

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

21 June 2021

1. (A) To record attendance

Councillors Ian Davies, Charlene Flynn, Bob Hazlehurst (Vice Chairman), County Councillor Patrick Heesom, Dave Seddon (Chairman).

2. Chair's Communications – The Chairman welcomed Councillor Charlene Flynn, Community Councillor for the Rhewl ward to her first meeting.

This was echoed by members in attendance. The clerk had received the signed declaration of office and Councillor Flynn was duly appointed as a Community Councillor for the Rhewl ward.

3. (B) To record apologies

Councillor Sarah Calvert, David Roney, James Jackson, and Vera Williams.

To record any declarations of interest

None declared.

4. To consider any matters arising from the last minutes.

Cllr. Seddon reported the signage in the village to the defibrillator station is now erected.

Streetscene are still awaited to install the dog bin glove / bag dispensers, Cllr. Seddon has sent details of locations with photographs to Mr Nigel Seaburg, Area Streetscene co-ordinator.

County Councillor Heesom requested if an expression of thanks can be provided to Flintshire County Council for their investment / improvements to the A548 directly to Mrs Katie Wilby, New Head of Streetscene. The clerk will action.

5. To approve minutes of the AGM and General meetings on 17 May 2021

RESOLVED: The minutes of the AGM and General meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr. P Heesom and seconded by Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst and will be signed by the Chairman.

6. Streetscene Matters & 7. Police Matters

A discussion about Speeding observed in the village particularly near the school. The clerk was asked to speak to the Police about Speed Monitoring as residents' concerns were raised through the Grab a Gripe Survey Results Traffic / dog fouling was mentioned by residents was raised with the two councillors Cllr. Hazlehurst and County Councillor Heesom, who accompanied the Police on this day. It is hoped the installation of the dog bag/glove dispensers by the community council will encourage people to clear away dog waste in the hot spot areas.

Cllr. Jackson who could not attend due to work commitments had suggested speed monitoring near the school.

8. To receive any update/s in connection with the Rhewl defibrillator.

Cllr Hazlehurst reported back from an email received from Cllr Roney, to say he is considering other options for location/s. Cllr. Hazlehurst was asked to share his information with Cllr. Roney and return at a future meeting with a recommendation/s for members.

9. To receive and approve the report and Annual Accounting Statement for 2019/2020 from JDH Business Service Ltd who have conducted the internal audit for Mostyn Community Council.

The information was circulated by for members consideration prior to the meeting. The Clerk advised the Members, that the Internal Auditor's Report for the year 2020/ 2021 had been received. The clerk further advised Members in relation to the content of the report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Two minor issues raised which had been dealt with including monitoring of reserves which were slightly in excess due to reduced spending during the last financial year. The clerk said this had been accounted for in the January 2021 budget meeting were ring fenced reserves for example to complete the lighting renewal and the Rhewl defibrillator had been accounted for which would reduce the reserves back into the guidance parameters.

The Clerk advised Members that Sections in the above document named: Accounting statements for 2020-2021, together with the Annual Governance Statement (Part1) had been completed by the clerk prior to the return being presented to the Internal Auditor. The Annual Internal Audit report section had been completed by JDH Business Services. The Annual Governance Statement (Part 2), was now required to be signed by the Chair of the Council, together with the Clerk. The clerk will now commence the required work for the external audit for The Wales Audit Office who are the external auditors.

RESOLVED: The Annual accounting statement and JDH Services Report was accepted by Mostyn Community Council, proposed by Cllr. B Hazlehurst and seconded by Cllr. Dave Seddon.

10. Approval of July accounts for payment

JUNE	PAYEE	DETAILS	VAT	AMOUNT
Standing Order	K.Roberts	Clerks Salary/Home Office Allowance		£604.16
Direct Debit	Nest Pension	Clerk employer & employee contributions		£55.58
Direct Debit	Scottish Power	Community Streetlighting Electricity	4.51	£94.75
Bank transfer	JDH Business Services Ltd	Internal Annual Audit	37.8	£226.8
Bank transfer	JRB Enterprise Ltd	Dispensers (x3) dog bags/gloves	49.05	£294.3
Bank transfer	JRB Enterprise Ltd	Standard case dog gloves	6.35	£38.10
101749	HMRC	PAYE May/June (including underpayment for 2020)		£579.56

The accounts were approved by Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst and Cllr. Vera Williams.

10a. To receive the annual bank reconciliation for 2020/2021

The bank reconciliation had been circulated which demonstrated £40,963.85 in the Mostyn Community Council current and deposit bank accounts.

11. To receive an update on any streetlighting matters and consider and consider costs for maintenance and inspection.

Councillors Hazlehurst reported on Streetlighting matters following liaison with Scottish power and Mega Electrical. The Community Council has ownership of 86 lights in total.

There are presently 17 lights which require further work from Scottish Power, which is chargeable including new cut out cables / swapping over.

Cllr. Flynn asked who put in the original lighting? Cllr. Hazlehurst responded to say this was the old Whitford Council. A question of duty of care was raised. It was confirmed it was Mostyn Community Council's duty to action and get the lights up to standard. The clerk said she understood in 1974 Town and Community Councils had the option of handing back/transferring the street lighting back to County some did and Mostyn chose at that time not to. Members enquired if once the lights are up to the required standard to see if transferring ownership back to County would be a future option.

Councillor Hazlehurst said the remaining boxes and swapping over of cables and cut outs with Scottish Power and Mega Electrical would be £1,568 and £8,398.

Members unanimously agreed to the completion of the lighting upgrades / renewals continuing with Mega electrical. This allocation had been accounted for in the January 2021 budget when £6,000 was ring fenced and £4,000 was allocated in the budget request.

Once this work had been completed, a future update / quotes would be provided for ongoing inspection of the street lighting. The new lights have a 10-year guarantee.

A vote of thanks was given to Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst for his work on the Street Lighting Renewal by members present.

12. To receive any feedback on the play area condition reports and consider any equipment requirements for 2021/2022 for match funding with Aura.

The condition reports from Aura had been circulated in advance of the meeting for members attention. A discussion ensued, and Cllr. Seddon (and any other interested councillors) would arrange to meet with Mr Richard Roberts of Aura to progress matters. The clerk advised on the budget for play area improvements. A suggestion from Cllr. Jackson and others were to consider a piece of equipment which a disabled child could utilise. Cllr. Seddon said he would consult with the children who use the sports hub on Thursday about what they would like to see.

In relation to a session attended by Cllr. Seddon, the fit and fed sessions are being organised for Mostyn by Aura which should complement the Summer Playscheme by Flintshire County Council. As soon as further information is received the clerk will circulate to members.

13. To receive information from Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst on Flintshire County Council's online Travel Consultation which will feed into the Welsh Governments Active Travel Network Map consultation (ATNM) by 1 July 2021. For information <https://flintshire.commonplace.is/>

General comments were made in relation to the cycle path requiring improvements across the front of Mostyn and the coastal path being tarmacked.

Councillors were encouraged to feedback their views on this consultation by visiting the above link.

14. To consider Mostyn / Rhewl – Green Areas/Spaces – County Councillor Heesom

A County meeting regarding this has been postponed to 5 July 2021. Afterwhich, County Councillor Heesom will feed back.

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

It was noted there had been a refusal of an application to rebuild an old workers cottage by Cllr. Hazlehurst.

The clerk had circulated in advance of the meeting a response (21/06/2021) from Ms Mandy Lewis on behalf of Mr Colin Everett, Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council in relation to PA Refs 210507, Ref 208861 and Ref 213507 copying in investigating officers who at present are dealing with between 80 – 100 investigations at any one time and reliant on professional advice from a range of services who may still be recovering from a back log of work thus impacting on service delivery.

(In relation to Tan Y Coed). It is noted Mostyn Community Council consider communications from the department as substandard, reference to the standard letter noting a back log. Ms. Lewis goes on to state they are implementing a new software system to develop a greater and automatic update of cases for Councillors and Community Councils which will assist our needs and when opportunity allows, she believes it will be vital to train all new clerks in the new system to enable access to information as can be lawfully allowed.

16. To consider items for the last meeting on Monday 19 July 2021.

Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm consultation – Cllr. Charlene Flynn offered to attend and feedback to the next meeting.

Play Area Improvements

Rhewl Defibrillator

The meeting closed at 8.21pm