

# Cyngor Cymuned Mostyn Mostyn Community Council



## ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



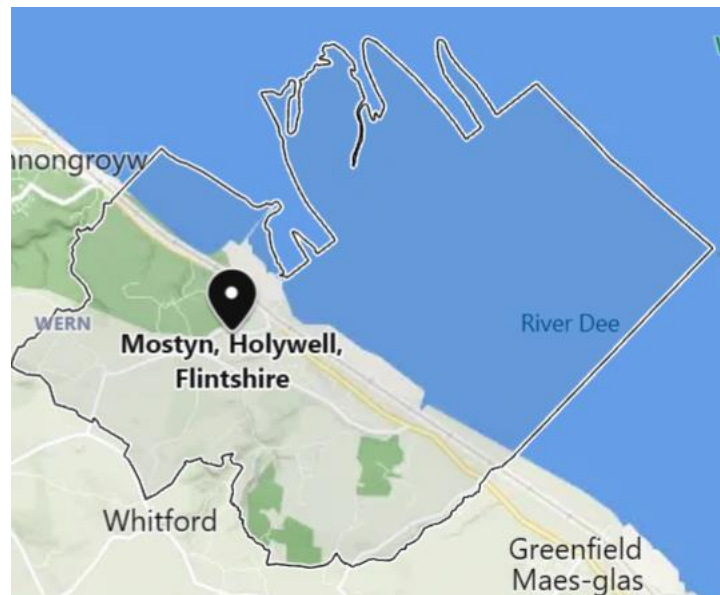
### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Community Council Annual Report.

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 ("the 2021 Act") was passed on 20 January 2021. It provides for the establishment of a reformed legislative framework for local government elections, democracy, governance and performance.

Purpose of the provisions There is support across the sector and from the public for increasing the visibility of the work of community councils. We want communities to take an interest in what their councils do and to have easy access to information on the council's work. The requirements in relation to annual reports, training plans, multi-location meetings and public participation are designed to support this intent. There is also support to

empower community councils to enable them to be more innovative and ambitious when delivering for their community. The provisions allow that where a council meets certain criteria, specified by legislation, they can resolve themselves as 'eligible community councils', able to exercise a general power of competence. Mostyn Community Council is currently not eligible but may become so in the future.



### **About Mostyn**

Mostyn has a population of 1,641 within the wards of Mostyn and Rhewl.

Mostyn is a village and community in Flintshire, Wales, and electoral ward lying on the estuary of the River Dee, located near the town of Holywell. It has a privately owned port that has in the past had a colliery and ironworks and was involved in the export of commodities, and in present times services the offshore wind industry and ships the wings for the Airbus A380 which are manufactured at Broughton.

Just down the A548 road from Mostyn at Llanerch-y-Mor is the now closed Mostyn Fun Ship. The ship started life as the Duke of Lancaster, a car ferry and cruise ship. After it was permanently dry-docked in Mostyn, it earned its later name from its new operation as an arcade and bar.



## **The Council**

What is a community council? This is the lowest level of local government in Wales. They are based on geographical areas governed by rules laid down by the Boundaries Commission and Mostyn Community Council seeks to serve and represent the needs of the community of Shotton.

Powers of a community council are very limited but services provided by a community council can include but are not restricted to: Christmas street lighting and displays, match funding for play area equipment, grants to local organisations, maintenance of community council adopted street lighting and alleyways and signposting electors to correct stakeholders.

The council is further sub-divided up into smaller geographical areas called wards. Mostyn Community Council has two – Mostyn and Rhewl (Tre-Mostyn is also part of a Mostyn Community Council ward).

Your community council is the local tier of elected and co-opted representatives for your community. There are 37 Town and Community Councils in Flintshire. Councillors provide a bridge between the community and the council.

Elections for councillors (currently eleven) are held every 5 years, whereby the residents of the village (each ward) are asked to elect members to represent the interests of that ward and the general interests of the community.

The Community Council annually appoints one of the councillors to the position of Chair of the Council, who will during their term of office, represents the Community Council at various events/functions. The Chair also hosts the council meetings, maintains order and can hold a casting vote.

The members of Mostyn Community Council are volunteers who stand for election because they care about the community.

### **Councillors**

The Chairman for 2022-23 was Councillor David Seddon and the Vice Chair was Councillor James Jackson.

There are usually 11 members of the Town Council:

At the May 2022 elections 5 seats were filled:

Councillors: David Seddon, Pamela Banks, Patrick Heesom, Sarah Calvert and Michael Lewis-Jones.

There further 6 seats were taken by the co-option process completed in June 2022 by Councillors:

James Jackson, Allison Gladwin, Hayley Jones, Ray Knight, Kristina Howells and Sharon Harris.

Following the resignation of Councillor Allison Gladwin, Councillor Meg Howells was co-opted onto the council in November 2022.

There are usually 8 members for the Mostyn ward and 3 members for the Rhewl ward.

Members can be contacted by contacting the office.

### **Committees:**

Mostyn Community Council currently does not operate any committees.

### **Outside bodies:**

**Police & CA/ALM meetings** – Cllr David Seddon

**West Flintshire Town & Community Councils Working Group** – Cllr David Seddon

### **Minor Authority School Governor:**

Councillors David Seddon

### **Clerk**

The Council has a part time clerk who also acts as the responsible financial officer. The clerk provides advice and administrative support and takes action to implement council decisions.

### **Office address:**

Clerk and Financial Officer

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Website: [mostyn-council.wales](http://mostyn-council.wales)

Agendas & notices including annual returns can also be viewed on the official Community Council noticeboard in Rhewl and at the local shop in Maes Pennant.

### **Organisation**

The Community Council:

- Raises an annual precept to fund expenditure.
- Funds community council owned street lighting in the villages and in recent years upgraded these to LED reducing costs and the carbon footprint.
- Considers annually match funding the Summer Playscheme in Partnership with Flintshire County Council for local children and young people.
- Considers and responds to Flintshire County Council on planning applications within the wards of Mostyn.
- Considers one off financial assistance to help support local groups and organisations. The Community Council were very pleased to be able to offer financial assistance to: Holywell leisure centre, Mostyn Community Centre, Mostyn Arts & Crafts, Mostyn & District Gardening Club, Estuary Voluntary car Scheme, Mostyn Christchurch and the Urdd national Esiteddfod this financial year.
- Contributes to funding play equipment within Mostyn & Rhewl.
- Contributes to community projects having now provided 3 defibrillators for the area.
- Donates gifts to the local primary school.
- Listens to residents issues and liaises with relevant officers such as Streetscene and local partners to improve quality of life.

### **Relationship with Flintshire County Council :**

- Mostyn Community Council has 1 County Councillor who is also a Community Councillor. County Councillors represent the wards at County Council level and relay issues raised at Community Council meetings. The County Council member for Mostyn is : **Councillor Pamela Banks (Independent)**.
- Mostyn Community Council fund the summer play schemes that are organised and managed by Flintshire County Council. For the 2022/23 year there were play schemes operating at the Mostyn playing fields over 3 weeks of the summer holiday period.
- The Community Council also has a close working relationship with Flintshire County Council regarding the Streetscene Department.
- The Community Council are a consultee for planning applications submitted to Flintshire County Council.

## Meetings

The Community Council usually hold their full council meetings on the third Monday of every month (with the exception of August and December which is a council recess). The meetings were held at the Mostyn Community Centre with an option to join on-line. The dates and location of meetings can be found on the town council website.

## Financial Information:

The precept agreed for 2022/2023 was £30,010.

The precept is the council tax that the billing authority (Flintshire County Council) collects on behalf of a town or community council. The precept is calculated as part of the town council's budget; it fills the gap between the town council's planned expenditure and its estimated income.

The planned expenditure for 2022-2023 was budgeted with plans to draw on reserve balances which had accumulated due to reduced services throughout Covid.

The audited accounts for 2021-2022 can be found at [mostyn-council.wales](http://mostyn-council.wales)

## Assets

The Community Council holds few assets. These include:

Defibrillators, 80+ community street lights, office equipment, salt bins, a bench, planters/flower boxes, noticeboards, dog waste dispenser units and the Chair's Chain of Office.

## Community Engagement & Events

The Council held a community drop in day at the Community Centre in August 2022, with a pre-loved uniform stall, History of Mostyn exhibition, a Flintshire County Council stand, a cake stall, and an information stand regarding a local planning application.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

COME ALONG & BRING YOUR OUTGROWN UNIFORMS AND SWOP FOR OTHER ITEMS! DONATIONS OF UNIFORM WELCOMED - REMAINING UNIFORM WILL GO TO YSGOL BRYN PENNANT

FOR ANYONE WANTING TO EXHIBIT/SELL LOCAL GOODS OR SERVICES AT THE EVENT PLEASE GET IN TOUCH EITHER BY FACEBOOK MESSENGER OR EMAIL: [mostynclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mostynclerk@hotmail.co.uk)



\*Uniforms can be dropped off prior to the event with Collette at 2 Ffordd Pennant, Mostyn, CH8 9NU - (Please leave under the gazebo in the front).

MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S

**PRELOVED UNIFORM EXCHANGE & COMMUNITY COFFEE AFTERNOON**

MOSTYN COMMUNITY CENTRE  
SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2022  
1-3 PM

Proceeds will be donated to Friends of Ysgol Bryn Pennant

The Council also launched a door to door fact finding exercise regarding a proposed 64 house housing development within the wards, and offered an opinion poll at the local shop/online.

The Council operated a Royal Condolence book for the village. The council then received a thank you card from the King.



The Council also were successful in introducing 2 Christmas trees & lighting to Rhewl and Mostyn over the festive period and the County Councillor was successful in securing a free Christmas dinner party for the local pensioners.

A further defibrillator was purchased for the Tre-Mostyn area.

A nearby garden centre kindly donated plants for the planters within the wards.

A Facebook page was launched in order to increase community engagement throughout the local area.

### **Projects:**

The Council completed its lighting upgrade project for the 80+ community lights which would become more cost efficient and environmentally friendly.

The Council also continued to invest in the purchase of more dog waste bag dispensers for various locations within the village.

With match funding from the community council, Aura installed a replacement play structure in the Rhewl play area.



The Council, when contemplating the 2023/24 budget, ensured funds would be set aside for play area equipment, community events and a new compliant website.

### **Council Development & Training Plan**

Section 67 of The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 requires town and community councils to make and publish a training plan about training provision for its members and staff. The training plan should reflect on and address whether the council collectively has the skills and knowledge it needs to deliver its aims and objectives in an effective manner. The training plan includes councillors and members of staff.

The training plan will be developed over the coming years and is available on the council website.

The Council was also active in maintaining links with the police by attending CA/ALM meetings, networking with other local councils and organisations, attending SLCC and OVV conferences & training, and ensured development & compliancy by introducing policies.

### **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales.

It will make the public bodies listed in the act think more about the long term, work better with people and communities and each other, look to prevent problems and take a more joined-up approach.

This will help us to create a Wales that we all want to live in, now and in the future.

To make sure we are all working towards the same vision, the act puts in place 7 well-being goals.

### **Well-being goals**



- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
- A globally responsible Wales

The council supports these wellbeing goals and will consider them when making future decisions that affect peoples lives withing the local community.

**Priorities:**

- Continue liaison with North Wales Police
- Continue to encourage community groups by contributing financially
- Continue to develop links with local organisations
- Continue to support Welsh culture
- Continue to develop & encourage environmentally friendly practices.

The council, although limited in its powers, will strive to implement and follow procedures lawfully and for the benefit of the community.

**Environment (Wales) Act 2016**

Recognising the central role that biodiversity plays and therefore the need to integrate and embed its protection and enhancement across the public sector in Wales, the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 introduced the section 6 biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems duty. The duty requires that public authorities must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of their functions in relation to Wales, and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems, so far as consistent with the proper exercise of those functions. To comply with the duty public authorities should embed the consideration of biodiversity and ecosystems into their early thinking and business planning, including any policies, plans, programmes and projects, as well as their day to day activities.

There are plans to develop a Biodiversity Plan for Mostyn within the coming year

**Aspirations For the Coming Year**

- Continue to serve the local community and its residents.
- Continue to review the financial position of the council and research grants.
- Support community groups in achieving their objectives.