

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15 February 2021

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

Councillor Sarah Calvert, Ian Davies, Allison Gladwin, Bob Hazlehurst, County Councillor Patrick Heesom, David Roney, Dave Seddon (Acting Chair).

(B) To record apologies

Vera Williams (spouse unwell)

Public Gallery: 1 resident was admitted to the meeting.

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

None declared.

3. **To approve minutes of the meeting on 18 January 2021**

The minutes of the meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr. Patrick Heesom and seconded by Cllr. Sarah Calvert and will be signed by the Acting Chair.

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

An amendment required to the January minutes Councillor Ian Davies was present.

Item 13. A query re. location for the Rhewl Defibrillator. The clerk revisited the November minutes for clarity. Cllr. Halzehurst confirmed a cost of £1,300 for a new post / electricity for the Defibrillator thereby doubling the cost. It was agreed Cllr Hazlehurst will continue with his investigations into ownership of the bus stop to see if lighting can be utilised. All agreed to this course of action. (Agenda Item 13.)

Ongoing - Mostyn Play Area, previous request to Streetscene for a larger bin. Cllr. Dave Seddon asked County Councillor Heesom, if he could follow this up on this occasion.

The clerk had received a telephone call late one evening from Mr Barry Wilkinson, FCC Highway Network Manager saying any work on resurfacing would have to be scored on their matrix system and any areas which require attention can be provided to Mr Nigel Seaburg, Streetscene Co-ordinator. County Councillor Heesom would discuss this with County as he was not satisfied with this response.

February minutes – COVID Vaccinations - a detailed response was received from Hannah Blythyn AM following communication on behalf of Mostyn Community Council. This was circulated to all councillors. Subsequently this has moved on and all high risks groups have now received or been invited for their vaccinations.

5. **Acting Chair's Communications**

5a Bereavement Announcement – Condolences to family of former Councillor Eddie Jones

The Acting Chair extended his condolences to the late former Councillor Eddie Jones, a sympathy card had been sent and a donation to Diabetes UK of £25.00 from the community council. The clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks for his work from the community council to his spouse/family.

5b To extend thanks to the former Chair Councillor Debbie Seddon for her work over 15 years for Mostyn Community Council.

The Acting Chair, Cllr. Dave Seddon reported on the receipt of the former Chair's immediate resignation by email, sent for all councillors' attention on 27 January 2021. Former Councillor Debbie Seddon had over 15 years of service as councillor and in later years the first female Chair of Mostyn Community Council. The clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks for her work to Debbie Seddon on behalf of the community council.

Cllr. Roney stated that he wished to condemn the last email from the former Chair of the Community to a local resident which he believed reflected badly on Mostyn Community Council. The Acting Chair responded to state the email in response to an email from a local resident, who was aware the Chair had resigned was after she had stepped down from council. Therefore, this was an email from one resident to another and therefore quite separate from the community council and required no further action on the part of the community council.

County Councillor Heesom wished to welcome the acting Chairman in the departure of the former Chair. This was seconded by Cllr. Sarah Calvert and the majority of Councillors present at the meeting.

6. To receive an update on councillor vacancies from the clerk.

The clerk reported the vacancies are on the community council website, with one expression of interest to date.

County Councillor Heesom suggested a wider base for the vacancies. Copies of the vacancies have been sent to the Acting Chair and are on the website. The clerk said she would forward a piece to the local press too. This was agreed.

7. To consider information received from One Voice Wales on Community Engagement /Surveys.

The clerk had circulated a document Connecting with your community from One Voice Wales to all Councillors. It came with a cover email from Mel ab Owain not promoting surveys at this present time due to current restrictions with a suggestion of a Facebook survey as an option in the future. Various options were discussed, it was agreed to reconsider a second Community Survey, as restrictions ease and once the community council is meeting physically once more.

RESOLVED: To reconsider a Community Survey once physical meetings resume.

One Voice Wales still hold their regional meetings and sadly as former Councillor Eddie Jones is no longer able to attend County Councillor Heesom proposed Councillor Bob Hazlehurst. This was agreed and seconded by Cllr Calvert.

Cllr. Roney commented when the Acting Chair leaves will members of the public be subject to the same abuse/comments by email? Cllr. Calvert said the former Chair had frequently requested input on issues raised by residents from all members of the community council, including the community survey and as a councillor she did not recall ever seeing a response from Cllr. Roney on these matters. There was no further response.

8. To receive an update on Street Lighting Matters – Cllr. Hazlehurst / Clerk.

Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst reported 11 lights required the attention of Scottish Power £942 inclusive of VAT. Mega Electrical will supply Scottish Power with the relevant information and a decision will be made on what is chargeable. The clerk reported £1,500 in the accounts for lighting work for this financial year. Councillors were keen to see the work completed and this was proposed by Cllr. Roney and seconded by Cllr. Calvert.

Furthermore, the council would need to enquire about ongoing maintenance / inspections as per the letter from Mr Darell Jones, Street Lighting Manager at Flintshire County Council. Cllr. Hazlehurst reported there was a 10 year warranty on the newly installed LED lights. The clerk and Cllr. Hazlehurst would make enquiries about future lighting inspections going forward.

RESOLVED: Cllr Hazlehurst to liaise with Mega electrical about the remaining work required.

Cllr. Hazlehurst was thanked for his work to date on Mostyn Community Council owned Streetlighting.

9. Streetscene Matters – Cllr. Dave Seddon reported the football pitch behind Glan Y Don, Coast Road, the ditch surrounding it to be cleaned.

Cllr. Dave Seddon reported his referral to streetscene regarding the rain flooded trench not being dug out since 2018 and streetscene have requested the manager to request the digger to clear out. Cllr. Davies said the ditch has the outlet under the A548, it is very old and full of debris.

County Councillor Heesom added the land was drained 25 years ago and this is an important priority for Streetscene.

Cllr Calvert reported on residents starting to collect litter in the area and suggested it may be an idea for the community council to acknowledge this and thank them for their investment in their local community. The clerk was requested to liaise with Cllr. Calvert to issue a message of acknowledgement and thanks to residents involved with picking litter.

10. To receive an update from Cllr. Allison Gladwin on her response to a local resident's queries.

Cllr Gladwin confirmed she hoped to meet with Cllr. Roney and the local resident and thanked the clerk for information to help complete a written response on some issues the resident believes are outstanding.

The clerk reported the resident had made a Freedom of Information request and would be responding within the time frame. Also, this resident has requested the complaints procedure and the clerk has signposted to the appropriate route of the Public Ombudsman for Wales who deals with complaints from the public.

11. To receive the Mostyn risk assessment document for 2021/2022.

The clerk had sent the risk assessment out for councillors' attention prior to the meeting. After discussion, particularly in relation to the lighting section now the lighting renewal was nearing completion it was decided no adjustments at this stage were necessary to the document. The street lighting would be kept at medium risk as some of the brackets may need eventual replacement.

RESOLVED: The risk assessment document 2021/2022 was proposed by Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst and seconded by Cllr. Dave Seddon and adopted by the council.

12. To receive and consider the member's self-regulatory protocol document.

The clerk had circulated the document in advance of the meeting for members consideration. The clerk reminded councillors of the general principals, the protocol being applicable in low level complaints between members not by members of the public who would refer to the Public Ombudsman for Wales.

RESOLVED: The members self-regulatory protocol was proposed by County Councillor Heesom and seconded by Cllr. Hazlehurst and adopted by the council.

13. To receive an update on the plans for a Defibrillator in Rhewl.

Dealt with in matters arising at the acting Chair's discretion.

13. Planning Matters (A) Applications (B) Decisions (A) Planning Application Ref: 062452 Glan Y Don Public House, Mostyn, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 9DZ Change of use – A3 to C3.

County Councillor Heesom reported this is a new company and a fresh application to modify use, a move from retail to general use and removes resources Wales grounds for refusal. Following discussion, the clerk was instructed to submit no objections to County.

RESOLVED: No objections.

14. Approval of February accounts for payment.

JANUARY	PAYEE	DETAILS	VAT	AMOUNT
SO	K.Roberts	Salary/Home office Allowance		576.78
SO	K.Roberts	Nest Pension (employers and employees' contribution)		47.84
DD	Scottish Power	Street Lighting - Electricity	4.5	94.75
101738	Diabetes UK	Donation I/M Eddie Jones		25
101739	HMRC	PAYE		144
101740	K.Roberts (reimbursement)	Annual subscription (MacAfee 50% split with G&P cc)		87.99

FLINTSHIRE SUMMER PLAYScheme 2021

The clerk had received late correspondence from Janet Roberts of a proposed summer playscheme, which she requested an in principal decision by community councils for Summer 2021.

Following discussion an in principal decision was made to participate should COVID restrictions allow during the proposed time. Further details to follow.

RESOLVED: The clerk to contact Janet Roberts to give an in principal agreement to financially support the summer playscheme.

An email from Mr Dan Williams received stating he had received some funding and has got bags of sport equipment for some families in Mostyn, and could the community council help to target families? It was agreed the clerk would contact Mr Williams and suggest he contact the families involved in the Community Sports Hub first should any remain he liaise with the school. This was proposed by County Councillor Heesom and seconded by Cllr. Roney.

RESOLVED: The clerk to communicate this to Mr Williams at Aura.

15. To receive items for the 15 March agenda.

Litter Picking, Fly Tipping, Rhewl Defibrilator.