

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15 March 2021

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

Councillor Sarah Calvert, Bob Hazlehurst, County Councillor Patrick Heesom, David Roney, Dave Seddon (Acting Chair), Vera Williams.

(B) To record apologies

Ian Davies – non attendance

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 15 February 2021**

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

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

Following discussion about the ongoing matter of a defibrillator for Rhewl. Cllr. Roney agreed to follow this up and feedback at the April meeting.

5. **Acting Chair's Communications – 5a. To receive an update on defibrillator signage.**

Cllr. Seddon reported he had been in touch with Tomos Hughes, and the signage is being prepared and he apologised for the delay.

5b. To discuss the community council website - photographs of past and present councillors and clerks. Following the receipt of an email from Cllr. Roney expressing concern that a photograph of past and present councillors was inaccurate and potentially offensive. Past councillors now deceased – the close family of past Chair and Councillor have been contacted and are happy with the photos remaining in tribute to their loved one. Some amendments to the text below the photograph have been made.

A resident and former Chair also contacted the council to state that as 1st female Chair of Mostyn CC she felt proud for this to be reflected on the website with the hope that this will attract more females to the council.

RESOLVED: The clerk will arrange a new council photograph once physical meetings resume.

5. **To consider Streetscene Matters:**

6a. Report of concerns about dog fouling and to consider a response from Mr Mark Peers Flintshire County Council. Following communication from Mostyn Community Council the enforcement team have introduced a new rota for patrolling, please advise of hot spot areas and they will add them to the list for attendance.

Main areas are the top of Penrho to the Church, in front of the school down to the shops and towards the Lletty. The clerk to feedback to Mr Peers.

6b. Resolved matter of sandbags / work on Ffordd Pennant/ Hafod Y Ddol – confirmed Cllr. Seddon.

6c. Rubbish behind shop / chapel – Cllr. Sarah Calvert – Clerk to report to Streetscene.

6d. Letty House disrepair

The clerk to liaise with Cllr. Roney regarding a letter to Flintshire County Council as this is a Grade 2 listed building it may receive free rates and its level of disrepair including broken windows is a blight on the community.

6e. Litter picking - Cllr. Calvert on behalf of the community council thanked residents for their litter picking. A response from Mr Nigel Seaburg stating a request for a bin in / near a lay by is not promoted as this encourages fly tipping.

6f. Fly tipping - Cllr. Seddon advised The Cob is owned by Network Rails and this is deemed as non-priority. County Councillor Heesom reported FCC had an agreement to go back to clearing the area.

6g. General discussion on referrals to Streetscene via Mostyn Community Council.

Councillors raising matters on behalf of residents has worked well with Flintshire County Council. However, the community council does not have the resource to constantly flag up matters referred should matters remain outstanding in the medium to long term such as the road resurfacing this can be raised with the County Councillor.

County Councillor Heesom was requested on progress of a new waste bin for the Mostyn play area – he advised this had been requested and was in a queue.

6. To receive and consider the updated asset register for annual review.

(last updated February 2020 as part of the completed financial audit 2020/2021).

The clerk had circulated the document in advance of the meeting. No comments received. The updated assets register was proposed by Cllr. Hazlehurst and seconded by Cllr. Seddon.

RESOLVED: To adopt the updated asset register 2020/2021.

7. To consider a proposal for an Easter event for the young people in the village.

Some members had learned of a resident who dresses up as Spiderman and the Easter Bunny and gives Easter Eggs to local children. It was proposed by Cllr. Sarah Calvert instead of the community council running a separate event on this occasion, she speaks with those involved to see if the community council can contribute toward the purchase of Easter eggs? This was agreed by the majority of councillors present and seconded by Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst with a suggested contribution up to a maximum of £50, should Easter Eggs be required.

RESOLVED: Mostyn Community Council purchase some Easter Eggs for Young People in the villages.

8. To consider the Mostyn Shop Area – brightening up this area as per feedback in the last community survey.

The clerk reported she had contacted Mr Nigel Seaburg, regarding this and awaits a response. County Councillor Heesom reported there were tenancy matters complicating a property in the vicinity and its current state. The clerk would feedback at the April meeting.

9. To receive the Clerk's Update and Correspondence

10a. To receive letters of thanks from groups and organisations provided with financial assistance from Mostyn Community Council.

The clerk read out several thank you letters received by Mostyn Community Council from Mostyn Christ Church, Mostyn Monday Club, Cerebral Palsy Cymru, Mostyn District Gardening Club and Mostyn Arts and Crafts. Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst and Cllr. Vera Williams as representatives from Estuary Cars and Community Centre personally expressed their thanks for the financial assistance. All stating the positive impact this will once again start to have on residents' quality of life.

10b. To confirm a 2nd letter from Mostyn Community Council has been sent to a resident.
10c. To advise of the receipt of a 2nd Freedom of Information request from a resident.

All councillors have had sight of the letter reaffirming the preferred point of contact as the acting Chair for the resident.

In relation to 10c. the clerk would respond accordingly within the framework of the legislation.

Councillor Hazlehurst commented that there was valid reason to refuse the request as it is vexatious and is concerned about the time this is not taking of the clerks and council, he alone had received 86 emails since the last meeting from the resident.

Cllr. Roney commented that if the resident had responses there would be less emails. the acting Chair, responded to state the resident has had responses were relevant.

The clerk reminded councillors that the last letter sent from council on 8 March, did ask the resident to raise any outstanding community issues directly with the acting chair.

10d. To receive and consider the Independent Remuneration Panel draft report 2021.
[Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: annual report 2021 to 2022 | GOV.WALES](#)

The clerk reported the main section/s relevant to Town and Community Councils were Pages 40 – 43. Mostyn Community Council is a band B grouping i.e., a CC with income and expenditure in 2020/2021 of £30,000 - £199,999. Mostyn Community Council is the lower end of the scale.

The clerk reminded members following their declaration of office as members of the council that they are holders of office and therefore occupy a role in Welsh government structure its important to note this person's path and expectation is different to other forms of volunteering.

The mandated councillor payment of £150 as a contribution towards costs and expenses remains. Payments encourage a diversity of willing and able members to undertake their role. Also, a discretionary payment of £500 can be made to those who undertake a specific responsibility in addition to the £150. These payments are administered by the clerk/proper officer usually in May post the AGM. A councillor can receive or forego the payment.

11. To consider the defibrillator location for Rhewl.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed Cllr. Roney take on responsibility for progressing the defibrillator for Rhewl and feedback on progress at the April Meeting.

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

(B) Planning Application Ref: 061932 Cartref, Mostyn – Approved.

12a. To consider the matter of two large static caravans in the garden of Tan Y Coed, Coast Road, Mostyn, CH8 9HF – Cllr. D Roney.

12b. To receive the response from Alison Dean, Flintshire County Council Planning Officer.

On 5 March Alison Dean, Planning Officer had responded to Mostyn CC to state legal advice is being sought in relation to these and an update will be provided in due course. It was agreed this would be carried forward on this occasion to the April agenda.

12c. To receive correspondence from a resident in relation to a Planning Application Appeal APP/A6835/D/21/3268716. (This has been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting).

An email from a resident who has had their planning application refused by Flintshire County Council(FCC) and has appealed this, as she describes having to park on a trunk road very difficult. County Councillor Heesom informed members the resident has been offered advice regarding egress of the property but there were criteria inhibiting such use and FCC refused due to detriment of highway safety and interference of the free flow of traffic. It is for the Planning Inspectorate to make their decision going forward.

RESOLVED: The clerk to respond to the client based on this information.

13. Approval of the March accounts for payment

| March | 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 | 4.28 | 85.55 |
| 101741 | K.Roberts | (reimbursement 50% CC cost for Office 365) | | 39.99 |
| 101742 | Deeco Lighting | Street Lighting Maintenance (Jan - March 19) | | 1,379.89 |
| 101743 | Wales Audit Office | External Audit Fee 2020/2021 | | 240.10 |
| 101744 | One Voice Wales | Mostyn CC Annual Membership | | 289.00 |

14a.To receive the Bank Reconciliation 1 October 2020 – 31 December 2021

The clerk had circulated the 3-quarter bank reconciliation to councillors demonstrating £51,704.95. The clerk said this would reduce significantly in January due to financial assistance to groups. The bank reconciliation will be signed by the Chairman.

15.To receive items for the next meeting on Monday 19 April 2021.

16. To receive items for the 19 April Agenda.

Caravans at Tan Y Coed

Area by Mostyn Shops

Location for the defibrillator – Rhewl.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm.