

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

16 November 2020

1. (A) To record attendance

Councillor Sarah Calvert, Allison Gladwin, Bob Hazlehurst, County Councillor Patrick Heesom, David Roney, Dave Seddon (Vice Chairman), Debbie Seddon (Chair) and Vera Williams.

2. (B) To record apologies

None

Public Gallery: 1 resident was admitted to the meeting.

3. To approve minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Dave Seddon and Seconded by Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst and would be signed as an accurate record by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the last minutes.

October minutes Item 6, Page 2 No response from streetscene regarding an additional waste bin in Mostyn play area.

October minutes, item 12, Page 3 Cllr. Dave Seddon reported there was going to be a later than planned governors meeting, and he would raise about future payment for pitch fees for the sports hub at that time. Cllr. Debbie Seddon had spoken to the Head and no further requests of payment are requested at present.

5. To provide an update on a Community Councillor vacancy.

The clerk reported Councillor Gemma Gibbons has resigned from her community councillor seat as at present she cannot fully commit, she still wants to help and wanted to convey *she believes the community council do an amazing job and should be praised for their efforts and what they achieve in the community and hopes in the future to be part of the community council again.* The clerk confirmed she had acknowledged Gemma's email with thanks and the Chair had responded personally.

The second matter relates to Councillor Eddie Jones who has not attended a meeting in 6 months, nor has he provided apologies. The clerk explained the 6-month absence rule, however she noted members do have discretion to allow more time for an individual to be absent should they wish. County Councillor Heesom noted Cllr. Jones role with the tenant's federation which could be useful. However, some councillors felt that as apologies had not been received and no contact had been made with the community council, despite details of monthly meetings being sent through the post and the option of the councillor to join by phone if he so wished, no contact had been made. The Chair had posted correspondence personally through his door about the six-month rule and requesting attendance at the November meeting. As the two councillors represented Rhewl it was important to have someone who will raise issues and be able to represent at meetings alongside Cllr. Roney. The Chair advised that councillors work as a team and will support any issues relating to Rhewl.

A majority vote was taken, and the clerk was instructed to commence two vacancy notices and write to Cllr. Jones to explain about the casual vacancy and thank him for his time on the council.

RESOLVED: The clerk to action two community councillor vacancy notices.

6. Chairman's Communications

6a. Remembrance Sunday – The Chair and Vice Chair Debbie and Dave Seddon laid a wreath on behalf of the community council at Christ Church, Mostyn. County Councillor Heesom was also in attendance.

6b. The clerk suggested a consideration of procedure for public attendance at virtual council meetings. Suggesting a period of notice and individuals' details should they wish to attend/speak. The clerk was instructed to contact County in the first instance to see what guidance they may have.

6c. To receive thanks from a resident of Rhewl for influencing streetscene to tend to the branches of a tree hitting the buses which have now been dealt with.

6d. A report of dead rabbits attached to trees on Maes Pennant has been referred from the police to the rural crime team.

6e. The Chair provided an update on a meeting with Mr Richard Roberts, Aura regarding the future of Mostyn Skateboard Park which may have a limited number of economic life years left. A suggestion was a MUGA (spell out acronym) pitch which would incorporate a basketball / baseball and separate small skateboard area, the entire area is approx. 20 by 30 metres. The MUGA would be in the region of £20,000 and may be match funded with Aura. Options which could be considered are applications for grants/any 106 monies from any new builds. The Chair suggested a possible public meeting to gauge ideas from residents and a possible subcommittee to organise this in 2021.

County Councillor Heesom suggested caution as certain County services are being shifted into profit making bodies and there is already an entitlement to funding as part of the rates system. There may be more information about this to discuss at the January meeting.

6f. A further email/letter from a local resident had been circulated and Cllrs provided with opportunity to respond. The Chair will respond by the end of the week.

6g. Cllr. Hazlehurst provide a summary of matters discussed at the County Forum – however, as it was a long and ambitious agenda the Chair asked the Cllr. If he could furnish members with an email.

The Chair requested all councillors respond to requests from myself and the Clerk.

7. To discuss Streetscene Matters - To receive a winter maintenance letter from Mr Barry Wilkinson, Flintshire County Council.

The community council raised the matter of sandbags near a residents' property, they are a temporary solution in the current climate and await further advise from County.

Cllr. Roney reported a pothole outside Maes Y Delyn Rhewl which has previously been tended to by County but has gotten larger.

Himalayan Knotweed raised in the area by Cllr. Galdwin an update from Streetscene this is being actioned.

County Councillor Heesom reported a significant investment in improved corridor access on the A548.

Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst reported recent communications from Scottish Power which should enable the remaining work on the 12 lights to get underway in due course and will feed back in January.

The clerk will make enquiries/ refer as appropriate the Streetscene matters.

Members had considered the letter from Barry Wilkinson – should any extra bins / stock salt need ordering Cllr. Hazlehurst would advise the clerk. This includes any community council owned green bins which may need refilling, councillors to check.

8. Police matters – none raised.

9. To consider a financial contribution toward the Community Sports Hub (CSH) until Summer 2021.

The clerk reported on the in principal decision to provide ongoing financial support to the CSH until Summer 2021. The clerk furnished Councillors with information received from Mr Dan Williams, which stated provision of a session per week would continue until end of the Summer Term 2021 for £1,120. The money would be reallocated from the underspend from the Playscheme which ran for a shorter time on 2020 due to the COVID restrictions.

RESOLVED: Members voted unanimously on this financial contribution toward the CSH.

10. To confirm defibrillator location in Rhewl and consider signage costs for Mostyn, to consider signage and associated costs for Rhewl once the location has been confirmed.

Members discussed various locations for the defibrillator. The main issue is the lack of public buildings in Rhewl. Cllr. Roney suggested the bus shelter at Maes Alarch or near the sign for Mostyn Community Centre / pensioners bungalows or notice board in Rhewl. Cllr. Roney will report back at the next meeting. The masonic lodge not favoured as it is out of the way. To be placed on the January agenda.

Details of defibrillator signage circulated and agreed at £35 plus VAT x2 to show the public where the defibrillator is located. This was proposed by Cllr. Debbie Seddon and seconded by Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst, the clerk will make enquires with streetscene to check if the locations are suitable.

11. All members to review the Mostyn Community Survey and feedback by the January 2021.

The clerk had circulated the survey and asked for contributions/ any updates from members prior to the January agenda for discussion.

12. To request councillors and clerk distribute financial assistance applications. The financial application form has been distributed to all councillors.

Members confirmed a form should be sent directly to the RNLI whose letter requested financial assistance so that this may be considered in January.

Councillors would furnish relevant groups with the forms. A new Morris dance group had been established and Cllr. Debbie Seddon would check and confirm if the original group had been disbanded. Cllr. Halzehurst would take forms for Estuary Cars, Arts and Crafts and the gardening club. Cllr. Williams would take the Church and Chapel and Community Centre.

The clerk asked members to advise her of any other groups providing assistance or activities locally which are require financial assistance and she will forward a form.

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

13a. Update of Ffordd Pandarus Development – (Planning Application Reference Number 060783) from County Councillor Heesom.

Details of the approval are listed on Flintshire County Council website. County Councillor Heesom reported the developer got this signed up early in the process. It is still awaited if the occupiers of the properties will be from local choices.

13b. Planning Application Consultation Ref: 061932 Cartref, Mostyn, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 9QU. Proposal: Formation of first floor over existing garage.

County Councillor Heesom reported there are a few planning objections raised by this. The clerk was not instructed to submit any comments at this time.

13c. Planning Application Consultation Ref: 061808 The Port House, Mostyn, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 9HD.

Following discussion there was agreement of no comments on this proposal.

RESOLVED: No comments.

13d. Mostyn Community Council concerns raised with Flintshire County Council about large commercial vehicles using the Rose Cottage site, Rhewl and planner's response.

The clerk had received correspondence in response to concerns from residents and councillors of the use of commercial vehicles at this site. These have now been acknowledged and a complaint recorded on Flintshire County Councils planning enforcement database. The planning enforcement department are working through complaints received since the spring and with depleted staff levels this may take some time. An investigating officer will contact the council to advise of an outcome in due course.

Caravan Matter – Cllr. Roney raised concerns that 2 large caravans sited at Tan Y Coed and concerns if these have the appropriate planning permissions. County Councillor Heesom reported Planning Policy was to allow 1 caravan at the property. The Chair requested further enquiries to be made with planning enforcement.

13e. To consider costs associated with community Christmas tree including lighting for the Mostyn and Rhewl residents.

Cllrs. Debbie Seddon, Gladwin and Calvert have been liaising about Christmas trees and spoke with the Chapel who have agreed they can place lights in a tree already in situ and use their electricity for a small donation.

It was agreed that lights, timers, relevant plugs etc for a budget of up to £200 for each site (one in Rhewl too) including assistance from a locally qualified engineer would be acceptable.

Cllr. Roney and Cllr. Gladwin would work together for the tree in Rhewl. A suggested location outside Maes Y Delyn was agreed. The clerk asked Councillors to get in touch if they required further assistance.

Unfortunately, Deeco Engineering used for the community council for their streetlights were not available at present. A local engineer had offered his services, the council wanted assurances of qualifications / public liability insurance. Cllr. Gladwin will request these she understands he has the appropriate qualifications and holds public liability insurance.

Councillors will proceed with plans for the Christmas trees and contact the clerk should they require further assistance.

14. Approval of November 2020 accounts for payment

November	Payee	Details	VAT	AMOUNT
SO	K.Roberts	Salary/Home office Allowance		576.78
SO	K.Roberts	Nest Pension (employers and employee's contribution)		47.84
DD	Scottish Power	electricity (street lighting)	4.50	94.50
101721	J.E. Duggan-Keen	Caerwys Computer Clinic (website annual fee)		198.12
101722	HMRC	PAYE		277.42

Proposed by Cllr. Hazlehurst and seconded by County Councillor Heesom.

15. To receive items for the next meeting which was agreed to be deferred until 18 January 2021.

The Chair proposed setting up an account with zoom going forward. The clerk said she understood it was in the region of up to £15 per month. As a longer time is required for meetings to enable fuller discussion of agenda items if required.

All members in agreement, the clerk to make further enquiries to set up by the January 2021 meeting.

Update on community council owned Street Lighting and items identified in the minutes.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm.