

Minutes of the meeting of Mostyn Community Council held in Mostyn Community Centre on Monday 15 May 2017.

Present: Councillors T Conway, J Evans, P Gibbons, County Councillor Heesom, J. B. Hughes, J Jones, David Roney, Dave Seddon, Debbie Seddon, A Tattum, V Williams.

Apologies: None

In attendance: Mrs K L Roberts – Clerk

1. The Council to confirm election of Chair and Vice Chair 2017/2018

Councillor B Hughes was proposed as Chairman by Councillor D Roney and seconded by Councillor P Gibbons. A majority vote was recorded in favour of Councillor B Hughes.

Resolved: Councillor Brynmoor Hughes was duly elected Chairman for 2017/2018.

Councillor D Roney was proposed by Cllr P Gibbons and seconded by Councillor J Evans. A majority vote was recorded in favour of Councillor D Roney.

Resolved: Councillor David Roney was duly elected Vice Chairman for 2017/2018.

The Chairman welcomed 4 new Community Councillors and gave his commiserations for those councillors who did not retain their seats. The new County Councillor Patrick Heesom was welcomed and the Chairman stated that he hoped communications with the community council and the County Councillor would continue to strengthen.

Resolved: The clerk will update and circulate all new member contacts to each individual.

2. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Members Code of Conduct had been circulated previously and a hard copy provided to all members at the meeting.

RESOLVED: The declaration of acceptance of office forms were duly signed by members and witnessed by the clerk.

3. To consider accepting apologies for absence

None.

4. To record declarations of interest / Members provided an update on their areas of interest for the record.

Ysgol Bryn Pennant - Local school governors are County Councillor P Heesom, Councillor Dave Seddon, Councillor P Gibbons and Councillor D Roney and Councillor V Seddon.

Mostyn Community Centre – Councillor P Heesom, Councillor Debbie Seddon and Councillor Vera Williams.

Mostyn Brighter Communities – Councillor D Roney.

Mostyn Sports and Leisure Group – Councillor D Roney and Councillor A Tattum.

5. To consider the minutes of the last Annual Meeting 16 May 2016

The clerk advised members that the 16 May Annual Meeting Minutes 2016 were formally proposed seconded and agreed. Members re-affirmed their decision.

6. To approve the minutes of the last council meeting 18 April 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 24 April 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising from the last Minutes

Cllr. Dave Seddon reported a point for accuracy the last meeting actually took place at the later date of 24 April not 18 April as stated in the minutes. This inaccuracy was agreed by the Chair and those present and amended.

The clerk had spoken with Richard Roberts, Flintshire County Council Play and Leisure Services about publicity as work begins at Maes Pennant Park, which he would be happy to assist with.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to publicise this work after the new play equipment had been installed.

Officers from Flintshire County Council had visited some local people being affected by a rat problem.

The clerk read out a letter from a resident Mrs Joan Hazlehurst with regard to protocol on revisiting minutes once recorded and then an individual requesting amendment at a subsequent meeting. The clerk read out a section on Mostyn Community Standing Orders which read "No discussion of the draft minutes of a preceding meeting shall take place except in relation to their accuracy". The clerk noted this need to be adhered to by The Chairman at future meetings. The Chairman agreed.

8. Chairman's Communications

The Chairman welcomed councillors to the community council meeting.

The Chairman noted a representative from Flintshire County Council should be encouraged to attend a future meeting with regard to traffic calming measures in Mostyn.

RESOLVED: The clerk will make enquires with Highways.

Cllr. Roney reported on the traffic calming measures bid. A decision is expected by the end of the month. County Councillor Heesom advised he will pursue what was started by Councillor Roney.

9. Police Matters

Cllr. Seddon reported the Youth Club being broken into on Saturday evening with the people coming back on the Sunday night. There was damage to the building including smashed windows and paint thrown in each room. Police attended and had phoned the schools head teacher to attend.

Cllr. Roney reported the building was going to be demolished and there would be no asset transfer going forward. Councillors expressed their concern about the damage to the Youth Club and what appeared to be a lack of response by the police in this matter. Councillors were disappointed to learn of the irreparable damage left to the premises without subsequent action.

A local burglary reported also took a considerable time for Police to attend the premises. Councillors understand there is a new Police inspector and requested the clerk to enquire about who he/she is?

The Chair and Cllr. Debbie Seddon may visit the local MP after the election to raise their concerns.

RESOLVED: The clerk to contact the Police to convey Councillors concerns.

Councillors noted fires being lit behind the police station and ongoing concern about the youth club.

County Councillor Heesom advised he deeply regretted Flintshire County Councils decision to pull the plug on funding for Youth Services in the past.

10. Streetscene Matters

Summary:

Rusting hand rails by the community centre.

Fly tipping in Bank Hall Road by the Police Station.

Cllr. Conway reported at Lletty Hill – a sharps box was found, she will speak to the harm reduction team.

RESOLVED: The clerk to follow up the matter of a request for a cigarette bin near the newly installed bus shelter

This was raised with Streetscene at the last meeting.

11. Matters raised by members

The clerk confirmed that matters raised should have an agenda item to enable transparent decisions and resolutions to be made and that general matters which are significant are not encouraged without a specific reference on the agenda.

Councillor Roney handed the Clerk a letter from Mostyn Sports and Leisure Group to request funds to assist a consultation process to look at the possibility of a youth club in Mostyn. This would be on the July Agenda to enable full consideration and discussion by members.

The flower box at Hafod Y Ddol has had plants stolen. The flower box has been moved location as it can be looked after outside the pub. A decision has not been made about the flower boxes in Rhewl as people are required who are prepared to look after it.

Cllr. Gibbons advised he couldn't vote for Mostyn community councillors because of being classed as residing in Rhewl. He has had 3 complaints from residents in the private bungalows that residents can't vote for Mostyn Community nominees for the council either. These residents live in Maes Pennant Mostyn.

RESOLVED: County Councillor Heesom will make enquiries with the elections office about the possibility of a boundary change.

Cllr. Heesom noted a boundary change request can take some years.

Discussion of raising the profile of Mostyn Community Council. Linking the current website to a Mostyn Community Council Facebook page.

RESOLVED: The clerk would make enquiries into this matter.

12. Review Sub Committees and receive any new nominations

13. 12a Review representation or work with external organisations.

One Voice Wales – County Councillor Heesom. County Forum – County Councillor Cllr Heesom.

External organisations

School governors are County Councillor Heesom, Councillor D Seddon, Councillor P Gibbons and Councillor D Roney and Councillor V Seddon.

Mostyn Brighter Communities – Councillor D Roney.

Mostyn Sports and Leisure Group – Councillor D Roney and Councillor A Tattum.

14. To review and adopt Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Resolved: That the Code of Conduct be adopted by members.

Members requested more time to read and review the Standing Orders and Financial regulations. This will be a June 2017 agenda item.

15. To consider the Internal Auditors – JDH Report and Sign the Annual Return 2016/2017

The clerk advised on the report /recommendations received by JDH Business Services and suggested it was good practice to reaffirm their appointment. On the report the internal auditor referred to clarification of ownership of the recently installed bus shelter which was not represented on the community council's asset register. The clerk raised this with Flintshire County Council, who has confirmed if Mostyn Community Council wishes to have ownership of the shelter then responsibility for the maintenance/cleansing would also be the community council.

Members considered this information and unanimously agreed they did not wish to take on this ownership responsibility and therefore the shelter would not be added to the asset register at this time.

Resolved: The internal audit report is accepted.

That the Chairman be authorised to sign the return for submission to the external auditor, BDO.

That JDH Business Services be confirmed as the Councils internal auditors for 2017/2018.

16. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

The clerk has received information from Flintshire County Council of a training session for new and existing councillors. Dates and times to be circulated, please inform the clerk of which session you wish to attend.

Marie Curie is calling on people to hold a Blooming Great Tea Party between 23-25 June 2017 and support the charity which provides care and support for people living with a terminal illness.

A letter from The Pensions Regulator advising on the time to choose an automatic enrolment pension scheme. The clerk is enrolled in a pension scheme by Mostyn Community Council. No further action required at this time.

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

None received at present.

18. To approve payments to be made

RESOLVED:

Chq NO	Payee	Amount
(DD)Pension	NEST	47.84
Scottish Power	electricity (Street Lights)	281.82
JDH Business Services Ltd Internal Audit		222.00
Zurich Municipal	annual insurance	468.02
Clerk's Salary	K. Roberts	476.00
Expenses	K. Roberts	58.36
HMRC	PAYE	73.00

19. To receive items for the June 2017 Agenda.

As detailed under relevant sections in these minutes.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.