.**

After discussion it was agreed for the next year for Mostyn Community Council to ring fence in the region of £3,000 toward play equipment in Maes Pennant. Cllr. Debbie Seddon agreed to contact Mr Richard Roberts of Aura on the play area and asked any other interested councillors to let her know should they like to be involved.

**13. To receive the statistical report from County on usage of the Playscheme Summer 2019.**

The clerk has asked Janet Roberts to forward this information.

**14. To discuss a defibrillator for the Rhewl Area – Cllr. Roney.**

Cllr. Roney asked why a decision was made to purchase a defibrillator for Mostyn and not Rhewl. The chair confirmed after consideration this was decided being the more densely populated area. However, it was agreed to purchase a defibrillator for Rhewl next year.

Cllr. Hazlehurst is waiting for permission from Flintshire County Council to use an electricity supply in a nearby County lamppost required for the defibrillator. County Councillor Heesom will look further into this with Cllr. Hazlehurst.

**15. Clerks update and correspondence**

15b To receive a letter from 50+ Advisory Group requesting financial assistance toward printing costs for the Codgers Quarterly. (The clerk has sent an application form asking them to apply when applications are considered annually). No further action required at this time.

**15c To receive a letter from Mr Andrew Farrow, Chief Officer Planning at Flintshire County Council regarding a response to concerns of increasing siting of caravans.**

The clerk read out the letter from Mr Andrew Farrow. Members considered its content. Hamner House – stationing of caravan in field – FCC judged this is incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling it is not expedient to take further action.

Tan-Y-Coed two caravans stationed in front garden area - the officer dealing with this case is trying to ascertain contact details of the owner in order to progress this further.

Stationing of caravan - also a complaint received on 21 August 2019 and a site visit was made on 6 September 2019, photographs taken and a letter sent to the owner requesting contact be made to ascertain the purpose of the caravan in question.

A query from a Councillor was Glan Y Don, former public house mentioned in the original contact correspondence?

14d Invitation from Connah's Quay Town Council to attend the Chair's Civic Service to be held at St Mark's Church, Church Hill, Connah's Quay CH5 4AD on Sunday 3 November 2019 at 11am.

**RESOLVED: That the clerk send apologies from the Chair and Vice Chair on this occasion.**

**16. Planning Matters (A) Applications (B) Decisions**

To receive any feedback from Councillors regarding the Flintshire Deposit Local Development Plan. No comments received, no further action required.

**(A) Applications**

Application Consultation Ref: 060400 Proposal: Change of use of former golf clubhouse to residential care/education use in association with the adjacent Kinsale School and associated external alterations to the building. Location: Club House, Kinsale Golf Course, Maes Pennant, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 9DX

The clerk reported no comments received before the deadline. Therefore no submission.

Application Consultation Ref: 060381 Proposal: Erection of single storey extensions to front and side of dwelling. Location: Woodlands, Y Nant, Rhewl, Mostyn, CH8 9QU **RESOLVED: No objections**

(B) Decisions Approved - Planning Application Consultation Ref: 060364 The Nook 26 Penrho, Maes Pennant.

Refused – Planning Application Consultation Ref: 060118 Lime Bank, Mostyn, Holywell.

Abandon standing orders (Planning Applications received since distribution of the agenda and a deadline before the next meeting).

Planning Application Reference 060478 Proposal Extension of existing chemical plant (The AED Plant) to contain new processing equipment – County Councillor Heesom advised this is awaiting an environmental report. **RESOLVED: No further comments.**

Planning Application Reference 060381 Proposal Erection of single storey to front and side of dwelling. Location: Woodlands Y Nant, Rhewl, Mostyn, CH8 9QU. Councillors stated this property is not surrounded by other dwellings and the suggested extensions would not pose a problem.

**RESOLVED: No objections.**

The clerk was asked to enquire with Flintshire County Council Planning Department at Flintshire County Council about progress with Planning Application 059592: ROSE cottage, Rhewl.

Reinstate standing orders.

#### **17. Approval of accounts for payment**

| <b>OCTOBER</b> | <b>PAYEE</b>    | <b>DETAILS</b>            | <b>VAT</b> | <b>AMOUNT</b> |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------|
| <b>SO</b>      | KAY ROBERTS     | CLERKS SALARY/HOA         |            | 530.73        |
| <b>DD</b>      | SCOTTISH POWER  | ELECTRICITY               | 41.21      | 247.28        |
| 101666         | One Voice Wales | Cllr. Training (reissued) |            | 40.00         |
| 101667         | DEECO LIGHTING  | STREET LIGHTING Q2        | 229.98     | 1379.89       |
| 101668         | J.E Duggan Keen | Annual Website Fee        |            | 198.12        |

**To approve and accept the annual return and report from BDO external auditors for the financial year 2018/2019.**

The clerk had received the annual return year ended 31 March 2019 back (post 30 September 2019 deadline) from BDO External Auditors. The clerk drew councillors attention to two minor points highlighted in the short report 1. The accounting statement did not add up by £1.00. (a rounding issue) 2. A minute reference and date required insertion. The annual return was found to be in keeping with proper practices and no matters have come to their attention giving any cause for concern in terms of legislation and regulatory requirements. The clerk reported the Conclusion of Audit notice had been placed on the community centre notice board and the annual return can be viewed on the community council website.

The Chair thanked the clerk for her work and proposed to accept the annual return, this was seconded by Councillor Dave Seddon. **RESOLVED: To receive and accept the Annual Return for the Year ended 31 March 2019.**

**To receive a half yearly update on Income and Expenditure from the clerk, for the period 1 April – 30 September 2019.** The clerk had circulated the half yearly income and expenditure in advance of the meeting. The total income for the period was £22,893.55, from two precept payments, bank interest and the annual VAT reclaim. The total expenditure for the period was £8,208.29. The clerk advised the remaining 6 month generally sees greater expenditure due to financial assistance provided to local clubs and groups, payment for the summer playscheme, play park equipment and defibrillator. The clerk asked if there were any questions on the financial information circulated. There were no questions from members at this time.

#### **18. To receive items for the next meeting on Monday 18 November 2019.**

The clerk to make enquiries, about naming of the coast road to Whitford as far as Ucha farm via County.

**The meeting closed at 9.15pm.**