

Minutes of the meeting of Mostyn Community Council held in Mostyn Community Centre on Monday 19 March 2018.

Present: Cllrs T Conway, County Councillor P Heesom, David Roney, Dave Seddon, Debbie Seddon, and V Williams.

1. Apologies: Cllr. Hazlehurst, Cllr. Hughes and Cllr. A Tattum.

In attendance: Mrs K L Roberts – Clerk 2 people in the public gallery.

2. To record declarations of interest from members
Cllr. Roney – item 9.

3. To consider the minutes of the last meeting 19 February 2018.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting were approved by the council and signed as an accurate record by the chair.

Matters Arising

Cllr. Roney noted the speed monitoring needed to take place from the Old Tavern to the Railway Station.

Cllr. Roney informed members the police had been in touch with regard to the burglary at The Old Tavern and informed him it would be against data protection to give further information.

County Cllr. Heesom will pursue the matter of reports of the untidy outside of a property in Rhewl.

The clerk advised there has as yet been no response from Warwick International about the request for consideration of a sign on the bench which they donated on The Cob.

The clerk reported she is awaiting a response from Flintshire County Council with regard to the request by the community council for sight of the 106 agreement from Mr Richard Roberts, at Aura.

The clerk spoke has received an email from Mr N Seaberg who has followed up his question with the responsible officer in enforcement in relation to dog fouling incidents and fines.

The clerk also advised that a work ticket with Streetscene has been raised for installation of the new notice board in Rhewl.

The clerk has had no further response to date from Natural Resources Wales with regard to enforcement of fly tipping.

4. Chairman's Communications

The Chair had attended the West Flintshire Town and Community Council meeting and verbally shared information with members. She informed members there was discussion on the re-opening of Greenfield Station and had brought a document for members to view should they wish.

Fly-tipping – an issue previously for Mostyn Community Council particularly on The Cob. Holywell Town Council said they would enquire if there are problems around their area.

Play Equipment – other Town and Community Councils have not been quoted equipment any less expensive/competitive elsewhere than that quoted by Flintshire County Council.

Community Transport is being established in Holywell – a mini bus/ring and ride, although this will not at this time benefit Mostyn who have a bus route.

Holywell High Street reported a 30% increase in footfall by traders due to opening up the pedestrianised area.

Fun Car Park – reopens to stall holders in May 2018.

Community Litter Pick – Cllr. Seddon reported this community event went well and around 30 bags of rubbish were collected by volunteers. Cllr. Seddon asked the clerk if Mr Nigel Seaberg can be thanked for Streetscene assistance that collected the rubbish.

The clerk had sent two short pieces/articles to the local press recently to assist in sharing positive messages about the community of Mostyn and the work of the community council. It is the editor's discretion if information is published. The clerk asked members for any contributions, ideas to share with the local press going forward.

Standing orders were suspended:

The Chair introduced Joanna Seymour, Manager and Shelley Webber, Project Manager. Who provided a presentation on the project which Flintshire County Council had been awarded 2.7 million toward. They wish to assist 3,000 households and request the community council help to share this information with individuals in their community who they believe may benefit. Those who are in fuel poverty – this is currently defined in Scotland and Wales, as a household that spends more than 10% of their disposable income on all household fuel. Should individuals not qualify for funding they may still obtain advice. In particular, they are targeting private rented properties. Community councillors were encouraged to ask individuals to contact them directly and help identify vulnerable households on 01352 703425 or 01352 703440 HealthyHomesHP@Flintshire.gov.uk

The Chair, thanked Ms Seymour and Ms Webber for the presentation.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

5. Streetscene Matters

Concern raised about pot holes in the roads around Mostyn.

Fford-y-Ffynnon - a councillor reported this was filled and recently a car was damaged going over it and requires attention again.

Coast Road, going up to Mostyn from Abekhan - outside the old solar fires building there is a large pot hole.

Outside Lletty - there was a man hole cover which now isn't there but there is a space approximately 9 inches deep which requires attention.

RESOLVED: The clerk to raise the pothole matters with Mr Nigel Seaberg, Streetscene Co-ordinator.

A resident in the public gallery was given permission to speak by the Chair. He advised that on the open area from Y Gerddi onto Fford Ddyfrdwy children are playing football and the ground is becoming churned up. County Councillor Heesom confirmed this has been ring fenced for parking spaces and asked if the community council can contact Flintshire County Council and follow this up and so will he in his County Councillor role.

RESOLVED: The clerk to make enquires with Flintshire County council about the progress on car parking spaces planned for Y Gerddi onto Fford Ddyfrdwy.

Cllr. Debbie Seddon, advised she had sent a letter to nearby residents about the proposal for a dog bin and had no response to requesting one by the Lletty end of Fford Pennant and will now make further enquiries with Streetscene.

6. Police Matters No update from the police to date.

Cars causing obstruction/parked on pavements – concerns this is taking place too frequently particularly on the Penrho estate.

There is also a blue van with no tax parked on the community centre car park.

RESOLVED: The clerk to inform PC Kelly French Jones.

7. To consider options for financial assistance for Mostyn Community Centre 2018/2019

As this has been a previous discussion at a number of recent meetings it was agreed to consider reducing the number of members to be quorate from a lesser number than 5.

RESOLVED: To review the Standing Orders at The May Annual General Meeting 2018.

8. The clerks role and current working hours – a reminder for existing and new councillors

The clerk reminded Councillors of her part time role, 11 hours per week with Mostyn Community Council primarily being an administrative and responsible financial role. These hours, worked flexibly throughout the week, predominately within regular office hours.

The Chair, confirmed her understanding of the role of the clerk and thanked her for the good job she continues to undertake for the community council.

9. Community Street Lighting LED Renewal – members to consider locations to upgrade LED street lighting 2018/2019.

Members discussed renewal of old sox street lights with LED lights and proposed areas:

The clerk read out correspondence from Deeco lighting which noted the majority of lights being over 25 years old and needing replacement. Rhewl, Mostyn has a number of older lights and the lights by Mostyn Church would benefit from a program of updating.

One light is outside number 6 Gloddaeth Crescent and the other one is outside Bro Aber both are on the main road Rhewl. Two other lights on the Lletty Hill Footpath. As lights up to Mostyn church have been frequently vandalised it was agreed be members this would not be an area for immediate focus.

RESOLVED: The clerk convey the 4 LED lighting locations request to Deeco lighting.

10. An update from the clerk on process and expressions of interest for the vacant community council seat.

The clerk has received 3 expressions of interest from local residents. As no election has been called this process with now go to Co-option at the April 2018 meeting.

11. Feedback from the clerk on comparison of energy prices for Mostyn Community Council.

The clerk has compared energy prices at uSwitch.com and it would appear some savings may be made. She has contacted the clerk network to enquire about what experiences other clerks have had with changing provider.

RESOLVED: The clerk will liaise with the Chair before any change to a new energy provider is decided upon.

12. Clerk's update and correspondence

The following correspondence had been received, that was required to be advised, or dealt with by members:

Wales Audit Office – Copy of financial management and governance in local councils

Mostyn Community Council - Asset Register Review 2018/2019.

After discussion about the flower boxes and their listing on the asset register, it was agreed this would stay the same. The clerk would add the new notice board and make the necessary adjustment to the street lighting where these have been changed from older sox lights to LED lighting.

RESOLVED: Mostyn Community Council asset register was reviewed for 2018/2019 and agreed as above.

Local Government Partnerships Funding Available 2018/2019 - deadline 20 April 2018
Community Health Council Report which highlights the improvements needed to non- emergency community transport in Wales. Short link: <http://bit.ly/2EeYe3n>

RESOLVED: Information received on LG Partnerships Funding, no further action required.

Best Kept Communities Competition 2018 – closing date for all entries 1 June 2018.

County Councillor Heesom would speak to local residents of the bungalows to see if they are interested to participate.

Flintshire County Council Domestic Energy Team – Healthy Homes, Healthy People, Warm Homes Fund. Refer to the presentation received under Chairman's Communications.

To consider annual membership of One Voice Wales 2018/2019

After discussion members agreed for 2018/2019 to renew their membership of One Voice Wales for £254. Cllr. Roney requested his vote against membership be minuted.

Cruse Bereavement Care – request for financial assistance in 2018/2019.

Welsh Border Community Transport – financial assistance application to consider.

Both applications were discussed by members and a decision made not to offer financial assistance outside of the time when applications were considered in January 2018.

RESOLVED: The clerk write to the organisations and advise of no financial assistance on this occasion.

Kidney Wales/Aren Cymru – Walk for Life April to June 2018

HSBC – update to propose to transfer accounts, products and services to a new part of their bank. HSBC UK Bank plc.

The Next Meeting of the Flintshire/Wrexham Area Committee at Gwersyllt, Community Resource Centre, Second Avenue, Gwersyllt, Wrexham, LL11 4ED. 27 March 2018 at 7.00pm. The clerk provided County Councillor Heesom with the correspondence as representative of the community council.

SLCC seminar in Bolton on 27 June 2018 – General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to ensure your council is compliant in 2018. £75+VAT (Tool Kit to assist with Data Protection Regulation from One Voice Wales 2018).

The Clerk made members aware of the General Data Protection Regulations coming in on 25 May 2018.

The clerk would not attend the seminar at this stage. The clerk would begin to document the personal information held by Mostyn Community Council, where it comes from and who it is shared with and bring this to the April meeting.

RESOLVED: General Data Protection Regulations May 2018 would be an agenda item for April 2018.

Welsh Government Community Asset Transfer Conference – a “Made in Wales” approach. 26 March 2018, Glasdir Conference Centre, Llanrwst, LL26 0DF.

RESOLVED: Information received: no further action required.

Independent Remuneration Panel For Wales Annual Report – February 2018

The clerk outlined the salient points from the document which had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. The clerk informed members she had emailed the Society for Local Council Clerks with regard to guidance on councillor payments and awaits a response. The clerk advised each individual member can make a personal decision to elect to forgo part or all of the entitlement to a payment by giving notice in writing to the clerk.

13. Planning Matters The following planning application had been received:

Planning Reference: 058103 Moses Cottage, Tre-Mostyn, Holywell, CH8 9AW

Proposal: Erection of two-storey pitched roof extension to rear of dwelling.

RESOLVED: No objections.

Councillor Roney raised the issue of the poor state of disrepair of the old solar fires building and the planning applications recent dismissal. Members discussed writing to Flintshire County Council again to request a 215 notice being placed on the building as there is no longer a planning application in the system. As the latter was the reason provided for not pursuing this further initially by Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED: The clerk write to Mr M Harris, Planning Officer to request a 215 notice to be served on the applicant.

14. Approval of accounts for payment

RESOLVED:

Mar-18					
(DD)	Pension				47.84
SO	Kay Roberts				476.00
(DD)	Scottish Power				263.14
101602	FCC	Election fee			1881.34
101603	expenses				47.20
101604	One Voice Wales	Annual Membership			254.00
101605	Earth Anchors	Notice Board			555.60
101606	HMRC	PAYE			31.88
					3557.00

The clerk made members aware there was an unreceived/lost cheque sent to Earth Anchors on February 2018 for the notice board and requested permission to cancel this and write another cheque for £555.60.

RESOLVED: The clerk to cancel and write a 2nd cheque to Earth Anchors for £555.60.

15. To receive items for the 16 April March agenda.

County Councillor Heesom – new road from the Dee Bridge to Northop.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.