

Cyngor Cymuned Mostyn Mostyn Community Council



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Dear Councillor / Annwyl Gynghorydd,

You are summoned to a hybrid meeting of Mostyn Community Council to be held at Mostyn Community Centre on Monday 21st September 2026 at 6.00 pm. The meeting will consider the items below:

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Mrs Collette Lowry – Clerk / Clerc

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- 1. a) To record attendance:**
b) Apologies for absence:
- 2. Appointment of Chair/Vice Chair:**
 - a) Following the resignation of Councillor Meg Howells, nominations are required for Election of Chairperson for remainder of 2026/2027.
 - b) Signing of declaration of office for position of Chair.
 - c) Chair to receive sealed envelope of contingency access information (Financial Regulations 6.11)
 - d) Nominations required for Vice Chair for remainder of 2026-2027 should the need arise.
 - e) Signing of declaration of office for position of Vice Chair if necessary.
- 3. Chair 's Remarks:**
- 4. Declarations of interest:**

To receive any declarations made by Members in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct.
- 5. Public Speaking:**

None
- 6. Minutes & Meetings:**
 - a) To approve the minutes of the 20th July 2026 full council meeting.
 - b) To receive any matters arising from those minutes.

7. Reminder of the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders

To note: Members are reminded of their responsibilities under the Council's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders. To ensure meetings are conducted in an orderly, respectful and efficient manner, members should:

- Treat all participants with courtesy and respect.
- Speak only when invited by the Chair.
- Indicate a wish to speak by raising a hand and waiting to be called upon by the Chair.
- Address all comments through the Chair.
- Avoid interrupting other speakers.
- Follow the Chair's rulings and the requirements of Standing Orders throughout the meeting.

The Chair will apply these procedures consistently to ensure that all members have a fair opportunity to contribute and that Council business is conducted effectively.

Recommendation: Members note the reminder and comply with the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders during the meeting.

8. Clerk's Updates, Requests and Communications:

The Clerk reported that:

- Precept 2 of 3 has been received.
- The council laptop has now been replaced and all files transferred including HMRC update.

Requests:

- Members are requested to consider a further community drop in event.

Email Communications:

Sender	Item	Date circulated
One Voice Wales	MINUTES OF THE WREXHAM FLINTSHIRE AREA COMMITTEE	15/09/2026
HyNet	Point of Ayr Cable Route Foreshore Works – construction update	15/09/2026
Benefit Advice Shop	Benefit Advice Shop outreach service	15/09/2026
Flintshire County Council	Active Travel Network Map Statutory Consultation	15/09/2026
Darren Millar MS	Update from North Wales Police	15/09/2026
Welsh Government	Fly-tipping: powers for local authorities to issue conditional cautions to offenders	15/09/2026
Flintshire County Council	Bus Service Reform Have Your Say	15/09/2026
One Voice Wales	Motions for 2027 Annual General Meeting	15/09/2026

Welsh Government	Developing a mobile phone policy: draft guidance for schools	13/09/2026
Welsh Government	Shape plans for a new clean energy company, owned by Wales, to benefit Wales	13/09/2026
Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru	2030 Review	15/09/2026

*Members are welcome to raise an agenda item regarding any topics emailed throughout the month.

9. Planning Matters:

a) Applications:

Planning Application Number	Proposal	Address
FUL/000675/26	PROPOSED SITING OF 3 STATIC HOLIDAY CARAVANS IN LIEU OF 6 SHEPHERDS HUTS ON AREA GRANTED CONSENT UNDER FUL/000331/25 DATED 21.10.2025	PENNANT PARK GOLF CLUB, Mertyn Downing Lane, Maes Pennant, Holywell, CH8 9EP
FUL/000545/26	CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED HOLIDAY CARAVANS FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR LOCAL FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE RESIDENTS GIVEN CURRENT HOUSING PRESSURES.	Old Tavern , Mostyn, Holywell, CH8 9DX
FUL/000646/26	RETROSPECTIVE CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO A TRAVELLER SITE INCLUDING THE SITING OF STATIC CARAVANS, ASSOCIATED HARDSTANDING, ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS AND ANCILLARY WORKS.	Land at Limebank Cottages, Holywell, CH8 9QB
FUL/000700/26	PROPOSED CONVERSION OF EXISTING RURAL BUILDING TO HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION AND PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE OF USE IN LAND TO FORM SMALL (SINGLE UNIT) GLAMPING SITE.	PLASTIRION FARM, Downing Road, Maes Pennant, Holywell, CH8 9EG

* Report accurate at time of dissemination – additional applications may be presented at the meeting and duly recorded within the minutes.

* Viewing of the applications on the Flintshire County Council website is recommended.
<https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/flintshire>

b) Decisions:

None

c) Updates:

Members to discuss any other existing planning matters and note the updates provided below.

LDC/000510/25	Dwellinghouse	Mertyn Hall Farm, Isglan Road, Whitford, Holywell, CH8 9DU	Section 78 Appeal against Refusal of a Householder Application
FUL/000230/26	Additional gypsy pitch comprising of one static caravan, one touring caravan and enlargement of existing approved utility building.	Land Adj. to Gillchris, Coast Road, Mostyn, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 9HF	Amendments

10. Accounts & Finances:

To approve the July & August 2026 accounts paid:

July 2026

Invoice date	Supplier	Item	Amount inc VAT	Form of payment	Minute reference	Slip ref:	Power
26/06/2026	Ionos Cloud Ltd	Monthly hosting fees	£7.20	DD	26/14	22	#141
08/07/2026	Spoken Gifts Ltd	Leavers gifts for YBP	£194.19	CARD	26/38	23	#31
14/07/2026	Confidential	Consumables allowance	£52.00	BACS	26/17	24	^^**
15/07/2026	Confidential	Annual allowance	£156.00	BACS	26/17	25	^^**
16/07/2026	Confidential	Consumables allowance	£52.00	BACS	26/17	26	^^**
17/07/2026	Confidential	Annual allowance	£156.00	BACS	26/17	27	^^**
26/05/2026	Gwella	Fit, Fed & Read scheme	£1,000.00	BACS	25/180	28	#42
14/06/2026	JDH Business Services Ltd	Internal Audit 25-26	£366.00	BACS	25/178	29	#7
09/07/2026	Audit Wales	External Audit 24-25	£190.50	BACS	at meeting	30	#7
24/07/2026	Multiple	Staffing costs	£1,155.88	BACS	26/14	31,32	*** /
13/07/2026	Ecotricity	Streetlighting 01/05-01/06	£167.96	DD	26/14	33	#80
15/07/2026	Confidential	Annual allowance	£208.00	BACS	26/17	34	^^**
14/07/2026	Confidential	Chair's allowance 25-26	£368.52	BACS	25/14	11	^^^
26/07/2026	Ionos Cloud Ltd	Hosting & domain	£25.20	DD	26/14	35	#141
		Total	£4,099.45				

August 2026

Invoice date	Supplier	Item	Amount inc VAT	Form of payment	Minute reference	Slip ref:	Power
04/06/2026	SLCC	Annual membership	£316.00	BACS	26/58	36	#144

16/08/2026	Confidential	Annual allowance	£208.00	BACS	26/17	37	^^**
16/08/2026	Confidential	Annual allowance	£208.00	BACS	26/17	38	^^**
31/07/2026	Philip Jones Computers	laptop, office 365, labour	£834.56	BACS	26/27	39	#32
06/08/2026	Ecotricity	Streetlighting 01/07-01/08	£186.15	DD	26/14	40	#80
25/08/2026	Multiple	Staffing costs	£1,156.08	BACS	26/14	41,42	*** /
25/08/2026	Confidential	Annual allowance	£208.00	BACS	26/17	43	^^**
		Total	£3,116.79				

*Payments may have been made using email authorisation/pre-authorisation (Financial Regulations 6.6)

To review September 2026 accounts for payment:

To authorise September 2026							
Invoice date	Supplier	Item	Amount inc VAT	Form of payment	Minute reference	Slip ref:	Power
26/08/2026	Ionos Cloud Ltd	Monthly hosting fees	£7.20	DD	26/14	44	#141
06/09/2026	Ecotricity	Streetlighting 01/08-01/09	£229.32	DD	26/14	45	#80
16/09/2026	Viking direct	2 x ink toners	£153.58	BACS	to be authorised at meeting	46	#144
14/09/2026	SLCC	Annual membership amendment	£63.00	BACS	to be authorised at meeting	47	#144
25/08/2026	Multiple	Staffing costs	£1,341.72	BACS	26/14	48,49	*** /
		Total	£1,794.82				

*Report accurate at time of dissemination – additional payments may be presented at the meeting and duly recorded within the minutes.

Power to make payments:

PURPOSE	AUTHORITY	COD E
Salaries	LGA 1972 s 112(2)	*** /
Chairmans allowance	LGA 1972 ss. 15(5) & 34(5)	^^^
Members' basic allowance	LA (MA (E R 2003 SI 2003/1021 & SI 2004/2596	^^**
Audit fees	LGA 1972 s.111	#7
Community centres; power to provide & equip buildings Competitions; provision of perpetual trophies, prizes	1976 s.19	#31
Computer; purchase & maintenance of, purchase of software	LGA 1972 s.137	#32

Entertainment, provision of	LGA 1972 s.144	#42
Lighting of highways, footpaths	PCA 1957 ss.3(1) & 7, HA 1980 s.301	#80
Web site; creation & running costs	1923 LGA 1948 s.133(2)	#141
a local authority shall have power to do anything (whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights) which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions	LGA 1972 s.111	#144

August 2026 Income:

Date	Description	Supplier / customer	Total
28/08/2026	Flintshire County Council	Precept 2 of 3	14571.67
			£14,571.67

Other Financial Matters:

- a) SLCC membership renewal – members to approve amendment fee to SLCC based on updated precept figure affecting calculation amounting a further £63.00 to pay.
- b) Following the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) agreement of new pay scales for 2026-27, the amendment has been implemented with back pay reflected within the accounts.

11. Police Matters:

- a) Updates:
- b) Members to report matters arising.

12. Lighting & Streetscene:

- a) Updates:
- b) Members to report additional matters arising.

13. Environmental Matters:

Councillor Ray Knight to report on any matters arising.

14. Planning Group Matters:

(Deferred from July meeting)

Following resolution 26/10, it was agreed to revisit membership of the planning committee.

Note – Terms of reference: Non-decision-making, information gathering group with no delegated powers. Members also to refer to previous resolution 23/179 (attached).

- a) To return to the term Planning Group/Working Group (not Committee).
- b) Members to resolve number of group members.
- c) Members to receive nominations & votes.
- d) To consider resolving to report collective recommendations to full council with the exception of time sensitive matters whereby the Clerk may summons a special meeting.

15. Joint One Voice Wales/SLCC Event - Wednesday 18 November 2026:

Members are invited to note the arrangements for a forthcoming joint remote event being organised by One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC).

The event will focus on a range of significant issues affecting the local council sector, including:

- Future priorities for the local council sector
- Addressing the democratic health deficit
- Employment law updates
- Code of Conduct matters
- Artificial Intelligence and its implications for councils
- The Cost of Living Crisis

It is anticipated that **Sian Gwenllian MS, Cabinet Secretary for Local Government, Housing and Planning**, will be in attendance. The event represents an important opportunity for councils to remain informed of current developments, emerging challenges and opportunities within the sector.

Speakers confirmed for the event include:

- **Shereen Williams**, Chief Executive, Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru
- **Annie Ginwalla** and **Sarah Jones**, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
- **Emma Goode**, One Voice Wales Cost of Living Crisis Team
- **Lewis Anderson**, Lewis Anderson Enterprises

The programme will also include contributions from the Chief Executive and Chair of One Voice Wales, together with senior representatives from the SLCC.

Recommendation:

Members are asked to consider whether council representation at this event would be beneficial and to nominate any members or officers who may wish to attend on behalf of the Council at a cost of £75 + VAT per delegate.

16. Christmas 2026 planning:

Members to discuss and resolve plans for forthcoming period.

17. County Councillors reports:

To receive County Councillor updates on any relevant County issues not otherwise covered on the agenda.

18. Community Councillors reports:

To receive Community Councillor updates from members.

19. Close of Meeting:

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 20 July 2026 at 6.00 pm at Mostyn Community Centre and remotely by hybrid access.

26/51 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND QUORUM

Councillor / Officer / Attendee	Present / Apologies	Notes
Cllr Mike Lewis-Jones	Present	Acting Chair
Cllr David Seddon	Present	
Cllr Steve Tomlinson	Present	
Cllr Steve Upton	Present	Online
Cllr Patrick Heesom	Present	
Cllr Pam Banks	Present	
Cllr Hayley Jones	Present	Online
Cllr Tom Beal	Present	Online
Cllr Ray Knight	Present	
Cllr Meg Howells	Apologies	Chair
Cllr Alex Barons	Apologies	
Clerk, Mrs Collette Lowry	Present	
Mr Andy Dunbobbin	Present	North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner
Police Constable	Present	North Wales Police
Police Community Support Officer	Present	North Wales Police

Councillor Mike Lewis-Jones took the Chair in the absence of Councillor Meg Howells. Nine Members were present, including three Members attending remotely. The Clerk and invited representatives of North Wales Police were also present. The Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate and competent to transact the business set out in the agenda.

Resolved: That the apologies for absence received from Councillors Meg Howells and Alex Barons be accepted.

26/52 CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Acting Chair reported that he had attended a school leavers' service and the summer fair held by Chestnut Hill School for children with additional needs. Members noted the value of supporting local schools and community events and thanked the Acting Chair for representing the Council.

26/53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in the business on the agenda in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. No declarations of interest were made.

26/54 PUBLIC SPEAKING - NORTH WALES POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Mr Andy Dunbobbin, North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, attended with a Police Constable and a Police Community Support Officer. He outlined the statutory and strategic functions of his office, including preparation of the Police and Crime Plan, setting the policing budget, commissioning victim-support and community-safety services, securing partnership funding and holding the Chief Constable to account for the performance of North Wales Police.

The Commissioner explained that operational deployment remained a matter for the Chief Constable and local policing teams, while his role was to represent the public, provide strategic scrutiny and challenge performance. He described partnership work with local authorities and community organisations, the importance of neighbourhood policing and the use of evidence, demand and intelligence to determine resource deployment.

Members raised significant and longstanding local concerns regarding anti-social behaviour, off-road motorcycles and four-by-four vehicles, environmental crime and fly-tipping, speeding, limited visible policing, delays experienced by residents using the 101 service and reports which residents believed had not been properly recorded. Particular concern was expressed that repeated incidents were causing distress to older and vulnerable residents and that confidence in reporting had diminished where residents perceived no effective outcome.

The police representatives advised that Operation Tenacity was addressing illegal off-road vehicle use and stressed that enforcement activity depended upon accurate and timely intelligence. Members and residents were encouraged to report every incident and, where possible, provide locations, descriptions, vehicle details, routes, dates and times. Alternative reporting channels, including online contact, were discussed where waiting times on 101 caused difficulty.

Members requested greater visible presence and meaningful engagement with officers who could discuss local hotspots and operational concerns. The Commissioner confirmed that the matters raised would be passed to the local Inspector and relevant policing teams and that a community survey and further patrol activity would be considered. The attending officers indicated a willingness to attend future Council meetings and community events where operational commitments permitted.

Action: North Wales Police representatives to arrange or request a community survey in affected areas, consider additional visible patrols and pass the Council's concerns to the local Inspector and relevant policing teams.

Action: The Clerk to provide dates of future Council meetings and community events to the local policing team to facilitate attendance where practicable.

Action: Members and residents to continue reporting incidents and to provide detailed intelligence concerning off-road vehicles, anti-social behaviour, environmental crime and other local concerns.

26/55 MINUTES AND MEETINGS

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15 June 2026 had been circulated in advance. Members considered the record and no amendments were requested.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15 June 2026 be approved as a true and correct record.

Under matters arising, Members received an update on the proposed play-area improvements and associated match-funding arrangements. The Council's anticipated contribution was reported as £13,000 from the £20,000 earmarked reserves.

26/56 CLERK'S UPDATES, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk reported that the external audit had been submitted within the required deadline; that she had attended the Clwyd branch meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks on 2 June; and that delegated powers would apply during the August recess in accordance with the Council's existing arrangements.

Members were advised that the Council laptop remained under repair and that payroll had therefore again been estimated and had not yet been entered on the HMRC tools portal. The Clerk also reminded Members that the Mostyn summer playscheme, funded by the Council, was being held at Ysgol Bryn Pennant from 20 July to 7

August between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm, and that the Fit, Fed and Read sessions would take place at Maes Pennant playing fields on the dates circulated with the agenda.

Ysgol Bryn Pennant had conveyed its thanks for the personalised drinking bottles provided by the Council to Year 6 leavers. Members welcomed the acknowledgement and noted the positive community value of the initiative.

The Clerk requested authority to undertake two One Voice Wales digital training modules, including training relevant to artificial intelligence and digital administration, at a cost of £44 per module. Members considered that the training would support efficient administration and appropriate use of emerging digital tools.

Resolved: That the Clerk be authorised to attend the two relevant One Voice Wales digital training modules at a cost of £44 per module.

The following email communications, which had been circulated with the agenda, were received and noted:

Sender	Item	Date circulated
Darren Millar MS	Update	08/07/2026
Flintshire County Council	Community conference Maes Pennant July 26	08/07/2026
One Voice Wales	WREXHAM AND FLINT AREA COMMITTEE	13/07/2026
One Voice Wales	Issue 3 of The Voice'	13/07/2026
Neighbourhood Watch Alerts	Our News for July 2026 is here!	13/07/2026
Flintshire County Council	Application FUL/000093/26	13/07/2026
Darren Millar MS	Update 2	13/07/2026
One Voice Wales	NEW DIGITAL TRAINING MODULES	14/07/2026

26/57 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered the planning application listed in the agenda.

Planning Application Number	Proposal	Address
FUL/000580/26	ERECTION OF AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING AGRICULTURAL BUILDING FOR USE AS STABLES, RELOCATION OF AN EXISTING STABLE BLOCK AND ASSOCIATED WORKS	Plastron Farm, Downing Road, Maes Penmant, Holywell, CH8 9EG

Resolved: That no objection be raised to application FUL/000580/26, subject to Flintshire County Council's normal planning assessment and any appropriate conditions.

Members also considered notification of an appeal relating to application LDC/000510/25. The Council's previous response and the appeal submission deadline were not immediately available during the meeting. Members agreed that these matters should be established before any further representation was made.

Action: The Clerk to establish the Council's previous response and the applicable appeal deadline for LDC/000510/25 and submit or circulate any further representation as appropriate.

26/58 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

Invoice Date	Ref.	Description	Supplier / customer	Form of payment	Total	Minute reference	Power
26/05/2026	16	Monthly hosting fee	Ionos Cloud Ltd	DD	7.20	26/14	#141
01/06/2026	17	Annual insurance fee	Zurich Municipal	BACS	590.64	26/40	#67,68
06/06/2026	18	Streetlighting 01/05-01/06	Ecotrichy Limited	DD	198.95	26/14	#80
25/06/2026	19-21	Staffing Costs	Multiple	BACS	1,456.06	26/14	***
					2,252.85		

Resolved: That the June 2026 accounts and payments totalling £2,252.85 be approved.

Invoice date	Supplier	Item	Amount inc VAT	Form of payment	Minute reference	Slip ref:	Power
26/06/2026	Ionos Cloud Ltd	Monthly hosting fees	£7.20	DD	26/14	22	#141
08/07/2026	Spoken Gifts Ltd	Leavers gifts for YBP	£194.19	CARD	26/38	23	#31
14/07/2026	Confidential	Consumables allowance	£52.00	BACS	26/17	24	***
15/07/2026	Confidential	Annual allowance	£156.00	BACS	26/17	25	***
16/07/2026	Confidential	Consumables allowance	£52.00	BACS	26/17	26	***
17/07/2026	Confidential	Annual allowance	£156.00	BACS	26/17	27	***
26/06/2026	Gwella	Flt. Fed & Read scheme	£1,000.00	BACS	25/180	28	#42
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24/07/2026	Multiple	Staffing costs	£1,155.88	BACS	26/14	31,32	***
13/07/2026	Ecotrichy	Streetlighting 01/05-01/06	£167.96	DD	26/14	33	#80
15/07/2026	Confidential	Members allowance	£208.00	BACS	26/17	34	***
		Total	£3,705.73				

Resolved: That the July 2026 accounts for payment totalling £3,705.73 be approved as presented.

The statutory powers supporting the payments were recorded in the agenda as follows:

POWER TO MAKE PAYMENTS			CODE
PURPOSE	AUTHORITY		*** /
Salaries	LGA 1972 s 112(2)		LA**
Members' basic allowance	LA (MA (E R 2003 SI 2003/1021 & SI 2004/2596		#7
Audit fees	LGA 1972 s.111		#31
Community centres; power to provide & equip buildings Competitions; provision of perpetual trophies, prizes	1976 s.19		#42
Entertainment, provision of	LGA 1972 s.144		#67
Insurance - property	LGA 1972 s.111		#68
Insurance - public liability , employers liability , defamation	L GA 1972 s.111		#80
Lighting of highways, footpaths	PCA 1957 ss.3(1) & 7, HA 1980 s.301		#141
Web site; creation & running costs	1923 LGA 1948 s.133(2)		

The June 2026 income schedule was received:

Date	Description	Supplier / customer	Total
05/06/2026	HSBC	Gross interest	131.31
16/06/2026	Return of VAT s126	HMRC	£332.92
			£464.23

Resolved: That the June 2026 income schedule totalling £464.23 be received and noted.

Members considered renewal of the Clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks at an annual cost of £316.

Resolved: That the Clerk's Society of Local Council Clerks membership be renewed at an annual cost of £316, with the cost shared with Shotton Town Council in accordance with the existing arrangement.

26/59 POLICE MATTERS

Members were informed that PCSO Rowena Davies would no longer cover Mostyn and that replacement local policing arrangements were being made. The agenda advised that PCSO Rhian McNicholas was expected to assume the local role. Members placed on record their appreciation for previous engagement and stressed the importance of maintaining a consistent and visible point of contact for the community.

The concerns and actions arising from the earlier discussion with the Police and Crime Commissioner and attending officers were reaffirmed. Members reiterated that continued reporting, local intelligence and attendance by the neighbourhood policing team at Council and community events would be central to rebuilding confidence.

Action: The Clerk to maintain contact with the replacement PCSO and invite the local policing team to future meetings and appropriate community activities.

26/60 LIGHTING AND STREETSCENE

Members received an update that a further request had been made for highway signage to be reinstated at the Dry Bridge. It was understood that the work had been scheduled for attention, and Members requested that progress be checked.

The Clerk reported that she continued to investigate responsibility for place-name signs and the availability of external grant support. Differing approaches were being taken across Flintshire communities, and the issue was being discussed collectively through the Clwyd clerks' network and with Flintshire County Council. Members considered that no provision had been made in the current budget for replacement signs and that the Council should not accept a financial commitment until statutory responsibility, policy and possible grant funding had been clarified.

Resolved: The Clerk to check progress on reinstatement of the Dry Bridge signage and continue enquiries regarding responsibility and funding for place-name and welcome signs.

26/61 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Members reported that litter remained outstanding on the hill despite previous reports and that the general waste and dog-waste bins at the Meadows were overflowing. Concern was expressed that delayed clearance undermined the appearance of the area and could create public health and environmental problems.

Serious concerns were raised regarding land on Bychton Hall Farm. Reports referred to vehicle access, rubbish, broken glass, discarded needles, children entering the area and an alleged sewage leak. Members acknowledged that the land appeared to be privately owned but considered that alleged sewage pollution, dangerous waste and public access created issues which required referral to the appropriate statutory bodies.

Councillor Ray Knight agreed to contact the resident who had raised the matter to establish what reports had already been submitted and to obtain sufficient detail for an informed referral. It was agreed that the alleged sewage and environmental concerns should be passed to the appropriate authority, including Natural Resources Wales where applicable. The vehicle-access and off-road activity concerns had also been drawn to the attention of the attending police representatives.

Resolved: Councillor Ray Knight to obtain details from the resident of reports already made and refer the alleged sewage and environmental concerns to the appropriate authority, including Natural Resources Wales where applicable.

26/62 PLANNING GROUP MATTERS

In accordance with resolution 26/10, Members revisited the membership and status of the Planning Group. The agenda reminded Members that the body was a non-decision-making, information-gathering group without delegated powers and referred to the earlier resolution 23/179. Matters for consideration included restoring the title "Planning Group/Working Group", determining the number of members and agreeing how recommendations should be reported to Full Council, with special meetings available for time-sensitive matters.

During discussion, Members expressed differing views on whether membership should be changed. Some considered that a small group remained proportionate and avoided overloading Members, while others wished the membership and role to be reviewed with the Chair of the group present. It became apparent

that not all relevant Members were available and that there was uncertainty regarding the intended composition.

Resolved: That a final decision on Planning Group membership and operating arrangements be deferred until the September meeting, when the Chair of the Group and all relevant Members could be present and the matter considered clearly.

26/63 QUARTER ONE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION

Members reviewed the quarter-one bank reconciliation, receipts and payments report, reserves report, annual budget report and cashbook report. The Clerk advised that the current account held the funds required until receipt of the next precept instalment. The general reserves interest account showed a balance of approximately £13,715 after excluding earmarked reserves of £30,900 and statutory reserves of £11,304.

Resolved: That the quarter-one bank reconciliation, receipts and payments report, reserves report, annual budget report and cashbook report be received and approved.

26/64 DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION CYMRU RESEARCH

Members considered the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru research into attitudes and perceptions concerning the size and structure of town and community councils and how these may vary according to local circumstances. The agenda explained that the online questionnaire formed part of a wider review and that Council-level responses would be shared with the Commission, while individual responses would be anonymised.

Members reviewed the draft response circulated with the agenda and considered that a corporate submission would provide a clear statement of the Council's experience and views. Authority was requested for the Clerk to complete and submit the response on behalf of the Council.

Resolved: That the Clerk be authorised to submit a response to the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru research on behalf of Mostyn Community Council, based on the draft circulated with the agenda.

26/65 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Members discussed the continuing deterioration of a wall at Halendy which was encroaching towards the highway. Concern was expressed at the length of time taken to establish ownership and arrange repairs and at the potential danger to highway users should the structure deteriorate further.

Action: The matter of the deteriorating wall to be pursued again with Flintshire County Council, emphasising the length of the delay and the potential highway danger.

An update was also received regarding discussions with the railway landowner concerning fly-tipping, the condition of the road, access arrangements and the public footpath. Members emphasised that any barrier or access-control measures must preserve lawful access and remain suitable for disabled users.

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Members reflected on a recent community meeting and expressed disappointment that, despite attendance by a number of agencies, residents had not obtained clear answers to concerns about local policing, speeding and suspected drug-related activity. Members considered that future engagement should be more closely focused on practical actions, named contacts and follow-up arrangements.

The importance of sustained attendance by the local PCSO team at Council meetings and community activities was reiterated. Members considered that engagement with the summer playscheme and other local events could provide a useful opportunity for visible, positive contact with children, families and residents.

Action: The local PCSO team to be invited to attend future Council meetings and community activities, including the summer playscheme, where practicable.

26/67 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Acting Chair thanked Members and attendees for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at approximately 7.45 pm.

