

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL / CYNGOR CYMUNED MOSTYN**

**18 October 2021 / 18 Hydref 2021**

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

Councillor Sarah Calvert, Ian Davies, Bob Hazlehurst (Vice Chairman), County Councillor Patrick Heesom, Dave Seddon (Chairman).

**(B) To record apologies** - Councillor Charlene Flynn, James Jackson and David Roney

Public Gallery (zoom) – 1 resident

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

None declared.

**3. Chair's Communications**

The Chairman, Cllr Seddon welcomed members to the meeting and reported he had shared the minutes of the West Flintshire Town and Community Council's recent meeting by email (via the clerk) in advance of the meeting. The Chairman had raised the matter of Flintshire Planning and Enforcement delays and continued dissatisfaction which a representative who was present at the meeting, Councillor E.B. Palmer – Holywell Town Council Chair who sits on the County Council's Planning Committee who agreed to raise the concerns with both the Planning Committee Chair and Cabinet Member. He would also request that a Planning Officer attend the next meeting of West Flintshire Town and Community Council.

The Chairman advised he will contact Cllr. Flynn to enquire after her well-being on behalf of the community council.

**Agenda Item 16.** At the Chairman's discretion the Planning Application Consultation 063512 Proposal: Siting of 49 static holiday caravans and lodges on former golf practice area together with supplemental landscaping. Location: Pennant Park Golf Club, Merton Downing Lane, Maes Pennant, Mostyn, Holywell, CH8 9EP was discussed as a resident had requested to join the meeting to raise her concerns with members.

The Chairman provided the allocated amount of time for public participation for the resident to voice her concerns as she would be objecting to the proposal.

In summary, the resident, other residents she noted, and Pennant Park Riding School would be raising objections. It is understood County Councillor Heesom may call a meeting for residents soon. The clerk advised of the pending deadline of 5 November 2021 for comments. The resident commented on impact in terms of scale of the development, already permission for 71 lodges and requesting another 49 and she understands existing units are not sold yet. Impact on highways due to increased vehicular traffic and already considerable caravan and lodge availability in the area.

It appears Savills who are conducting the pre application consultation did not use the correct email for Mostyn Community Council.

County Councillor Heesom stated various applications over the last 20 years have been submitted and some consents provided with conditions including a condition that with consent on a previous application that the continued operation of the golf course is part of the planning permission, should this

cease the planning permission is revoked. With the proposal, a large extension of the site thus it thereby decreases the operational golf element. Highways already deemed the suggestion not to be harmful.

Cllr Calvert stated should further planning permission be granted with conditions, as a council we know from experience who enforces those conditions as Flintshire County Council Planning Enforcement has been contacted previously and their backlog and limited staffing, they state are restrictive in terms of their action. Therefore, this would be a concern.

After thorough discussion, the clerk was instructed to forward correspondence objecting to the proposal to Planning on grounds of scale, impact on environment, amenity, and highways.

**RESOLVED: The clerk submit an objection on behalf of Mostyn Community Council.**

**4. To approve the minutes of the 20 September 2021 meeting.**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst and seconded by Cllr. Dave Seddon and will be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**Matters Arising:**

Page 1, Item 5 Cllr. Hazlehurst contact Hannah Blythyn AM, who has yet to respond, in relation to Broadband connection. He understands Open Reach are starting to put in connections in the area, which short term can worsen reception whilst the work is ongoing.

Page 2, Item 10 The two dog waste bag dispensers have been received and streetscene will be contacted by the clerk for 1 to be installed at Glan Y Don Fields and the other area previously discussed may need installation of a dog bin first, Cllr Heesom would request a dog bin in the relevant location, possibly Wirral View?

Page 2, Item 12 The clerk has consulted with Mr Richard Roberts at Aura, Play and Leisure Services who will order the relevant equipment and fencing as agreed.

Page 4 Item 18 The clerk had corresponded with Mandy Lewis and Charlotte Lloyd-Randall, Planner for the application and received no response from 24 September 2021. Therefore, the clerk telephoned the planner on 12 October 2021 who confirmed the new application would be looked at separate to any ongoing planning enforcement matter and the caravans. The planner confirmed she would only look at the site and dwelling and cannot get involved with the planning enforcement. Therefore, any request from the community council for a deferral would not be likely from the planner's point of view. No response at this stage from Planning Enforcement.

**5. To receive feedback from One Voice Wales Conference attended by Vice Chairman, Cllr. Bob Hazlehurst and County Councillor Patrick Heesom.**

Information and power point presentations from the day were circulated by Cllr. Hazlehurst to all members. It was reported as being a well organised and worthwhile event.

The clerk commented that it was pleasing to hear and read about the importance of well-being in communities and biodiversity something which Mostyn community councils support of the sports hub and agenda items tonight on biodiversity, tree and wildflower planting in Mostyn meant the community council were very much engaged in the wider government agenda as well as delivering for their local community.

The councillors were thanked by the Chairman for their attendance and representation of Mostyn Community Council.

**6. To receive a verbal report from County Councillor Patrick Heesom**

Points made in relation to Planning Matters under point 16, were taken at the beginning of the agenda.

**7. To provide an update on Mostyn Street Lighting renewal project. 6a. To receive an update on the column installation for the Rhewl Defibrillator.**

The column has been installed for the defibrillator and Mr Tomos Hughes from the Welsh Ambulance Service is in touch with the contractor.

There is outstanding work in relation to Scottish Power, 10 lights are not working and 7 of these are sox lights awaiting new cut outs. There are 3 LED lights out 1 near Isglan Farm, 1 at entrance to Golf Club and 1 on Ffordd Ysgubor.

Cllr. Hazlehurst will follow this work up with the electrician.

**8. To approve the October Accounts for payment. 7a. To review half yearly expenditure against budget 2021/2022.**

The clerk in advance of the meeting had circulated a half year budget monitoring sheet demonstrating expenditure of £7,753.96. the clerk did state significant agreed expenditure was anticipated to include financial assistance for groups, streetlighting works, summer playscheme 2021, play area equipment and the defibrillator for Rhewl within the next quarter.

OCTOBER	Payee	Detail	VAT	Amount
SO	K.Roberts	Clerks Salary/HOA		540.16
DD	Nest Pension	Clerk employer / employee contributions		55.58
DD	HMRC	PAYE (to be confirmed)		139.80
DD	Scottish Power	Community Street Lighting Electricity	4.36	91.60
BT	JRB Enterprise Ltd	Dog Glove Dispensers (x2) / Dog Gloves	38.50	231.00
BT	Defib Store Ltd	Defibrillator ZOLL AED Unit/mounting kit	258.64	1551.84
BT	OVW Annual Conference	Councillors' attendance (x2) Cllr. Hazlehurst/Heesom (reimbursement)		80.00

The accounts and half year budget were proposed by Councillor Hazlehurst and seconded by Councillor Seddon.

There were no further questions from members and the clerk was thanked for her work.

**9. To consider Christmas Tree/s and lighting for the villages in 2021.**

A discussion took place about this year's trees and lighting for the villages. Cllr. Seddon will organise the removal of the lights from the chapel which is not now in use and speak to Olive. Cllr. Calvert will wait to hear from Cllr Seddon and make enquiries with the shop owner about a potential electricity source.

The clerk will approach the Mostyn Estates contact again and ask for the donation of a tree/s.

The clerk reminded members that Mostyn Estates Manager Mr Gladwin had last year commented about a public space being preferable for a tree and a notice to state donated from Mostyn Estates in partnership with Mostyn Community Council.

## 10. Clerks Update and Correspondence

11. To receive the draft Independent Remuneration Panel Report for February 2022 – follow the link [Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report - February 2022](#) any comments by 26 November 2021. Principal areas in the 81-page document relevant to Town and Community Councils are from Pages 43 -52.

The clerk summarised the proposed changes in the draft report including the groupings changing for councils from groups by income/expenditure to grouping by number of electorates which places Mostyn in group 4 from 1,000 – 14,000 electors. Mostyn has 1,437 electors (992 Mostyn and 445 Rhewl).

\*The mandated payment of £150 for all councillors will be retained except for group 5 under 1,000 electors.

Summary - Group 4 (Electorate 1,000 to 4,999) proposes: \*Basic Payment Mandatory for all members, Senior Role Payment - Optional up to 3 members, Attendance Allowance - Optional (New for all councils who can introduce up to £30 to support members with caring responsibilities), Financial Loss - Mandatory, Travel and Subsistence - Optional, Cost of Care - Mandatory.

The clerk reported, once the IRP approve the final report it will be brought back to the council meeting and discussed prior to Spring 2021.

- 12. To receive an update on the community council's insurance claim from Came and Company for the destroyed planter in Rhewl and respectively approve an update of the council asset register accordingly 2021/2022.**

The clerk confirmed a payment from the insurance company has been paid in the bank account for the destroyed planter. The clerk sought clarification on the planters, how many remain and confirmation of ownership? It is thought 2 of the 4 planters remain, some have been damaged and removed over time. If the planters are on Mostyn CC asset register they are an asset of Mostyn CC, and it is in this knowledge that a claim was made on behalf of the council. Before any further action is taken, clarification about ownership needs to be confirmed, it was thought a councillor may have donated these to the community council in the past. This key point for clarification going forward will be placed on the November meeting agenda, when hopefully Cllr. Roney will be present to confirm. If the planters are not an asset of Mostyn Community Council, they should not be listed on the register.

- 13. To receive a verbal update on tree planting for Mostyn Shop front area following a discussion with Sarah Slater, Biodiversity Officer at Flintshire County Council. To receive information on Wildflower area creation/ enhancement for Mostyn including proposed wildflower seeding at the soft estate junction A548 and Hafod Y Ddol Road.**

The clerk provided a verbal update on wildflower area creation/enhancement as per an email received from Sarah Slater, Flintshire County Councils Biodiversity Officer.

A suggested local Junction A548 and Hafod Y Ddol Road – wildflower seeding at the soft estate alongside the junction, members agreed this was a promising idea to try. Mindful of ensuring these do not become overgrown and restrict any vision.

Also suggested trees outside Mold shop area – species type acer campestre elsrijk, 3-4 metres tall suggested by the tree officer.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to the wildflower seeding and tree planting in the two aforementioned areas and for the clerk to consult with Sarah Slater.**

**14. To receive information on the Active Travel Engagement Group's forthcoming meeting on Tuesday 26 October at 5.00pm – email from Jayne Rodgers, Flintshire County Council, Transport Strategy Officer.**

The clerk had circulated the email in advance of the meeting and members were aware of the forthcoming meeting should they wish to attend.

Cllr. Hazlehurst said this meeting was following a recent survey where 19 people from the Mostyn ward commented. The majority 12/19 in relation to improvements needed to cycle paths and 3/12 walking paths. It was agreed as it can be dangerous in areas at present to ride a bike.

**15. To receive a verbal update on The Mental Health and Well Being Roadshow in Partnership with Flintshire Youth Service on 29 October 2021, 1.00pm – 3.00pm (on the Maes Pennant playing field - to be confirmed) Free activities and food for young people aged 11 – 18 years of age.**

Information received. No further action. Members are welcome to go to see the activities on the day.

Dan Williams, Aura had requested who he contact in relation to field use – Aura / Flintshire County Council. Cllr. Hazlehurst had been in touch.

**16. Planning Matters – taken earlier in the agenda at the Chairman's discretion.**

**17. To consider items for the next meeting on Monday 15 November 2021.**

Planters – clarification of numbers/locations  
Financial assistance for groups  
Christmas tree/s for the villages  
Renewal of policies  
Update on community councillor vacancies

**The meeting closed at 20.21**