



# ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

## Mostyn Community Council

### Introduction

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Community Council Annual Report.

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 ("the 2021 Act") provides a reformed legislative framework for local government elections, democracy, governance and performance. The annual report requirement is intended to increase the visibility of the work undertaken by community councils and to make information about local activity more accessible to residents.

Mostyn Community Council remains committed to serving residents in Mostyn, Rhewl and Tre-Mostyn, listening to local concerns, supporting community activity and working with Flintshire County Council, North Wales Police, local organisations and residents.

### About Mostyn

Mostyn is a village and community in Flintshire, Wales, lying on the Dee Estuary near Holywell. It includes the Mostyn and Rhewl/Tre-Mostyn areas and has a long industrial, maritime and community history.

Mostyn has historically been associated with coal mining, ironworks, ferry services, the Duke of Lancaster/Fun Ship and the privately owned Port of Mostyn. The port remains an important industrial and renewable-energy location, with work linked to offshore wind and specialist marine/logistics activity.

For electoral/community purposes, Mostyn Community Council is divided into Mostyn and Rhewl Mostyn wards and is represented by 11 community councillors: 8 for Mostyn and 3 for Rhewl Mostyn. Recent community review material recorded a total electorate of 1,466 for the community, with 1,002 electors in Mostyn and 464 in Rhewl Mostyn.

### The Council

A community council is the most local tier of local government in Wales. Community councils are based on defined geographical areas and seek to represent the interests of their communities within the powers available to them.

Mostyn Community Council seeks to serve and represent the needs of the communities of Mostyn, Rhewl and Tre-Mostyn.

Community council services and functions can include Christmas lighting and displays, match funding for play provision, grants to local organisations, maintenance of community council adopted street lighting, responding to planning consultations, signposting electors to appropriate public bodies, and raising matters with Flintshire County Council and other partners.

### Councillors

For the 2025-2026 municipal year, the Chair elected at the Annual Meeting was Councillor Meg Howells.

The Council usually consists of 11 members, with 8 seats for the Mostyn ward and 3 seats for the Rhewl Mostyn ward.

Members serving during 2025-2026 were recorded in the minutes as: Councillors Meg Howells, Mike Lewis-Jones, David Seddon, Pamela Banks, Patrick Heesom, Hayley Jones, Ray Knight, Steven Tomlinson, Tom Beal, Alex Barons and Steve Upton.

Councillor Alex Barons was co-opted to the Mostyn ward in June 2025 and Councillor Steve Upton was co-opted to the community council in October 2025.

Members can be contacted through the Clerk's office or by visiting the council website for details:

<https://mostyn-council.wales/>

## Committees and outside bodies

The 2025 Annual Meeting reviewed committee and outside body arrangements, including the West Flintshire Town & Community Councils Working Group, Minor Authority School Governor, North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils representation, a Planning Committee/Working Group and an Environmental Representative.

During 2025-2026, the Planning Working Group was refreshed, with Councillors Steve Upton and Alex Barons expressing an interest to join in January 2026. Councillor Ray Knight continued to provide environmental updates to the Council.

## Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

The Council has a part-time Clerk who also acts as the Responsible Financial Officer. The Clerk provides advice and administrative support, prepares agendas and minutes, manages financial administration and takes action to implement council decisions.

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Agendas, notices and annual returns can also be viewed via the Council website and official Community Council noticeboard.

## Organisation and services

During 2025-2026, Mostyn Community Council continued to:

raise an annual precept to fund local expenditure;

fund and maintain community council owned street lighting and related inspections/repairs;

support summer play provision and the Fit, Fed & Read scheme for children and young people;

consider and respond to Flintshire County Council planning applications affecting the wards;

provide financial assistance to local groups and community organisations;

support improvements to play equipment and local recreation facilities;

provide gifts and support to Ysgol Bryn Pennant pupils;

listen to residents' issues and liaise with Streetscene, North Wales Police, elected representatives and partner organisations.

## Relationship with Flintshire County Council and partners

Mostyn Community Council continued to work with Flintshire County Council in relation to planning, Streetscene, play provision, environmental matters, highways, public rights of way, bins, fly-tipping, road surfaces and local infrastructure concerns.

The County Councillor for Mostyn is Councillor Pamela Banks (Labour), who also served as a Community Councillor and regularly relayed local County matters within community council meetings.

The Council also liaised with North Wales Police and sought improved police engagement, including requests for police attendance, speed monitoring, walkarounds, a Cuppa with a Copper event and invitations to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Becky Gittins MP attended the June 2025 meeting to discuss local planning concerns with members. The Council also noted correspondence and meeting options with the MP's office later in the year.

## Meetings

The Community Council usually holds full council meetings on the third Monday of the month, with no ordinary meeting in August and December due to recess. Meetings during 2025-2026 were held at Mostyn Community Centre with hybrid attendance available.

The 2025-2026 meeting dates approved for publication were: 19 May 2025, 16 June 2025, 21 July 2025, 15 September 2025, 20 October 2025, 17 November 2025, 19 January 2026, 16 February 2026, 16 March 2026 and 20 April 2026.

## Financial information

The precept request for 2025/26 was £41,647 equating to an increase of 5.8%, with a precept decision recorded in January 2026 for 2026/27 was to request a precept of £43,715, equating to a 5.38% increase and a Band D annual charge of £58.93, a £3.01 annual increase.

The precept is the council tax collected by the billing authority, Flintshire County Council, on behalf of a town or community council. It is calculated as part of the Council's budget and bridges the gap between planned expenditure and estimated income.

## Assets

The Community Council holds a modest range of assets including 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. The asset list was reviewed at the Annual Meeting.

## Community engagement and events 2025-2026

The Council continued to encourage community engagement and local participation throughout 2025-2026.

Community drop-in events were arranged for 13 September 2025 at Mostyn Community Centre with involvement sought from Pennant Park, North Wales Police, Flintshire County Council, the Robert Davis Memorial Trust and elected representatives.

The Chair attended the Ysgol Bryn Pennant leavers service in July 2025 and the VJ service at Mostyn Christchurch in August 2025.

The Council purchased a VJ Day wreath and a remembrance wreath for Mostyn Christchurch.

A summer scarecrow competition was held, with winners announced at the drop-in event and prizes agreed as Tesco vouchers of £100, £50 and £25.

The annual Halloween garden competition continued, with the same prize format as previous years.

The Council supported Christmas activity, including larger trees/decorations and additional Christmas party expenditure.

The Council received and considered feedback from community drop-in events, including requests relating to bins, crossing provision, road resurfacing, fly-tipping cameras and local facilities.

## Children, young people and play provision

The Council continued to support children and young people through play provision, school gifts and partnership working.

The Mostyn summer playscheme ran from 21 July to 29 August 2025, with six weeks funded by Mostyn Community Council.

Fit, Fed & Read sessions were held over the summer break; September 2025 minutes recorded 5 sessions, 278 total attendees and an average of 56 people per session.

The summer playscheme report presented in October 2025 recorded overall attendance of 211 over the 6 weeks.

The Council resolved in March 2026 to donate £1,000 to support the Gwella Fit, Fed & Read scheme again.

In January 2026, the Council approved the proposal to replace the Maes Pennant skatepark with a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) due to safety reasons, with Welsh Government play funding of £25,000 allocated to the project through Flintshire County Council.

In April 2026, the Council approved Gwella match funding of £5,000 as previously agreed.

Toy boxes were confirmed for Maes Pennant play area for use by play teams during holiday playschemes and after-school sessions, with access available to other parties by request.

The Council continued to support Ysgol Bryn Pennant, including leavers gifts and donations linked to pupils' activities.

## **Planning and local development matters**

Planning remained a significant area of work for the Council during 2025-2026. Members considered planning applications, planning decisions, planning enforcement concerns and local resident impacts.

Members raised concerns about works undertaken without permission, perceived lack of enforcement, lack of communication and emergency/temporary housing sites developing in the area.

The Council responded to Flintshire County Council planning consultations, including objections or requests for more information where members identified concerns such as overdevelopment, infrastructure pressure, drainage, mine shaft issues, bat activity and local amenity impact.

The Council engaged with Becky Gittins MP and sought meetings with Flintshire County Council planning officers and senior officers to address concerns.

Members noted pipeline consultation information and HyNet communications, including a request for HyNet to attend a future council meeting.

## **Streetscene, lighting and infrastructure**

The Council continued to raise resident concerns and report local infrastructure issues to Flintshire County Council, Streetscene, Highways, Public Rights of Way and relevant providers.

Streetlighting matters included faulty lights, inspection requests, invoices and repair works through Mega Electrical NW Ltd.

Issues reported included dangerous parking at Bod Hyfryd/Lletty Hill, potholes and worsening road surfaces, overgrown trees, faulty or missing signage, damaged or missing bins, dog waste dispenser installation, loose footbridges and highway/bridge concerns.

The Council requested a repair and refill of the salt bin at Tre Mostyn and noted delivery of a winter kit to the community centre.

Members reported that Lletty Hill road was scheduled for resurfacing before the end of the financial year.

In February 2026, Limebank works were scheduled to commence and members continued to monitor road and land stability concerns.

## **Environmental matters and biodiversity**

Environmental matters were reported throughout the year, particularly by Councillor Ray Knight. Key themes included fly-tipping, water leaks, coastal path concerns, biodiversity, wildlife volunteering and potential litter picking initiatives.

Fly-tipping was reported at recurring hotspots including the coastal path, Lime Bank, top road areas and private land locations.

Councillor Ray Knight reported responding to HyNet communications and water leak issues, attending environmental training/webinars and becoming a North Wales Wildlife Trust volunteer.

The Council noted Flintshire County Council's natural environment update and its links to the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 section 6 duty, nature recovery and more nature-rich communities.

The Council discussed paperless meetings and reducing agenda printing as an environmental measure.

## **Police and community safety**

The Council regularly raised police and community safety matters, including speeding, motorbikes/trials bikes, horses and carts being ridden without lighting, antisocial behaviour, Smart Water marking, speed monitoring and police visibility.

Members asked the Clerk to invite police representatives and the Police and Crime Commissioner to future meetings and to circulate reporting routes for speeding and speed-monitoring requests.

## **Financial assistance and community support**

The Council considered applications for financial assistance and community support during the year. Awards and approved support recorded in the minutes/payment schedules included:

Wales Air Ambulance - £50;

Mostyn Arts & Crafts - £200;

Mostyn Community Centre - £2,000;

Ysgol Bryn Pennant - £250;

Mostyn Pantry - £250;

Fit, Fed & Read / Gwella - £1,000;

Gwella match funding - £5,000

Additional play provision through Flintshire County Council - £500 recorded earlier in the year.

## **Governance, audit and training**

The Council reviewed governance documents and arrangements at the Annual Meeting, including risk assessment, Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. It also renewed delegated authority for the Clerk to act on urgent business between meetings in consultation with the Chair/Vice-Chair.

The Council confirmed that it was not currently eligible to exercise the General Power of Competence because the Clerk did not currently hold the CiLCA qualification.

Internal audit arrangements were considered during the year and JDH Business Services was appointed as Internal Auditor for year end. External audit submission and publication requirements were also noted.

Members continued to receive One Voice Wales training opportunities and Flintshire County Council Code of Conduct training details. In April 2026, the Council adopted the One Voice Wales Civility and Respect Pledge.

## **Council Development and 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 members and staff. The training plan should reflect whether the Council collectively has the skills and knowledge needed to deliver its aims and objectives effectively.

During 2025-2026, members were regularly reminded to request One Voice Wales and other training modules, and training opportunities were circulated through full council meetings. The Council also discussed governance, Code of Conduct, finance, audit, biodiversity and sector development training.

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

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It encourages public bodies to think about the long term, work better with communities and each other, prevent problems and take a more joined-up approach.

The seven well-being goals are:

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

Mostyn Community Council supports these goals through its local decision-making, including support for children's play, community events, environmental reporting, biodiversity awareness, financial support for local organisations and work with partners to address local issues.

## Environment (Wales) Act 2016

The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 introduced the section 6 biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems duty. Public authorities must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems when exercising their functions.

During 2025-2026, environmental reports, fly-tipping monitoring, biodiversity training, wildlife volunteering, paperless meeting discussions and Flintshire County Council natural environment updates supported the Council's developing approach to biodiversity and local environmental responsibility.

## Priorities and aspirations for the coming year

Continue to serve Mostyn, Rhewl and Tre-Mostyn residents and respond to local concerns.

Continue liaison with North Wales Police and seek improved local engagement and visibility.

Continue to support community groups through appropriate financial assistance and partnership working.

Continue to monitor and report Streetscene, lighting, road safety, fly-tipping, bin and public rights of way issues.

Continue to support children and young people through play provision, school support and community activities.

Progress the Maes Pennant MUGA/play improvement project and monitor associated community benefits.

Continue to review the Council's financial position, reserves, precept, insurance and value for money.

Continue to develop compliant governance, training, website accessibility and bilingual/public information arrangements.

Continue to encourage environmentally responsible practices, biodiversity awareness and reduced paper use where practical.

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