

Minutes of the meeting of Mostyn Community Council held in Mostyn Community Centre on Monday 20 March 2017.

Present: P Gibbons, B. Hazlehurst, P Heesom, D.E. Jones, Dave Seddon, Debbie Seddon, County Councillor Roney, Cllr. V Williams.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. I Davies, Cllr. Hughes (Chairman), Cllr. C Joynton
2. **In Attendance:** Mrs K L Roberts – Clerk
3. **To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed**
None
4. **Matters Arising from the last minutes.**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 February 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Jones seconded by Cllr. Heesom.

Cllr. Dave Seddon asked about progress of the traffic islands for Mostyn referred to in the last meeting. County Cllr. Roney informed him of the update at the previous meeting and reported no further developments to date. Feedback is awaited from the Welsh Assembly.

The clerk reported no response from the Police Commissioner or others in relation to the letter she sent expressing councillors ongoing concerns about Mostyn lodge.

5. Chairman's Communications

Cllr. Hazlehurst, Vice Chairman presided over the meeting in the absence of Cllr. Hughes who was unwell. He read out two emails from Mr Gareth Owens, Flintshire County Councils Monitoring Officer and County Councillor D Roney in relation to Cllr. Heesom. Cllr Hazlehurst informed members in the absence of anything official disqualifying Cllr. Heesom as a community councillor he would be attending the meeting.

Cllr Heesom referred to unsavoury insinuations from County Councillor Roney with regard to his qualifications to continue to stand as a community councillor. He informed members he is in the process of appealing these matters. He voiced concerns about the nature by which these questions had been raised and that this had not taken place transparently at previous meetings.

Some councillors noted their concerns about an ongoing unpleasant atmosphere at meetings.

RESOLVED: The next meeting would take place on 24 April 2017 as the existing date clashes with Easter Monday.

6. Streetscene Matters A representative from Streetscene was not in attendance.

Street Lights were reported out at Ffordd Hiraethog and Ffordd Ddyfrdwy.

Cllr. Gibbons reported dog fouling from Ffordd Hiraethog past garages to Ffordd Pandarus.

Traffic speeding concerns on the Lletty Hill and also with buses seen using this road. Councillors requested the clerk request a representative from Flintshire County Council Highways department to attend a future meeting.

The footpath from Lletty Hill path into the woods requires cutting back. County Councillor Roney said he would follow this up with Mr Jon Hill at Flintshire County Council.

The 6 new LED lights were acknowledged. Cllr. Williams noted the high level of lighting they emit. The clerk advised they project downward so give less light pollution and utilise less electricity.

7. Police Matters A representative from the police was not in attendance.

The clerk will follow up the letter sent to the Police Commissioner from Mostyn Community Council.

Cllr. Williams had reported to the police indications that drug dealing may be taking place in the area. The police are to investigate.

Antisocial behaviour was reported at the school with plants being pulled out of the ground at the gardening club.

8. Summer Play Scheme

Following the presentation by Mrs Janet Roberts at the February meeting and full consideration of the information circulated about the Summer Play Scheme. Cllr. Debbie Seddon Proposed and Cllr. Williams seconded a decision to financially contribute £1,309 for 3 weeks toward Flintshire County Councils Summer Play Scheme.

RESOLVED: The clerk to confirm Mostyn Community Councils financial contribution of £1,309 for 3 weeks provision toward the Summer Play Scheme 2017.

Cllr. Debbie Seddon would be meeting with Mr Richard Roberts of Flintshire County Councils Play and Leisure Services to discuss the new play equipment to be installed at Maes Pennant Play Area as she had some concerns an email sent to the community council from him did not reflect what was agreed.

Also a request if the container can be removed from the park which delivered equipment last year as children are climbing on it.

9. Community Street lighting Update

In the absence of the Chairman, the clerk reported the 6 new LED lights had been installed, which would be paid for in the next financial year 2017/2018.

10. To consider and approve the updated Mostyn Community Council Risk Assessment and update the asset register accordingly.

Community Council members had been sent the updated risk assessment March 2017 in advance of the meeting and agreed to adopt the document.

RESOLVED: Members unanimously agreed to adopt the Mostyn Community Council Risk Assessment document March 2017.

The Mostyn Community Council shields would be added to the asset register and the clerk would check if the salt bins owned by the community council are insured by County or if they should be on the asset register.

11. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

Planning Aid Wales – information on a training course circulated. Cllr. Heesom said he should like to attend and would make payment himself.

Cllr. Heesom did not attend the Flintshire/Wrexham Area Committee and AGM.

Councillors reported their disappointment at the closure on 19 May of the HSBC bank in Holywell adding this was a decline in facilities for an ageing community and those not literate with information technology.

RESOLVED: The clerk to write to the HSBC bank in Holywell to convey these comments.

A copy of the Annual Report 2017/2018 from the independent remuneration panel for Wales was available for members to view at the meeting and on line.

The clerk read out a letter from Scottish Power notifying of an increase in the standard tariff of electricity prices.

One Voice Wales and LSI energy had formed a partnership to help members reduce the price they pay on their energy bills.

RESOLVED: The clerk to obtain further information from One Voice Wales and LSI energy.

The clerk read out information on a joint event to be held on 12 July 2017 in Ewloe from One Voice Wales and SLCC, main topic capacity and capability, devolution of services and finance and accountability. The clerk requested if she may attend on behalf of the Community Council. The cost would be £69 plus VAT. The clerk would apply for a Welsh Government bursary toward to cover some of the cost.

RESOLVED: Members unanimously voted for the clerk to apply to attend the OVW and SLCC joint event, funded by Mostyn Community Council.

The Boundary Commission for Wales consultation would run until 27 March 2017 information can be accessed via their website and comments can be submitted. Constituencies in Wales must reduce from 40 to 29.

A consultation on a draft circular of gypsy, traveller and show people sites was available on line comments by 22 May. An error in the agenda meant the link did not read correctly. The clerk advised if the above name of the circular was inputted into google it can be easily accessed.

12. To consider (A) Planning Applications (B) Planning Decisions

Glan Y Don – County Councillor Roney said there is no planning permission to date.

Planning Reference 056648 Mertyn Downing, Merton Downing Lane, Mostyn CH8 9EP

Proposal: Listed Building application for repairs and renovation works

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised for the application.

Other planning matters

Bryn Tirol – damage to the roof after the storm.

Planning Ref: 056319 Cysger Chapel – the clerk advised of a letter from Flintshire County Council to register details should a representative wish to public speak at the planning committee. County Councillor Roney said he did not want the listed wall removing. The planning officer appears to be going against what was originally said with tree removal and a listed wall going back up to a metre allowing for more parking spaces on a difficult bend.

Items for the next agenda

Rhewl – Cllr. Williams requested consideration of a financial contribution toward a new notice board as the existing one is beyond repair. Currently 3 foot / 2 foot in width and a lockable frontage required to fit 2 A3 notices.

13. To approve payments to be made

RESOLVED:

(DD) Pension	Nest Pensions	£46.00
101533 FCC	Bus stop installation	£1,943.00
(Power - Local Government misc provisions act 1953 section 4)		
101534 Deeco Lighting	Quarter Charge Jan- March 2017	£1,475.89
(Power – Highways 1957 Section 17 and for chq. No 101538)		
101535 One Voice Wales	Annual Membership	£243.00
101536 K. Roberts	Clerks Salary	£500.00
101537 K. Roberts	Clerks Expenses	£59.00
(Power – LGA 1972 section 111)		
101538 Scottish Power	electricity	£262.94
		£4,529.83

The clerk informed members she would provide information at the next meeting following the financial year end. As at 13 March the bank account held £37,690.43. This is the higher end of reserves which is between one third and twelve months expenditure. Earmarking for Play equipment at Maes Pennant Park £6,000 and now the summer play scheme of £1,309 would reduce this reserves balance.

14. General Matters raised by members.

Cllr. Gibbons noted the bus shelter installation was appreciated by residents. Can there be a bin for cigarette ends nearby? County Councillor Roney will follow this up.