

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MOSTYN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 20 January 2020

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

(A) S Calvert, G Gibbons, E Jones, County Councillor P Heesom, D Roney, Dave Seddon (Vice Chair) and Debbie Seddon (Chair), V Williams

(B) Apologies: Cllrs B Hazlehurst, A Gladwin and I Davies,

**Public Gallery:** 7 people in attendance due to their concerns about Ffordd Pennant proposed development.

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

Item 6 Kay Roberts Clerk's Salary, Cllr. Debbie Seddon – Chair's Allowance

Cllrs Dave Seddon, County Councillor Patrick Heesom and Cllr. Vera Williams – Mostyn Community Centre. The clerk and members left the room during the budget discussions on the items above and did not take part in the discussion.

At the Chair's discretion Item 13 (a4) Planning Application Consultation Ref NO: 060783 Land off Ffordd Pandarus, Residential development for 20 dwellings associated gardens and car parks was taken earlier in the agenda due to the number of residents in attendance who had attended to express their concerns about this development.

The Chair listened to the opinions and concerns of residents and members and asked County Councillor Heesom for an update on this application. The clerk had received an email at 5pm from Janice Baldwin Evans highlighting her reasons for objections which noted concern about a lack of community consultation, access issues, loss of privacy and impact on village character in addition to suggesting County consider utilising empty shop units for flats.

County Councillor Heesom reported the roof lines had been amended and windows overlooking an area. He reported extra council housing at an affordable level in the community was needed and this was accepted. However, there are continued concerns about the character and appearance of this proposal and there were doubts that it currently complies with some of the above issues. It is anticipated there will be a site meeting in March / April 2020, which County Councillor Heesom will advise of. County Councillor Heesom stated at present the proposals are too uncomfortable and out of character and appearance - the two storey suggestion should remain 1 storey.

Councillor Roney reported Pandarus is already difficult in terms of parking and he believed the current proposal should be objected as it exacerbates an already difficult situation. Furthermore, Welsh Government is recommending all housing should be carbon neutral and at present this does not feature in this proposal.

Cllr. Calvert was concerned if the proposal cannot guarantee options for local choices for local people. The Chair summarised and closed discussions by asking all present to forward any

comments in the first instance to her by email/letter and she will work with the clerk to summarise the objection/s.

**RESOLVED: The Community Council object to the Ffordd Pandarus proposals as they stand and the clerk to submit such objections to County prior to 7 February 2020 deadline.**

**3. To approve minutes of the meeting 18 November 2019**

Cllr. Roney reported Rose Cottage (Application N0 059592) was discussed and he noted this had been approved and the dropped kerbs were not for plant machinery (which is on the premises) and to date there have been no response from Mrs C Morter, Planning Officer as the clerk had forwarded residents' concerns to the planner on 16 Dec 2019. The clerk was asked to contact the Planning Officer on behalf of the community council and express, once again their continued concerns and find out what County is doing to monitor this situation.

**RESOLUTION: The minutes of 18 November 2019 were proposed by Cllr. E Jones and seconded by Dave Seddon as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.**

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

18 November 2019 minutes Page 1 Item 4b – The clerk reported the defibrillator is insured against accidental damage and vandalism. The clerk confirmed with Came and Company (MCC insurers) that the defibrillator would be covered up to £5,000 in the event of such damage.

Page 2 5c Cllr. Debbie Seddon requested if the speed check requested by the police had been carried out. Also an update on police liaison with Mostyn lodge. The clerk will make enquiries.

**5. Chairman's Communications**

The Chair reported the senior citizens Christmas meal took place, it was a good event. Sadly, as there is no one to organise and continue this event it will be the last one.

**6. To receive, consider and approve the budget for 2020/2021 and agree the annual precept accordingly.**

The clerk as financial officer provided members with a spreadsheet which demonstrated a suggested allocation for each council budget heading for 2020/2021 based on previous spending.

During review of employee salary costs the clerk left the room and took no part in this discussion. The Chair provided information on clerk salary, PAYE to HMRC/expenses and pension. There was agreement by members present to the employee costs presented during the budget session in line with NJC scale 25 pro rata of £23,836 (from NJC scale 24) for 12 hours (from 11 hours) per week from April 2019 in recognition of increased workload. Other contributions pension (in relation to salary) and expenses would remain the same. The necessary adjustment would be made when the salary scales for 2020 are published in April.

**RESOLVED: The clerks salary from April 2020 would move to NJC scale 25 for 12 hours per week.**

A discussion commenced on website / ICT equipment. The clerk for over 5 years has utilised her own equipment laptop and printer. It is suggested with the ceasing of security support for windows 7 a new lap top with windows 10 would be a worthwhile investment for the community council. The clerk has 3 quotes – which range from £500 - £650, and can bring these for consideration to the February 2020 meeting. It was agreed to increase the current allocation to £620 to enable the community council to acquire a lap top computer and possibly a printer.

**Members Costs** – The Chair, Councillor Debbie Seddon left the room during the discussion of the Chair’s annual allowance. The clerk had spoken to the Clerk of three other local community councils to gauge Chair’s Allowances and £400 was the average allowance. This was agreed to increase to £400 per annum. The clerk explained she had calculated the members annual allowances based on £150 allowance eligible to each councillor. If determinations were agreed at the AGM these amounts would therefore come from balances.

**Training and expenses would remain the same.**

**Services and Subscriptions** – financial audit fees, One Voice Wales Membership and Society for Local Council Clerks after discussion were agreed as presented.

A new cost category Mostyn Youth Sports Hub, which started on 9 January 2020 based at Ysgol Bryn Pennant was suggested £400 per annum as a contribution should this prove successful, toward its continuation. This was agreed.

Community street lighting had been reduced and maintenance in anticipation of the LED lights installation in 2020. However, an unpaid invoice received from May 2018 for LED installation £1580 may require payment, once further detail had been received. Electricity, maintenance and capital costs would remain as proposed.

In relation to lighting LLwyn Ifor Lane was discussed as the clerk at Caerwys, Phillip Parry’s Chair had spoken with the former Mostyn Clerk who confirmed these lights were previously reported by Mostyn. However, the clerk confirmed Cllr. B Hazlehurst said they were not on Mostyn Community Councils list – members asked for evidence of an invoice from Deeco. No further action at this stage.

Play Area Equipment would be £3,000 as proposed. £3,000 match funding from Aura has already been secured for 2020/2021 toward play equipment for Maes Pennant Play Area.

Election expenses would reduce as proposed from £1,000 to £500. No elections called in 2019.

Playscheme costs unconfirmed, based on previous years. However, the clerk had contact from Mrs Janet Roberts, Flintshire County Council who as yet did not know if the Welsh Government would subsidise the costs. Aura do provide some play events at affordable prices and this may be a comparative option for Summer 2020 nearer the time.

An amount of £500 confirmed for miscellaneous expenditure.

#### BALANCES

Members agreed £4,500 Street Lighting renewal from balances (remaining figure £5,000 from precept request). The clerk would need to clarify if VAT can be reclaimed with the company who would conduct the work to replace the street lights with LED. Thus providing income for 2020/2021.

A defibrillator for Rhewl would be purchased £1,660 from balances.

After detailed discussion members agreed the precept request for 2020/2021 would remain at £32,000.

**RESOLVED: All members agreed that the clerk to submit the precept request for 2020/2021 to Flintshire County Council for £32,000.**

7. **To review the completed financial assistance forms and agree funding allocation.**

(Any members who were involved with the relevant groups left the room and did not take part in the decisions – see DOI Item 2).

**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) Cllr. Dave Seddon (S) County Councillor Heesom

Mostyn Christ Church - £200

(P) Cllr. Dave Seddon (S) Cllr. E Jones (Cllr. Roney 1 vote against)

Hebron United Reformed Church - £200

(P) Cllr. Sarah Calvert (S) Cllr. D Seddon

Mostyn Community Centre - £1,500

(P) Cllr. Debbie Seddon (S) Cllr. Sarah Calvert

The clerk read of the accompanying letter to members. There was a query as to why the community centre paid for Oil, when gas was installed. Cllr. Vera Williams advised it was not finalised so gas was not yet in use. Agreed Mostyn Community Centre was a hub for much activity in the community and much valued. The centre income was greater than there expenditure in 2019, therefore the grant was reduced from the previous year to £1,500 from £1,750. Check any against.

Cllr. Gemma Gibbons stated her disappointment that a youth club was not allowed from the centre. Cllr. Debbie Seddon said to her knowledge this was not the case but someone from the community would need to run it.

Mostyn and District Gardening Club - £250

(P) Cllr. Calvert (S) Cllr. Jones

Mostyn Arts and Crafts - £250

(P) Cllr. Roney (S) Cllr. Calvert

Mostyn Revolutions Morris Dancing - £400

(P) Cllr. Roney (S) Cllr. Calvert

Financial assistance awarded. However, as there are ongoing changes with who may take over the group at present any payment will be held back until Cllr. Debbie Seddon is able to find out further information.

Flintshire 50+ Action Group - £50

(P) Cllr. Roney (S) Cllr. Calvert

8. **To discuss Streetscene Matters**

The chair reported overgrown bushes in Penrho have been dealt with by Streetscene.

Cllr. Gemma Gibbons reported some residents are still concerned about the dangers walking from their drives straight onto the highway. This is a highways matter. Also access to Rhewl woods from the Lletty Hill is completely overgrown.

**RESOLVED: The clerk will raise the above matters with Streetscene.**

9. **To discuss Police Matters**

The clerk has emailed PCSO Matthew Griffiths as agreed in the Youth Hub Sports Committee meeting about PACT funding and had no response as yet. Two burglaries reported in Rhewl - relevant information to be sent to the clerk.

10. **To receive an update on Mostyn Community Sports Hub**

10 children aged Year 5 – Year 10, different peer groups wanting to play dodge ball and football at present. The Youth Sports Hub Committee would meet toward the end of February to review the project. Cllr. Sarah Calvert agreed to step down as working full time makes it difficult to attend more meetings, she will email Mr Dan Williams, Aura to ensure the clerk can complete the reports in due course. Terms of reference were circulated and agreed. Query was this proposed as a 6 or 12 month project from Cllr. Sarah Calvert?

11. **To receive an update on Street Lighting Matters**

In the absence of Cllr. Hazelhurst members will wait for confirmation of payment in instalments is an acceptable way forward. The clerk to enquire when LED installation can commence in 2020.

## 12. Clerks Update and Correspondence

- (a) To receive a letter (28 November 2019) of response from Mr Ken Skates, Minister for Economy and Transport concerning the reopening of Greenfield Railway Station.

Ken Skates AC/AM thanked Mostyn Community Council for their letter of support in the reopening of Greenfield Railway Station. He goes on to say opening of railway stations on the national network is responsibility of the UK government and he will continue to press for devolution of powers to allow Welsh Government to investigate the benefits of new stations. He is pleased to confirm that a new station at Greenfield has been added to the list of potential new stations for assessment. This letter of response was forwarded by email to Mr Jason Baker, Town Clerk for Holywell Town Council, who had asked for community councils to write a letter of support.

- (b) To receive a letter (10 December 2019) of response from Mr Mark Williams, Head of Complex Needs Service concerning an incident in Maes Pennant.

Following an incident referred to in previous minutes. Members had asked the clerk to write to Mr Mark Williams, outlining their concerns. Mr Mark Williams had written back and offered to attend the next meeting to address members about the work of Options, Kinsale.

**RESOLVED: The clerk to invite Mr Mark Williams to the 17 February 2020 meeting.**

- (c) To receive information about the Majors Charity Dinner (3 course meal), dance, silent auction, Beaufort Park Hotel, New Brighton, Mold, CH7 6RQ. 6.45pm, tickets £35.00 R.S.V.P by 31 January 2020. **RESOLVED: Received, no further action.**

- (d) To receive a request (November 2019) from Mr Aled Sion, Director of the Eisteddfod and Arts for a financial contribution toward the Urdd National Eisteddfod, Wales largest Youth Organisation in 2020 it is Denbighshire's turn to welcome the festival. **RESOLVED: Received, no further action.**

- (e) To receive a public information letter from Mr Peter Bryant, Health, Safety and Environment Security Manager at Warwick chemicals about their work. Members noted this communication would be helpful to arrive at an early date.

- (f) To receive a letter from Judith Cole, Local Government Finance and Workforce Partnerships Division at Welsh Government providing Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2020/2021.

The clerk explained when there is no other power which can be utilised to officially spend in an area, section 137 can be used when there can be demonstrated proportionate benefit to the well-being of local residents. Section 137 has increased per elector from £8.12 to £8.32 for 2020-2021.

- (g) To receive a letter dated 20 December 2020 from Chief Officer, Planning, Environment and Economy concerning the Alyn Works/Solar fires building on the A584 – sent via Hannah Blythyn’s office.

The letter from Mr Andrew Farrow, Chief Officer – Planning, Environment and Economy noted a restructuring in the development management team and recruitment of two enforcement officers to review the open cases such as Alyn Works/Solar fires. They note difficulties locating the land owner and now time has elapsed he states the team leader and enforcement officer for the area will revisit the site and consider whether any action can / should be taken.

Members agreed this was an extremely disappointing response, given the numerous times MCC have now written and been in contact with Flintshire County Council and Hannah Blythyn AM. The clerk was instructed to write a strong letter expressing the community councils’ dissatisfaction about non-action from Flintshire County Council in improving this community eyesore.

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

(a1) Planning Application consultation Ref NO: 060670 Proposal: Change of use of part of agricultural field to a dog exercise area and associated infrastructure (retrospective application) 2 year permission granted in 2018. Location: Land adjacent to River View, Maes Pennant, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 9EG. **Decision by Flintshire County Council: Approved 17 January 2020.**

(a2) Planning Application Consultation Ref NO: 060758

Proposal: Proposed erection of front and side of boundary walls and fences

Location: Heddwch, Coast Road, Mostyn, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 9HF – comment by 12 /02/2020 No comments received to date.

(a3) Planning Application Consultation Ref NO: 060767 – under consideration.

Proposal: Proposed alterations and single storey extension

Location: Bryn Caesar Farm, Mostyn, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 9HF. No comments received.

(a4) Planning Application Consultation Ref NO: 060783

Proposal: Residential development for 20 NO dwellings and associated gardens and car parking.

Location: Land off Ffordd Pandarus, Maes Pennant, Mostyn, CH8 9PT. (Deadline for comments 7 February 2020). At the Chair’s discretion this was discussed early in the agenda. Immediately after declarations of interest due to the number of people attending in the public gallery about this matter.

#### 14. Approval of accounts for payment

<b>JANUARY</b>				
<b>SO</b>	KAY ROBERTS	CLERKS SALARY/HOA		530.73
<b>DD</b>	SCOTTISH POWER	ELECTRICITY		510.88
<b>SO</b>	NEST	Pension		47.84
101676	Ysgol Bryn Pennant	Pitch Hire Youth Sports Hub		400.00
101677	Deeco Lighting	Final maintenance payment		1034.10
101678	HMRC	PAYE		95.80
101679	Mostyn Community Centre	Financial Assistance		1500.00
101680	Estuary Voluntary Car Scheme	Financial Assistance		500.00
101681	Mostyn Christ Church	Financial Assistance		200.00
101682	Hebron United Reformed Church	Financial Assistance		200.00
101683	Mostyn & District Gardening Club	Financial Assistance		250.00
101684	Mostyn Arts & Crafts	Financial Assistance		250.00
101685	Flintshire 50+ Action Group	Financial Assistance		50.00

#### 15. To receive items for the next meeting on Monday 20 January 2020

Request for an update on Rose Cottage, Rhewl and the Ffordd Pandarus development.

A defibrillator for Rhewl.

Update on installation of street lighting in Mostyn and Rhewl.

Update on Play Equipment for Maes Pennant.

Cllr. Eddie Jones reported a survey will be being circulated by the tenants and residents association soon.

County Councillor Heesom provided information on Sustainable Drainage.

**The meeting closed at 9.07pm.**