

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL / CYNGOR CYMUNED MOSTYN**

**20 September 2021 / 20 Medi 2021**

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

Councillor Sarah Calvert, Bob Hazlehurst (Vice Chairman), County Councillor Patrick Heesom, Councillor David Roney, Dave Seddon (Chairman).

**(B) To record apologies** - Councillor Ian Davies and Charlene Flynn

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

None declared.

**3. Chair's Communications**

The start of the meeting was delayed due to few councillors being present at 7pm, and the clerk reminded members that a quorum was agreed in May 2019 as one third of the whole number of councillors or 4 councillors, being the greater. Further time was given for councillors to join the meeting and once quorate the meeting commenced at 7.15pm.

Former long standing Councillor Vera Williams had contacted the council through the clerk and thanked members for the engraved Mostyn Community Council shield she received following her resignation which she stated was a reminder of the 40 happy years she spent on the council.

The Chairman had reported an overgrown path by Wirral View to Streetscene. Also, the nearby garages were discussed which are in a bad state of disrepair, it transpires these are privately owned and County Councillor Heesom informed council that Flintshire County Council are trying to get an enforcement order on them.

**4. To approve the minutes of the 19 July 2021 meeting.**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst and seconded by Cllr. Patrick Heesom and will be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

An amendment to the minutes on Page 1 Item 7 which should read under the resolution "a column" not "a street lighting column" as noted by Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst. Members agreed and the clerk will amend.

**5. To consider the future format of community council meetings i.e. physical / virtual meetings.**

Members discussed options and preferences for future meetings. A minority of councillors had some experiences of having difficulty connecting. Improving internet access was something Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst would raise again with Hannah Blythyn AM as there are ongoing problems with Open Reach which need to be resolved.

Guidance has been issued about hybrid meetings i.e. virtual and physical meetings. Whilst some councillors thought there were benefits to be gained from resuming physical meetings (albeit with what would be required to make them available remotely too) as business can presently be conducted safely in the current climate it was agreed to continue to meet remotely and review at the last meeting of 2021.

**6. To receive an update in relation to community councillor vacancies including consideration of short-term period of leave for a councillor.**

The clerk reported 3 vacancies on Mostyn Community Council and would be updating the website in due course.

Cllr. Charlene Flynn has requested some time away from council due personal matters which once resolved she wishes to consider a return to Mostyn CC.

The clerk advised a councillor needs to attend 1 meeting every 6 months. Therefore, consideration for extended leave by councillors would only be required in January 2022.

Members wished Councillor Flynn well and look forward to her return in due course.

The clerk will advise Councillor Flynn. Any ward issues she has been advised to direct in the first instance to The Chair.

**RESOLVED: Councillor Flynn to have a period of leave which will be reviewed in early 2022.**

**7. To receive an update on Streetlighting matters**

Cllr Hazlehurst is awaiting a report from the contractor with Scottish Power. Some lights outstanding have been completed, 8 are presently out. The contractor is looking into these as they need to be up and running before the darker nights commence.

**8. To receive an Update on the Rhewl Defibrillator**

There has been no further work on the column for the defibrillator. Cllr. Hazlehurst will follow this up if it is a Flintshire County Council delay this is disappointing and a letter in due course complaining may be sent.

Members were pleased to learn that the defibrillator in Mostyn was used in recent weeks and saved a life of a gentleman.

**9. To receive an update on the Planters for Mostyn shop front area**

Members discussed as opposed to planters which could be high maintenance to enquire with Flintshire County Council about planting some small trees as part of their project to encourage more tree planting in the County. The clerk was requested to make enquiries with streetscene or appropriate officer.

**10. To consider locations of dog waste bins and any more additional dog waste bag dispenser points.**

In advance of the meeting the clerk had circulated information provided by Streetscene on current dog waste bin locations. Following discussion, it was agreed to purchase x2 more dog waste bag dispensers at £195.00 and agree their exact locations when confirmation of bins had been fed back to the clerk.

**RESOLVED: The clerk to order x2 dog waste bag dispenser units from JRB Enterprises.**

**11. To receive information on a community council insurance claim for the planter in Rhewl, following a road traffic collision in Rhewl.**

Cllr. Roney briefed members on a collision by a local driver by the dry-stone bridge in Rhewl which demolished the Rhewl sign and planter. The police have been involved.

The clerk submitted the insurance claim to replace the planter to came and company and awaits the outcome and will advise council in due course.

**12. To receive an update on Play Equipment for Play Areas from Cllr. David Seddon and Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst**

Some councillors had met Mr Richard Roberts from Aura Play and Leisure shortly after the July meeting.

The options discussed were debated by members and given the quote of £80,000 for a Muga/Skate Park – it was considered that at this time it was not a financially viable option.

Other options of replacement fencing on both parks, more benches and football goals were discussed.

Members thought these, in Maes Pennant which was reported as being higher in need by Aura would be a good alternative in addition to two new benches for Rhewl Play Area.

Members requested a further enquiry be made to Aura about any play equipment for a disabled child / children which could be incorporated into the parks.

The options above were quoted as being in the region of £9,200 of which Mostyn Community Council would receive match funding from Aura, Play and Leisure Services.

**RESOLVED: Members voted unanimously on this community council investment for 2021/2022 and asked the clerk to inform Mr Richard Roberts of Aura for 2021/2022.**

**The clerk to confirm an order with Mr Richard Roberts for the park fencing, additional park benches and football goals.**

County Councillor Heesom will investigate more benches for the Coastal Path.

**13. To receive an update from County Councillor Patrick Heesom on items relevant to the community council.**

At present County Councillor Heesom reported that Flintshire County Councils functionality is creaking at the seams.

In relation to Warwick Chemicals – a request has been made for an Environmental Impact Assessment and a response is awaited from the Welsh Assembly Government.

**14. Clerk's Update and Correspondence**

**15. To receive information on Fit, Fed and Read Sessions and Summer Playscheme on Maes Pennant Recreation Ground July / August 2021.**

The clerk has received an email from Mr Dan Williams – School and Community Sports Co-ordinator at Aura to report it was a fantastic summer with fit, fed and read and thanked Mostyn Community Council Chairman for coming along. Over 50 children attended the sessions playing badminton, using the library, and playing football.

Councillors commented that these days seemed to engage the young people and provide a variety of activity.

Sessions were starting back with the Sports Hub at the school too and young people have been made aware and this has been placed on Mostyn village Facebook page.

Mr Williams has some proposals for delivery over the October half term working with the Youth Service and has asked if the community centre could support this. Cllr. Hazlehurst, who is on the community hall committee would respond to Mr Williams directly.

The clerk reminded the council that the report back from Flintshire County Council summer playscheme is usually provided in the Autumn.

**16. The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales has updated the guidance in support of the 2016 Model Code of Conduct. Please note that the 2016 Code of Conduct remains unchanged.**

The clerk briefed members on the guide which is designed for all councillors to guide them on their role in office and help maintain appropriate standards when serving the community. Good working relationships are vital to deliver benefits for the communities.

The guide also goes on to say that Code of Conduct training benefits not only new councillors but encourages longer standing councillors to attend refresher training.

**17. To approve the August and September accounts for Payment**

SEPTEMBER	Payee	Details	Amount
SO	K.Roberts	Clerks Salary/HOA	604.16
DD	Nest Pension	Clerk employer / employee contributions	£55.58
DD	Scottish Power	Community Street Lighting Electricity	£94.75
BT	Kay Roberts	Engraving - leaving present Cllr. Williams	£15.00
BT	Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Membership SLCC (50% to be reimbursed from G&P CC £92.50)	185.00

**The accounts were proposed by Cllr. Hazlehurst and seconded by Cllr. D Seddon.**

**18. Planning Applications (A) Planning Decisions (B)**

- (A) For information: 4 Planning Application Consultations on Flintshire County Councils Planning Portal Ref: 063421 Llanerchymor House, Mostyn, Ref: 063449 Tan Y Coed, Mostyn, Ref: 063453 Ffordd Hiraethog, Mostyn and Pennant Park Golf Club, Mostyn - they are not currently open for comment but may be by the time of the meeting. Once open further information can be located at [Flintshire Planning - My ASP.NET Application](#)

Members discussed the proposed planning consultation at Tan Y Coed, Mostyn – erection of side and rear extensions. As Flintshire County Council has not provided any feedback and to members knowledge they are still awaiting legal guidance in relation to the caravans sited (after considerable months) the clerk was requested to contact Mandy Lewis and the relevant Planning Officer Charlotte Lloyd-Randall requesting a deferment to any new planning consultation proposals until Planning Enforcement has dealt with this outstanding matter.

Members expressed their disappointment that after contact with Planning Enforcement this matter is still outstanding.

**RESOLVED: The clerk to correspond with Mandy Lewis and Charlotte Lloyd-Randall making a request to defer any decision on the new consultation proposal until planning enforcement matters are dealt with.**

- (B) Planning Application Reference: 063178 Glengarry, Rhewl - Approved.

Planning Application Reference: 062730 Bramblewood, Rhewl – Approved.

Warwick Chemicals - Screening Option Issued and feedback from Cllr. Patrick Heesom.

Councillor Davies (although unable to be present) had telephoned the clerk and raised the matter of two steel containers at Mostyn Gardens. County Councillor Heesom said these are privately owned and are being investigated.

**Abandon standing orders**

Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst requested if he and County Councillor Heesom can attend / represent Mostyn Community Council at the One Voice Wales Annual Conference.

The cost would be £80.00 for both councillors to attend. This was proposed by Cllr. Seddon and seconded by Cllr. Calvert. Councillors were asked to feed back at the October meeting.

The Christmas Lights are still hung in the tree at Hebron Chapel and need removing as the chapel is no longer in use and it is understood the church is getting ready to sale the building. Cllr. Seddon will make enquiries for their safe removal.

Ongoing concern expressed about some vehicle speeds along Village Road, and a potential accident waiting to happen. Police need to conduct speed checks.

**Reinstate standing orders.**

**19. To consider items for the next meeting on Monday 18 October 2021.**

Christmas Tree/s for the villages.

**The meeting closed at 20.28**