

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

21 September 2020 (Virtual meeting held on ZOOM)

MOSTYN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY

AGENDA

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

Cllrs. B Hazlehurst, S Calvert, CC. P Heesom, Dave Seddon (Vice Chair) and Debbie Seddon (Chair).

2. **(B)To record apologies**

Cllrs. A Gladwin and V Williams

Non - attendance: Cllrs. Davies, Gibbons, Jones and Roney.

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

Item 12a Planning Application 061640 Cllr Hazlehurst - as the applicant is his neighbour he would leave the meeting and not partake in the discussion.

Item 11c. NALC 2020/21 National Salary Award Pay scales – the clerk would leave the meeting and not partake in the discussion.

4. **To approve minutes of the meeting 15 June 2020**

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Cllr. Hazlehurst and seconded by Cllr. Calvert and would be signed by the Chair, Debbie Seddon as an accurate record.

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

The clerk advised she had circulated the Playscheme attendance information to all councillors by email. It was noted that the wet weather may have impacted on attendance some days during the two weeks in August.

6. **Chairman's Communications** – Councillor Heesom was not present to give an update on The Cob. It is understood Gibbs are taking over the former Alyn Works/solar fires building.

A resident raised an issue about a bin not being emptied which Mr Seaburg had responded to directly with the Chair.

Absent Councillors – The Chair reminded the council of the need to be present at meetings including the virtual meetings to ensure as a councillor you are fully representing your residents and being kept informed. Some concerns over attendance particularly since moving to virtual meetings and guidance has been sought from the monitoring officer. After 6 months of non-attendance a councillor seat can automatically become vacant. Cllr. Seddon will write / email those councillors to inform them. Also, a reminder to email / phone the clerk to send apologies and a reason for those apologies for consideration by members before 5pm on the day of the meeting.

The clerk was requested to circulate an email on Fly Tipping Wales from One Voice Wales to all Councillors to encourage community councils to do more toward prevention in their communities.

7. **To discuss any Streetscene Matters**

Issues raised:

Roadwork Notices being erected on the Coast Road A548 Mostyn noted as starting 1 September 2020 but not commencing.

Emails from Cllr. Gibbons and Gladwin – regarding cutting of grass containing cans and being left on the ground in the park causing a potential hazard. Bins often full, can a request be made for a bigger bin.

Concern about Japanese Knot weed in Mostyn.

Glan Y Don field – littering.

The clerk has / and or will raise the aforementioned matters with Nigel Seaburg at Streetscene.

The clerk noted an email received from a resident - County Councillor Patrick Heesom apologised for joining the meeting at this late time as he had just finished a meeting at County Hall and he confirmed he had dealt with this matter for the resident.

8. **To discuss a defibrillator for the Rhewl area.**

Discussion about the best location for a defibrillator, as there were no representatives for the Rhewl ward present it was thought best to defer this item until the October meeting.

9. **To discuss the Village Play Areas including the skateboard park in Mostyn.**

The new equipment had been installed in Mostyn.

Cllr. Dave Seddon agreed to do a spot check of each park for any streetscene matters. The clerk advised Aura are those responsible for the health and safety/risk assessment checks of the park (over and above this offer of an informal check) – any equipment related matters should be brought to the attention of Mr Richard Roberts. The Chair advised following a discussion with Mr Roberts that the skateboard park is coming to the end of its economic life in the next 2 years and to consider options for its replacement and provisions required for such replacement. The clerk would contact Mr Roberts to enquire about options and the Fields in Trust status which Cllr. Hazlehurst believes to apply to the park thus subjecting it to potential restrictions.

To consider an update on the Community Sports Hub.

The clerk had been in touch with Mr Dan Williams, Aura School and Community Sports Co-ordinator who had been furloughed during recent months enquiring about the report due to Sport Wales and the commencement of the sessions again. Sessions have now recommenced and there had a small turn out on the first session back Thursday 17 September. The clerk will circulate the poster to Cllrs. Who are encouraged to promote the service for young people aged 9-13 years of age. No update received on the progress of the report to date. This will be an item on the October agenda.

10. **To consider a litter pick in Mostyn / Rhewl – Cllr. Gemma Gibbons**

The chair had received this request for inclusion on the agenda from Cllr. Gibbons, as she was not present this was not discussed and deferred to the October meeting.

11. **Clerks update and correspondence**

Planning 11a 061640 The Old Mill, Mostyn – County Councillor Heesom is monitoring this ensuring the conditions are adhered to. 11b Pensions regulator letter – the clerk and chair will liaise and submit to ensure employer duties are met. 11c To receive and consider NALC 2020-21 National Salary pay scales and apply to clerks salary from 1 April 2020 – at the chairs discretion this was discussed at the end of the meeting and the clerk was not present for this time.

12. Planning Matters (A) Planning Applications (B) Planning Decisions

12a Planning Application: 061640 The Old Mill, Hafod Y Ddol, Mostyn, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 9ED. Proposal: Erection of Annexe accommodation on site of former barn workers cottage. Councillor Hazlehurst left the meeting and did not partake in the discussion.

After discussion, it was agreed that no objections should be submitted.

Councillor Hazlehurst returned to the zoom meeting.

Not on the agenda - Abandon Standing Orders

Ffordd Pandarus proposal - County Councillor Heesom reported this is a difficult position. The County Planning Authority want to take this proposal to the next planning committee and the recommendation is to approve. The Y Gerddi end has been abandoned, dropped of the development.

General agreement some affordable housing is needed. County Councillor Patrick Heesom is speaking with Mr Cockerton, but the position is difficult, as County Councillor he will keep the community council informed.

13. Planning Application: 061533 Plas Ucha Farmhouse Plas Ucha Lane, Whitford, Holywell, CH8 9AN. Proposal: Application for a lawful development certificate for the Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed use of the premises for uses under C3(b) of the Town & Country Planning (use Classes) Order 1987.

This application is on the boundary of Mostyn and Whitford and was to be dealt with by Whitford Community Council.

14. Planning Application: 061458 Old Tavern, Mostyn, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 9DX

County Councillor Patrick Heesom is dealing with this application and therefore the clerk was not instructed to submit any comments at this time.

Cllr Hazlehurst has been approached by a member of the community several times to enquire about using the community centre for their group once again. He has explained the community centre is not within the remit or anything to do with the community council and requests a letter is sent from the clerk on behalf of the community council to clarify this point.

The clerk will be furnished with relevant information to enable her to undertake this task.

15. To approve the September accounts for payment

| SEPTEMBER | PAYEE | DETAILS | VAT | AMOUNT |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----|--------|
| SO | K.Roberts | Salary and home office allowance | | 530.73 |
| SO | K.Roberts | Nest Pension (this includes the employer and employees contribution) | | 47.84 |
| DD | Scottish Power | Scottish Power new monthly electricity amount | 4.5 | 94.50 |
| 101714 | VOID | | | |
| 101715 | K.Roberts | Clerk back pay (6 months new salary scale 2020/2021) | | 106.08 |
| 101716 | K.Roberts | Salary Increment | | 31.77 |
| 101717 | HMRC | PAYE | | 131.46 |

The September accounts were proposed by Cllr. Debbie Seddon and seconded by Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst.

A draft bank reconciliation for April to June was provided by the clerk – this demonstrated £44,960. in the bank. Income of £12,483 and expenditure of £4,666. The clerk informed councillors the income was from the first of three precept payments for the year £10,666 and VAT reclaim and a small amount of bank interest. Payment for play equipment, summer playscheme and grants to organisations generally falls within the second half of the financial year.

12c To receive and consider NALC 2020-21 National Salary Award pay scales and apply to clerk's salary from 1 April 2020. (The clerk left the meeting and did not partake in any of the discussion.)

Following discussion members agreed to pay the increase the clerk would be entitled to from 1 April 2020 following receipt of the new payscales from NALC 2020/2021 which had been delayed.

A further discussion about clerk holiday entitlement followed and it was agreed unanimously that this should adhere to the clerk's contract of employment.

The Chair will inform the clerk of the outcome following the meeting.

The meeting closed 8.40pm.