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22nd April 2021

Members of the Council

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Mold Town Council to be held at **6.00pm on Wednesday 28th April, 2021** by Zoom video-conferencing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Town Clerk and Finance Officer.

Town Clerk and Finance Officer

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any known declarations of interest in items on the agenda

3. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. MINUTES

4.1 To receive and approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 31st March 2021 and the Minutes of the Special meeting of the Council held on 19th April 2021 (attached)

4.2 To receive and note the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12th April 2021 (attached)

4.3 To receive and note the Minutes of the Community Development and Regeneration Committee held on 20th April 2021 (attached)

5. JOINT REPORT OF THE BUSINESS & REGENERATION / EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS

To receive a joint report from the Officers on the latest developments (attached)

6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

To receive the recommendations of Community Development and Regeneration Committee as to its future and Terms of Reference as follows:-

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be recommended:

- (1) To retain the Community, Development and Regeneration Committee;
- (2) Re-examine and re-draft a more concise and focussed Terms of Reference of the Committee; and
- (3) That a small sub group of 3 to 4 Members be engaged to carry out this process.

Item 4.3 above refers

7. NOMINATION FOR THE ELECTION OF MAYOR

To consider the nomination of Mayor at the Annual Meeting to be held on 12 May 2021 for the forthcoming Municipal Year

8. WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON LOCAL AUTHORITY POWER TO TRADE

To consider a response to the Welsh Government's consultation on the draft General Power of Competence (Commercial) (Conditions) (Wales) Regulations and the proposal that Community Councils which meet certain criteria be provided a power to trade (documentation attached)

9. GREEN RECOVERY CIRCULAR ECONOMY FUND

To receive an update report of the Business & Regeneration Officer on ideas received from Members in accordance with the decision taken at the March meeting of the Council

10. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SUMMER PLAYScheme 2021 INITIAL NOTIFICATION

To note that Flintshire County Council had indicated that it officially had the mandate, nationally and locally to deliver play services. This would include the county summer playscheme programme for 2021

11. PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE REAR OF THE RED LION INN WREXHAM STREET

To receive any update as no response to Cllr Collett's letter on this matter had been received

12. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

To note the attached report

13. MEETINGS ATTENDED

For Members to report to Council any information they have obtained from outside bodies

14. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS

To approve the attached schedule showing accounts processed for payment – Month 12 noting that payments are made in accordance with the powers of local councils

15. BAILEY HILL PROJECT, LODGE AND COMMUNITY ROOM

To consider a report by the Bailey Hill Officer on the latest developments including handover of the building

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider excluding the press and public due to the confidential nature of the final item of business

PART 2

17. APPOINTMENT OF A CONTRACTOR TO CARRY OUT THE COUNCIL'S HANGING BASKETS ARRANGEMENTS

To consider the attached report

NOTE:

Members of the press and public may view this meeting on screen (but not participate) by prior arrangement with the Town Clerk and Finance Officer.



MOLD TOWN COUNCIL / CYNGOR TREF YR WYDDGRUG

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

Councillor Teresa Carberry Mayor of Mold, engagements since 1st April – 28th April 2021

Date	Event
01-Apr	Presentation of Mold Community Awards to winners
12-Apr	Aesthetics & Beauty by Jade
27-Apr	Organic Food Stores

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Item 4.1

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held virtually on-line over video conferencing 6pm Wednesday 31st March 2021.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Teresa Carberry (Mayor), Sarah Taylor (Deputy Mayor), Trevor Arnold, Haydn Bateman, Chris Bithell, Geoff Collett, Bryan Grew, Robin Guest, Karen Hodgkinson, Haydn Jones, Brian Lloyd, Andrea Mearns, Anthony Parry and Gareth Williams.

Officers: Ian Jones Town Clerk and Finance Officer, Jane Evans Events and Community Engagement Officer, Jo Douglass Business and Regeneration Officer.

Also Present: one member of the public.

119. APOLOGIES: None

ABSENT: Councillor Geoff Matthias and Tim Maunders

120. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

121. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave Members an update on her official engagements attended since the last meeting and informed Members that she was delighted with the Community Awards and thanked the Events and Community Engagement Officer for the organising of the on-line event.

The Mayor also reported that she had attended the Alun School Council on-line meeting and the Flintshire City of Sanctuary meeting whereby she was asked to become a Trustee and has accepted the position.

The Mayor also expressed thanks to all the volunteers in the Mold Community Shop and all those involved in obtaining Easter Egg and Easter donations.

122. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That:

- a) The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 24th February 2021 be received and formally approved;
- b) The Minutes of the Cemetery Committee held on 9th March 2021 be received and noted;
- c) The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 15th March 2021 be received and noted; and
- d) The Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Audit Committee held on 17th March 2021 be received and formally approved.

123. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT – COMMENCEMENT, IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY AND GUIDANCE.

Members considered the previously circulated report on the key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the Community and Town Council Sector.

The Town Clerk provided a summary and highlighted some of the areas which would change in the Town and Community Sector as a result of the Act. these included:

- Elections, voting and 5 year terms
- General Power of Competence replacing the Power of Well-Being
- Public participation in meetings
- Remote access to meetings
- electronic publication of documents
- Annual Reports
- Conduct of Members
- Training plans and training for Members and Staff

Members discussed salient points of the report and expressed some concern and observations regarding some of the new requirements which could be time consuming and costly especially for the smaller Community Councils.

Members noted that the changes contained within the Act had been fully consulted and had received Royal Consent.

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

124. JOINT REPORT OF THE BUSINESS & REGENERATION OFFICER AND EVENTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Members considered the previously circulated report from the Business & Regeneration Officer and Events & Community Engagement Officer.

The Events & Community Engagement Officer updated Members that the Town Council had received £1,400 cash donations from various Businesses for Easter eggs and donations of Easter Eggs and asked for Members to approve a payment of over £500 on the debit card to purchase Easter eggs with the donations received. Members supported the request.

A Member asked about the 'Best places in Wales to live' nominations and as Mold was doing so well, could this be considered. The Business and Regeneration Officer reported that such nominations were based on several factors, such as surveys, schooling, culture, transportation as well as the health of the Highstreet. Given that Mold was shortlisted for the Great British Highstreet in 2019 once entries are open again a submission would be made in recognition of the new businesses and expanding businesses in Mold together with the initiatives implemented to assist in the recovery of the High Street due to the pandemic.

Councillor Andrea Mearns provided an update on the Naked Takeaway pilot project in that the Mold Plastic Reduction group had distributed 250 x 2-Tier Tiffin Tins, 250 x 3-Tier Tiffin Tins and 180 Pizza Boxes to a total of 6 businesses participating. The businesses would be completing a weekly tally form to record take-up so that the

amount of single-use plastic save could be calculated. There has been a great promotion of the pilot project from businesses on social media.

Members also asked when the one-way system was system would be removed and the Business and Regeneration Officer would follow this up with Flintshire County Council Streetscene and Transportation.

RESOLVED: That;

- a) the use of the debit card for a purchase of over £500 to for Easter eggs from the donations received from businesses be approved; and
- b) the report be received and noted.

125. TOTALLY MOLD VOUCHERS

Members considered the previously circulated report on the TotallyMold Vouchers.

It was noted that the TotallyMold Vouchers were extremely successful and the scheme had received local and national recognition.

A Member asked about the cost of updating the TotallyMold Voucher website which now forms part of the new Town Website. The Business and Regeneration officer explained that the Mold Voucher website was produced in-house by the Officers and could be updated with no additional cost only that of renewing the domain name and hosting. The Voucher website is only linked through to the new Town website. The Town website www.totallyMold.org.uk had been fully funded to replace the previous paper version of the Town Guide and would be further developed and updated when restrictions allow for events and would incorporate a what's on guide. The Mold Town Council website would remain in situ with information about meetings, Members and policies.

RESOLVED: that;

- a) an extension of the current Totally Mold Voucher scheme to 31st August 2021 be approved;
- b) a re-run of the scheme launching for 2021/2022 be approved (subject to audit satisfaction); and
- c) the report be received and noted.

Councillor Gareth Williams and Karen Hodgkinson left meeting at 6.50pm

126. GREEN RECOVERY CIRCULAR ECONOMY FUND

Members considered the previously circulated report on the Green Recovery Circular Economy Fund.

The Business and Regeneration Officer updated members that an on-line meeting was held with Niall Waller, Service Manager - Enterprise and Regeneration at Flintshire County Council together with the Town Clerk.

Mr. Waller provided an update at the meeting on the various funds coming on stream, although the exact details were unknown at present. There would be a focus on technology and the creation of SMART towns together with bringing long term empty units into use.

Flintshire County Council were currently recruiting an additional Regeneration Officer support officer and once in post they would be undertaking a short and concise action plan for all the towns in Flintshire. This action plan would take into account the Mold Sense of Place study, the Town Plan and up to date aspirations.

The Business and Regeneration Officer asked to be involved in with the action plan and it was understood that the Council would be consulted as part of the process.

Members considered the limited options at present but felt it would be a good idea to have some plans in place should there be an opportunity to attract some funding to a resource

RESOLVED: that;

- a) an item be placed on the next Town Council agenda to review possible suggestions to the action plan and;
- b) the report be received and noted.

127. FINAL REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES 2021

Members considered the previously circulated final report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

The Town Clerk provided a summary of the report and confirmed that Mold Town Council was in Group A – with an 'Income or Expenditure of £200,000 and above'.

The Town Clerk referred Members to Table 9 within the report which addressed the decisions required to be made by the Council.

Determination 48 stated that Community and Town Councils were mandated to make available £150 for every Member.

Determination 48: stated that Community and Town Councils could provide a payment to the Mayor or Chair of the Council up to a maximum of £1,500.

Determination 43: stated that Community and Town Councils in Group A must make available an annual payment of £500 each to a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 Members in recognition of specific responsibilities.

Members discussed the payment to the Mayor and Members (in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses) in line with the determination of the Remuneration Panel. They considered that the current £500 made available for Committee Chairs were not required, but recognised that at least one £500 payment was required under the determinations within the Annual Report of Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

RESOLVED; that;

- a) the Civic fund, as currently operated in relation to the expenses of the Mayor be continued;
- b) An annual payment of £500 to be made to the Mayor only in recognition of the additional duties carried out as Civic Head and ambassador of the Town Council;
- c) No further payments of £500 for special responsibilities be made for the time being; and

- d) Determinations 45, 46 and 47 in table 9 be approved with respect to travel costs, overnight subsistence and financial loss allowance.

128. MOLD BUS STATION AND NEW STREET TOILETS

The Town Clerk provided an update to the refurbishment of the Bus Station Toilets, and the costs provided by Flintshire County Council Streetscene. It was reported that the overall costs of the works were in the region of £200,000 and a contribution of £40,000 was requested from the Mold Town Council Car Park revenue fund, which is held by Flintshire County Council.

Members discussed the request, and disappointment was noted that the exact costings were not provided. It was also noted that a defibrillator was located on the New Street Toilets and a new location would need to be sought for this.

Councillor Andrea Mearns requested that it be noted that the removal of New Street Toilets was a retrograde step.

RESOLVED: to support the contribution of approximately £40,000 for the refurbishment of the Bus Station Toilets and request a new location for the Defibrillator on the New Street Toilets prior to demolishing.

129. MOLD TO RHYDYMWYN RAILWAY LINE

Councillor Chris Bithell provided an update on the progress with regards to a potential public right of way order to use the Mold to Rhydymwyn line for cycling and walking and where this might be located through Mold Town centre together with the potential links to Saltney and Chester.

RESOLVED: To hold a special meeting of the Council and invite appropriate officers of FCC to update Members on the proposals and specific sections of the line so a timely decision can be taken to enable the order to be passed.

130. "SLOW WAYS" – NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TREVOR ARNOLD

Councillor Trevor Arnold requested that the Town Council supports this scheme, including its aims in its future plans for the town as the scheme promotes safe walking and cycling routes in and around Mold as well as possibly linking up with villages in the surrounding areas.

Members were in support of the motion and it was noted that this had been brought up at a recent community meeting and suggested that relevant departments in FCC should also be involved.

RESOLVED: to support the motion and involve relevant departments of FCC.

Councillor Robin Guest left the meeting at 7.50pm

131. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Members considered the previously circulated information regarding Planning decisions.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

132. CITTASLOW UK – APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

Councillor Andrea Mearns updated Members that Cittaslow UK was a Community Interest Company (CIC) and there was a requirement to appoint two new Members as Directors.

RESOLVED: that Councillors Teresa Carberry, Sarah Taylor would be appointed as the two new directors.

133. MEETINGS ATTENDED

Councillor Andrea Mearns reported that great progress was being made with the Bailey Hill and this would be handed over soon. The Town Clerk updated Members that a report on the Bailey Hill would be provided at the next meeting.

The Town Clerk also advised that he has attended a meeting with Councillor Bryan Grew with regards to the impact of the McCloud judgement on public sector pensions and the requirement of the employer to provide information on employees in work or who had left up to 2014. The information would need to be submitted by the end of April if possible.

RESOLVED: The information to be received and noted.

134. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 11 Community Bank account CB1 £31,356.15

RESOLVED: that the schedule of payments be approved.

The Meeting closed at 8.00pm

SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 31 March 2021	
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS	

Mayor's signature: Date:
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MOLD TOWN COUNCIL ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

ACTION LIST FOLLOWING COUNCIL – 31 MARCH 2021

MINUTE NO.	DATE	ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	RESULT (IF ANY)	SIGN OFF DATE
	31/03/2021	CDR Committee	Item added to the next CDR Committee agenda	CDR Committee recommendations to Council	28 April 2021
124	31/03/2021	Joint Report Business & Regeneration Officer and Events & Community Engagement Officer	(a) one-way system removal - the Business and Regeneration Officer contacted Flintshire County Council Streetscene and Transportation. (b) Easter Eggs collated and distributed	One-way system now removed by Streetscene and Transportation Goodwill and publicity	28 April 2021
125	31/03/2021	Mold Voucher scheme	extension to current scheme to 31st August 2021 implemented and a re-run of the scheme would launch for 2021/2022	Preparations made and year-end accounting adjustments made in line with Intermediate Audit	28 April 2021
126	31/03/2021	Green Recovery Circular Economy Fund.	item placed on April Town Council agenda to review possible suggestions to the action plan	Awaiting suggestions - Ideas to be submitted by 28 April 2021 Council meeting	28 April 2021
127	31/03/2021	Final Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales	Adjustments to optional allowances payable although full payments as previously agreed had been inserted into the budget for 21/22	Changes to future budgets would be required	28 April 2021
128	31/03/2021	Mold Bus Station and New Street Toilets	FCC informed of contribution of £40,000 for the refurbishment of the Bus Station Toilets and requested a new location for the Defibrillator on the New Street Toilets prior to demolishing.	works commencement but awaiting new location for the Defibrillator	28 April 2021
129	31/03/2021	Mold to Rhydymwyn Railway Line (and Active Travel Routes)	a special meeting of the Council and invite appropriate officers of FCC to update Members on the proposals and specific sections of the line so a timely decision can be taken to enable the order to be passed.	April Committee	28 April 2021

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL ADDENDUM TO MINUTES
ACTION LIST FOLLOWING COUNCIL – 31 MARCH 2021

132	31/03/2021	Cittaslow UK – Appointment of Directors	Cittaslow UK Company Secretary informed that Councillors Teresa Carberry, Sarah Taylor would be appointed as the two new directors	Item complete	28 April 2021
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Minutes of the Special Meeting of Mold Town Council held virtually on-line over video conferencing 6pm Wednesday 19th April 2021.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Teresa Carberry (Mayor), Sarah Taylor (Deputy Mayor), Trevor Arnold, Haydn Bateman, Chris Bithell, Geoff Collett, Bryan Grew, Robin Guest, Karen Hodgkinson, Haydn Jones, Andrea Mearns and Anthony Parry.

Officers: Ian Jones Town Clerk and Finance Officer and Jane Evans Events and Community Engagement Officer

Also Present: From Flintshire County Council Streetscene and Transportation Officers Anthony Stamford and Robin Nursaw and three members of the public.

135. APOLOGIES: None

ABSENT: Councillor Brian Lloyd, Geoff Matthias, Tim Maunders and Gareth Williams.

136. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

137. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Mayor's announcements.

138. ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTES – MOLD AND DISTRICT

The Mayor welcomed Anthony Stamford and Robin Nursaw Streetscene Officers from Flintshire County Council who provided members with active travel proposals in Mold, originally proposed as 'Mold to Broughton Cycle Scheme'.

The aims of the proposed Active Travel scheme was to link the communities of Mold, Buckley, Penyffordd, Hawarden and Saltney, reduce single occupancy travel and to link in the railways at Buckley, Penyffordd and Hawarden.

Flintshire County Council had submitted an application for Welsh Government funding 2021/22 through the transforming Towns Fund and had received confirmation that partial funding would be received and Flintshire County Council also had identified a number of other funding options to make up the shortfall.

For Mold, Routes 1 and Routes 2 of the Active Travel proposal had been included in the High Street re development which was not now going ahead but certain proposals highlighted in the cycle path part of the scheme would proceed if agreed after consultation with the potential upgrading and resurfacing Tyddyn Street and widening the path through to Gas Lane. The proposal would also look to utilise the old railway line on Gas Lane / Woodlands Road into a cycle path. There were also plans to link the cycle path with the Bovril path and

bus station, a Toucan crossing on Denbig road then to the rear of Synthite and eventually on to Rhydymwyn.

There were also proposals to make the bus station one way and include a cycle lane. The zebra crossing would be upgraded on Kings Street and if agreed a Toucan crossing put in place in Chester Street.

Members raised a number of concerns and questions, including road safety, traffic flow, pedestrian safety, flooding and fly-tipping. Members also considered the details carefully including several new suggestions and asked for an approximate timescale; all of which were noted by Flintshire County Officers.

6.40pm The Events and Community Engagement Officer left the meeting

RESOLVED: That;

(i) a site meeting open to all Members be arranged by Flintshire County Officers in consultation with the Town Clerk;

(ii) a Sub Group be formed, consisting of Mold East Ward Members together with Cllrs Bateman, Guest and Jones to agree a way forward with Flintshire County Officers; and

(iii) the Sub Group be given power to act in this matter.

The Meeting closed at 7.00pm

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S
CODE OF CONDUCT**

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 19 April 2021	
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS	

Mayor's signature: Date:
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MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Planning Committee held by Video conferencing on Monday 12th April 2021.

PRESENT: Cllrs Bryan Grew (Chair), Teresa Carberry (Mayor), Brian Lloyd, Andrea Mearns,
Officer: Ian Jones, Town Clerk and Finance Officer.

APOLOGIES: None

ABSENT: Cllr Geoff Matthias, Sarah Taylor (Deputy Mayor), Anthony Parry and Gareth Williams

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

34. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2021 be approved as a correct record.

35. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the following applications:

(a) Ref: 062627

Proposal: Change of Use on ground floor from Medical Practice to Office. First floor to be retained as Two Apartments.

Location: Bromfield Medical Practice Sealmart House, Bryn Hilyn Lane, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 1JY

No objection.

(b) Ref: 062628

Proposal: Erection of a Fascia Sign - 1800MM X 1000MM

Location: Bromfield Medical Practice Sealmart House, Bryn Hilyn Lane, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 1JY

No objection.

(c) Ref: 062584

Proposal: A proposed two storey side extension for larger bedroom, toilet and wash facilities, a toilet and utility area with general storage space on the ground floor. Porch at the front of the house.

Location: 12 Llys Tudela, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 1GE

No objection, however it was noted that the proposed extension abuts directly onto the boundary wall and it was assumed that the Planning Officer would take this into consideration.

RESOLVED: That the above comments be forwarded to Flintshire County Council

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS'
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S
CODE OF CONDUCT**

PLANNING COMMITTEE	DATE: 12h April 2021
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

Chair's signature: Date:

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MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community, Development & Regeneration Committee held virtually on-line over video conferencing at 5.30pm on Tuesday 20th April 2021.

PRESENT: Councillors: Teresa Carberry (Mayor), Sarah Taylor (Deputy Mayor) Geoff Collett (Chair), Andrea Mearns, Anthony Parry, Robin Guest and Chris Bithell.

Jo Douglass, Business and Regeneration Officer, Jane Evans, Events & Community Engagement Officer, Martin Jones (Vaughan Davies). Rachael Byrne (Business Development Manager FCC)

19. APOLOGIES: None

ABSENT: Councillor Trevor Arnold, John Reynolds (Reynolds International).

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10th November 2020 be received and approved as a correct record.

22. STREETSCENE UPDATE.

The Events & Community Engagement Officer updated Members that Andy Lightfoot, Streetscene Flintshire County Council didn't have an update to provide other than the one-way system in the Highstreet had now been removed.

Discussion took place regarding the extension and fencing in of the outside seating area to the rear of the Red Lion. Members outlined the history on this matter as it had been the subject of correspondence with Flintshire County Council by both the Town Clerk and the Chair of this Committee. Following a brief discussion, the Town Clerk agreed to make further enquiries and report any update to Members at the next Town Council meeting. He stated there were forms and procedures available to lodge a claim for right of way by established usage over many years. The Mayor agreed to try and engage in a conversation with the owners/occupiers of the Red Lion.

Councillor Robin Guest wished to thank Andy Lightfoot for the paving and re-surfacing works to the entrance to Griffiths square car park.

Members also discussed

- the lack of planting in the Daniel Owen Square and the planters at the Bus Station.
- Concerns were also raised regarding the cleanliness of the Bus Station.

- It was requested that a letter to be sent to Streetscene & Transportation to outline the concerns.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Town Clerk would place an item regarding the Red Lion on the next Town Council Meeting.
- ii) That the Town Clerk would write to Andy Lightfoot to thank him for the works to entrance of Griffiths Square Car park.
- iii) The Chair Cllr Geoff Collect to write to the Streetscene & Transportation to outline the concerns raised.
- iv) Information in the update was noted.

23. MOLD TOWN WEBSITE

The Business & Regeneration Officer provided Members with an update in that very positive feedback had been received on the new 'TotallyMold' website and it has great coverage in the press and in national news. Considerable work is now being undertaken to ensure the Business listing is up to date and accurate, with almost 300 Businesses / Service providers now listed over 42 different categories.

Work will now also continue on developing a 'what's on guide' and events listing when able to do so. As per the budget approval a PR company will be engaged to undertake articles/blogs to keep the hit rate on the website high and encourage footfall to the town.

RESOLVED: that the information in the update be noted.

24. COMMUNITY REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Members considered the previously circulated report regarding the Community and Regeneration Committee.

Discussion took place on how the Committee works in terms of its structure, Terms of Reference, membership and potential duplication. It was suggested that some of the items could have been addressed through task and finish groups and some of the items of the Terms of Reference were very generic and some duplicated those within the responsibility of the Town Council. Consideration was also given to using different ways of engagement with the community and business community.

Given the current pandemic and the focus on Town Centre recovery and funding streams from Welsh Government and having Flintshire County Council representative on the Committee it was agreed to recommend retention of the Community and Regeneration Committee and review the terms of reference to be more focused and concise.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be recommended:

- (1) To retain the Community, Development and Regeneration Committee;
- (2) Re-examine and re-draft a more concise and focussed Terms of Reference of the Committee; and
- (3) That a small sub group of 3 to 4 Members be engaged to carry out this process.

25: COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Martin Jones requested that Townscape Heritage be placed on a future meeting, the Business and Regeneration officer explained that there was limited demand received to date. Councillor Andrea Mearns also reminded Members that previous schemes in Holywell and Flint had been managed and administered by Flintshire County Council Planning Department Conservation section, however they would not be in a position to do this for Mold and Mold Town Council would need to take on financial risk with upfront payments and there was also a resource implication. It was agreed to review what funding streams were available through Welsh Government for Town Centre recovery once available and work in conjunction with Flintshire County Council Regeneration team.

RESOLVED: To review funding streams once available and work in conjunction with Flintshire County Council Regeneration Team.

Meeting ended at 7.00pm

SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Community, Development & Regeneration Committee		DATE: 20 th April 2021
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

Chairman's signature: Date:

WORD/MINUTES/CDR/MIN201110



Update Report - April 2021

Item 05

Business and Regeneration Officer and Events and Community Engagement Officer

Town Trading:

Non-essential retail re-opened on the 12th April and shop owners and close contact services have been 'really delighted' to welcome back customers for the first time since December and to see customers face to face once again. Wednesday 14th April also saw the return of the non-essential street Market traders and the town was busy and footfall has certainly been strong.

Great coverage of the reaction to shop owners and shoppers in the Leader newspaper and I also did a BBC radio Wales live interview on Mold.

From 26th April beer gardens and outdoor areas of restaurants and cafes can open.

Aesthetics & Beauty by Jade was opened by the Mayor on the 12th April.

The Organic stores (re-location to Mold), have now opened on Oaktree Business Park and will be officially opened by the Mayor on the 27th April.

FACE Ltd, are progressing with their renovations and hope to be open mid-May.

Bliss Lingerie has announced the opening of their new boutique in Mold, continuing to specialise in bra fitting and also expanding their Bliss Fashion Edit range.

Simmi Womenswear has announced their expansion into new premises in Mold.

Peacocks have been rescued from administration and the store in Mold has re-opened.

The Fat Boar is listed in the top 40 best UK pubs with beer gardens and outdoor seating as recommended by the Times Newspaper.

Business Recovery Loan Scheme (RLS) is now open for applications (6th April 2021):

The new government-backed loan scheme is the successor to the previous Business Interruption loans and the bounce back loans and is available to businesses who are adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is provided by a number of different lenders via different facilities, including termed loans, overdrafts, invoice finance and asset finance. You can find further information about the lender network here: [Recovery Loan Scheme: current accredited lenders - British Business Bank \(british-business-bank.co.uk\)](https://www.british-business-bank.co.uk/recovery-loan-scheme).

Applications close on 31 December 2021 (subject to review).

SME Brexit Support Fund:

An SME (small and medium-sized enterprises which employ less than 250 full time staff) are now eligible to apply for support up to £2,000 to assist with practical support, including training or professional advice to adjust to new customs, rules of origin and VAT rules when trading with the EU. HM Revenues and Customs are also undertaking a series of webinars to assist businesses which are new to importing and exporting.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/grants-to-help-small-and-medium-sized-businesses-new-to-importing-or-exporting>

Community Update:

Community Awards – all winners have been presented with their awards, vouchers and certificates. All business and community project winners and nominees have also received window stickers for them to display within their premises.

Historic Mold Event– David Rowe giving a talk about the town was fully booked and well attended

Current Work / Initiatives

Totally Mold Vouchers:

Very positive feedback from businesses and those purchasing vouchers on the extension of the current vouchers to 31st August 2021. A number of new businesses have joined the scheme and are now included on the Totally Mold Vouchers website.

Totally Mold sales up to £12,500. The Totally Mold Voucher website now forms part of the new Town website: www.totallymold.org.uk

Competitions/ Prize draws will run throughout to promote the voucher scheme.

New Totally Mold Website:

Work continues on updating the business listing to date almost 300 Businesses/ Services listed across 42 different categories. The website continues to get a good daily hit rate. Work also continues on developing a what's on guide (to advertise clubs and groups), an events listing (when able to do so) and video footage of previous events and new events (when able to do so).

Naked Takeaway – reusable takeaway food containers

The third meeting of the Naked Takeaway Steering Group was held. Service Level Agreements between relevant project partners (Town Councils) and businesses have been signed and returned.

Great feedback from both businesses and customers in using the tins, however some manufacturing defects were found with the tins. A support email group between businesses and Mold Plastic Reduction to share best practice and support in filling in tally reports so that the reduction in plastic containers can be fully recorded.

OPEN CONSULTATION

Consultation on local authority power to trade

We are seeking your views on the draft General Power of Competence (Commercial Purpose) (Conditions) (Wales) Regulations and the proposal that community councils that meet certain criteria be provided a power to trade.

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Introduction: where are we now

This consultation relates to proposals in respect of the powers under which local authorities in Wales may do things for a commercial purpose (also referred to as a power to trade).

General power of competence

Section 24 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (“the 2021 Act”) gives “qualifying local authorities” a general power of competence (the “general power”). The general power gives these authorities the power to do anything that an individual can do, thereby allowing these authorities to do things that are unlike anything they, or any other public body, have done before.

Qualifying local authorities are principal councils and eligible community

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councils.

An eligible community council is a community council which meets the criteria set out in section 30 of the 2021 Act, or in regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 35 of the 2021 Act, and passes a resolution that it meets the criteria and is an eligible community council. Section 34 of the 2021 Act makes provision in respect of common community councils established after the Act was passed.

The criteria a community council must satisfy in order to resolve themselves an 'eligible community council' are:

- at least two-thirds of the total number of members of the council have been declared to be elected, whether at an ordinary election or at a by-election
- the clerk to the council holds such qualification or description of qualification as may be specified by the Welsh Ministers by regulations. The draft regulations specifying the proposed qualifications will be subject to a separate consultation
- the council has received two unqualified auditor's opinions from the Auditor General for Wales, for two consecutive financial years. The latest unqualified auditor's opinion must have been received during the 12 months preceding the day on which the council's resolution is passed.

The exercise of the general power is constrained by certain limitations, restrictions and conditions as set out in the 2021 Act.

The general power cannot be used where there is any limitation or restriction in existing legislation, or any future legislation which sets out such a limitation. For example, legislation in relation to statutory services, fees and charging, financial prudence or, in respect of principal councils, the form of their executive constrains authorities in various ways and it will not be possible for the general power to be used to circumvent these constraints.

A qualifying local authority may use the general power to do something for a commercial purpose through a company, however they may only do so if they would also rely on the general power to do that thing for a non-commercial purpose. An authority's power to trade in their ordinary functions is provided for

in section 95 of the Local Government Act 2003 (“the 2003 Act”)

A qualifying local authority cannot carry out an activity in respect of someone for a commercial purpose, if it is required by legislation to carry out that activity.

Qualifying local authorities are also required to have regard to guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers about exercising the general power of competence to do anything for a commercial purpose.

The Welsh Ministers may make regulations under the 2021 Act to:

- remove or amend statutory provisions that they think prevent qualifying local authorities from using the general power, or obstruct them when using the general power
- remove overlaps between the general power and other powers (although they cannot achieve this by revising or cutting back the general power itself)
- restrict what a qualifying local authority may do under the general power
- make its use subject to conditions.

Power to trade in ordinary functions

Section 95 of the 2003 Act enables the Welsh Ministers to make an authorising certain authorities to trade in any of their ordinary functions through a company.

Section 96(1) of that Act allows the Welsh Ministers to impose conditions on the exercise of this trading power, whilst section 96(2) requires these authorities in Wales to have regard to guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers when exercising the power to trade.

Since sections 95 and 96 came into force there have been a number of changes to how the authorities to whom the provision relate are defined although the authorities captured by the definition have remained unchanged.

These sections originally referred to ‘best value authority’ as defined in the Local Government Act 1999 (“the 1999 Act”). In relation to Wales this meant county or county borough council, community council, FRA or NPA.

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The best value regime in the 1999 Act was amended by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, and as a consequence references to best value authority in section 95 and 96 of the 2003 Act were replaced by 'relevant authority', defined in section 95(7). The definition of relevant authority included a best value authority as defined in the 1999 Act (in relation to Wales a county or county borough council, community council, fire and rescue authority or National Park authority) and a community council.

The Local Government Measure 2009 removed Welsh authorities from the definition of best value authority in the 1999 Act and further amended the definition of relevant authority in section 95 of the 2003 Act, adding 'Welsh Improvement Authority' as defined in the 2009 Measure (a county or county borough council, fire and rescue authority or National Park authority). The inclusion of community councils in the definition remain unchanged.

As of 1 April 2021 the definition of a relevant authority in section 95 is further amended by the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2021 so as to remove 'Welsh Improvement Authority' and insert:

- a county council or county borough council in Wales
- a National Park authority for a National Park in Wales
- a fire and rescue authority in Wales, constituted by a scheme under section 2 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 or a scheme to which section 4 of that Act applies.

The Welsh Ministers exercised their powers in sections 95, 96(1) and 123 of the 2003 Act to make the Local Government (Best Value Authorities) (Power to Trade) (Wales) Order 2006 ("the trading order").

At the time the trading order was made section 95 still referred to best value authorities, as such the trading order also refers to the authorised authorities as best value authorities. As part of the implementation of the 2021 Act the trading order will be re-made to refer the authorities as defined in section 95 of the 2003 Act.

The trading order applies to county or county borough councils (primarily

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referred to as principal councils in this document), fire and rescue authorities and National Park authorities in Wales and authorises these authorities to do for a commercial purpose, anything which they are authorised (but not required) to do for the purpose of carrying on any of their ordinary functions. This in effect allows trading in all services other than those which the authority is obliged by law to provide.

The trading order does not make any provision in respect of community councils and as such these authorities are not currently authorities able to trade under the power in section 95 of the 2003 Act.

The trading order imposes the following conditions on the exercise of the power to trade:

- before exercising the power, an authority is required to prepare and approve a business case in support of the proposed exercise of the power.
- authorities must recover the costs of any accommodation, goods, services, staff or any other thing they supply to a company in pursuance of any agreement or arrangement to facilitate the exercise of the power.

What we propose to do

This consultation seeks views on two proposals:

- prescribing conditions qualifying local authorities must meet when exercising the general power of competence for a commercial purpose
- re-making the trading order and enabling “eligible community councils” to trade in their ordinary functions.

The consultation also seeks views on the proposal to extend the application of these draft Regulations to eligible community councils when the general power of competence is commenced for these authorities in May 2022.

Requiring authorities to meet certain conditions when exercising the general power of competence for a

commercial purpose

Under section 28(4) of the 2021 Act, the Welsh Ministers may make regulations making the use of the general power subject to conditions, and it is intended this power be exercised to make regulations specifying conditions a qualifying local authority must satisfy before doing something for a commercial purpose in the exercise of the general power of competence.

Before making such regulations the Welsh Ministers are required to consult the persons set out in section 28(7) of the 2021 Act. This consultation is intended to seek your views on the draft General Power of Competence (Commercial Purpose) (Conditions) (Wales) Regulations 2021, ("the draft Regulations") in accordance with section 28(7) of the 2021 Act.

It is proposed the draft Regulations provide that:

- before exercising the power, an authority must prepare and approve a business case in support of the proposed exercise of the power. The draft regulations set out the requirements for the business case
- where an authority has supplied anything to the company through which the general power is being exercised, the authority must recover its costs from that company

The draft regulations make similar provision, with some minor modifications, to the provisions of the trading order.

The approach taken in developing the draft Regulations has been to ensure that the requirements are:

Proportionate

It is intended that in preparing the business case authorities will do so in a manner which is proportionate to the investment being considered.

In preparing these draft regulations we are not seeking to implement an overly onerous or prescriptive process.

It is intended to issue guidance setting out expectations to support councils in implementing these requirements.

Consistent with other equivalent legislative provision

In developing the draft regulations consideration has been given to other legislative provisions etc. with which councils are required to comply.

The requirements set out in the draft regulations are harmonious and aligned with other requirements such as the Prudential Code etc.

In addition, principal councils, and other authorities, have been exercising their power to trade under the trading order for numerous year, the requirements set out in the draft regulations are based on the requirements principal councils must satisfy when trading in their ordinary functions.

As currently prepared the draft regulations define an authority as a principal council (county or county borough council in Wales). This is due to the staggered commencement of the general power of competence.

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 1 and Saving Provision) Order 2021, which was made on 3 March 2021, provides for the bringing into force of the general power for principal councils on 1 November 2021 and community and town councils on 5 May 2022.

Our intention is to analyse the responses to this consultation over the summer and consider whether any changes may be required before laying the draft regulations in the autumn. It is then intended that they be brought into force on 1 November 2021, in line with the commencement of the general power of principal councils.

It is intended to amend the draft regulations between November 2021 and May 2022 so as to extend their application to eligible community councils.

Whilst the trading operations undertaken by community councils are often of lower financial value than those undertaken by principal councils, and therefore could be considered to be of lower risk, the principle of protecting the authority

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and public funds from risk remains. Irrespective of the value of the proposal, it is essential any decision to proceed is based on a thorough understanding of the matters prescribed for inclusion in the business case.

The business case will support eligible community councils in considering these key matters, before and when, making a decision as to whether to progress with the proposal and any associated investment. As detailed earlier, the requirement to prepare a business case intended to be proportionate and it is intended to issue statutory guidance setting out how council may approach this requirement.

A draft Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared to accompany the draft regulations.

Re-making the trading order and enabling eligible community councils to trade in their ordinary functions

The trading order currently refers to Welsh best value authorities whilst section 95 of the 2003 Act, as amended by the 2021 Act, refers to county and county borough councils, National Park authorities and fire and rescue authorities.

It is necessary to amend the trading order so as to align the drafting of the order with the provisions of the 2003 Act and it is intended this revised trading order is made before the general power of competence is brought into force for all qualifying local authorities.

When making the revised trading order it is proposed the authorisation to trade be extended to community councils that have resolved themselves eligible to exercise the general power of competence.

This will mean the revised trading order will apply to:

- a county council or county borough council in Wales
- a National Park authority for a National Park in Wales
- a fire and rescue authority in Wales (constituted by a scheme under section 2 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 or a scheme to which section 4 of that Act applies)

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- a community council which is an eligible community council for the purposes of Part 2 of the 2021 Act.

To ensure consistency it is also proposed the requirements in respect of the business case set out in the draft regulations be replicated in the revised trading order.

As the revised trading order will also apply to fire and rescue authorities and National Park authorities, these authorities will be subject to the updated requirements. The revisions to the business case requirements are minor and we do not consider that they represent an additional burden on these authorities.

Should a community council resolve they are no longer eligible to exercise the general power, either because they no longer satisfy the criteria or because they no longer wish to be an eligible community council they will no longer be authorised to trade in their ordinary functions.

The 2021 Act provides that a community council which ceases to be an eligible community council can continue to rely on the general power in relation to things it has done in the exercise of that power while it was an eligible community council. For example, a contract entered into in the exercise of the general power may continue, and is not necessarily frustrated, despite the fact that the community council otherwise no longer has the power to enter into that contract and may not start anything new. It is proposed that the revised trading order provide for similar provision.

Why we are making this change

Requirement to prepare a business case

The general power doesn't remove the need for qualifying local authorities to fully consider what they are seeking to achieve, why and how they are going to achieve this and the benefits to their communities. The need for transparent and robust decision making remains.

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It is also essential that authorities be prudent about exposing themselves to commercial risk.

The conditions prescribed by the draft regulations are not intended to place additional limits or controls on what an authority uses the general power for. The intended effect of these Regulations is ensuring authorities are taking appropriate and proportional steps to consider the implications of their proposed exercise of the powers rather than prevent them from exercising the power in the manner they wish.

Trading carries obvious and potentially serious risks. Whilst the Welsh Government believes that the advantages of authorities being able to do things for a commercial purpose under the general power are compelling, we recognise that subjecting public money and public services to commercial risk justifies placing careful limitations on whether and how the power is exercised.

The proposed exercise of the general power could entail a major and lasting commitment for any authority, and could have significant financial, operational and structural consequences for the authority. The Welsh Government believes that such a decision should only be made in full recognition of those consequences and after their careful consideration.

We consider that the process of preparing and approving a business case will help ensure authorities take fully-informed decisions that are properly exposed to democratic scrutiny in advance.

There is no prescription in respect of how, or by whom, the business case is approved. This will be at the discretion of the authority. In respect of principal councils, the decision could, for example, be taken at a meeting of the full council or the council may make arrangements under section 101 of the 1972 Act.

There would be no need for the business case to be submitted to, or approved by, the Welsh Government. We consider that would amount to an unjustified intrusion into an authority's affairs and could also have the inadvertent effect of conferring a warranty from the Welsh Government on the future trading operations.

The matters to be set out in the business case are:

1. the aims and objectives of the proposed exercise of the general power
2. the costs, investments and other resources required to achieve those aims and objectives
3. the financial outcomes that are expected to be achieved by the proposed exercise of the general power
4. any other relevant outcomes that are expected to be achieved by the proposed exercise of the general power
5. any risks associated with the proposed exercise of the general power including an assessment of the severity of those risks, and any actions that the authority proposes to take to mitigate those risks.

A critical aspect of preparing the required business case is the identification and consideration of the risks associated with the proposal. Therefore in addition to detailing the risks, the business case must also include an assessment of their severity and any actions that the authority proposes to take to mitigate those risks.

The conditions prescribed in the draft regulations are predominately based on the trading order with some modernisation and minor modifications as detailed earlier in this document.

Requiring authorities to satisfy the same conditions whether they are trading in the ordinary functions or in exercise of the general power will ensure consistency and clarity as to the steps authorities need to take before trading.

Replicating the requirements of the draft regulations in the revised trading order will help maintain this consistency and clarity.

Requirement to recover costs

Many potential authority trading operations would compete openly with other, mostly, private sector businesses.

Such competition could benefit service efficiency and quality generally, could

build links between the two sectors and generate supply and sub-contracting opportunities for local businesses. However, it could operate so as to distort the market, many authorities may have greater capacity than some private sector suppliers and are also supported by public funds rather than by trading income alone.

The impact of qualifying local authority trading on the private sector, and in particular the risk of private sector suppliers losing significant amounts of business, is assessed as being relatively slight. However, there remains at least a theoretical risk that training operations could have unfair and anti-competitive consequences.

As noted earlier, qualifying local authorities would be required to any trading operations via a company. While an authority might reasonably support the start-up of such a company, it should recover the costs of doing so in due course. Continuing subsidy or funding could both distort the market unfairly and could also lead to public funds being placed at undue commercial risk.

We therefore propose to replicate the provisions of the trading order which require an authority to recover the full costs of any support or services it provides to the company through which the general power is being exercised for a commercial purpose.

Enabling eligible community councils to trade in their ordinary functions

Community councils are an integral part of local government. They are often closest to people and local communities, and therefore uniquely placed to see, and provide, those services which can have a significant impact on an individual's well-being. Making the general power of competence available to community councils who satisfy the eligibility criteria will provide these councils with more freedom to serve their communities.

The 2021 Act sets out criteria a community council must meet in order to be able to resolve itself an eligible community council and exercise the general power of competence. These criteria collectively provide objective and proportionate

measures of a community council's suitability to exercise the general power, covering democratic, governance and professional aspects of a community council.

The Welsh Government considers that if a community council has satisfied the conditions to be able to exercise the general power of competence, which will include the ability to do things for a commercial purpose in the exercise of that power, those councils should also be able to trade in their ordinary functions.

If eligible community councils were not included in the revised trading order it would result in a situation whereby an eligible community council would have the power to trade where they were doing something under the general power of competence but not in relation to their ordinary functions.

This inconsistency could result in confusion and stifle innovation and service improvement.

Consultation questions

Question 1

Are the draft regulations clear?

Question 2

Do the requirements in the draft regulations, in respect of the business case, cover the right things? Are there any other matters the business case should be required to capture?

Question 3

Should the regulations specify who should approve the business case? If so, who should?

Question 4

What are your views on the proposed application of the draft regulations to eligible community councils?

Question 5

Do you agree that community councils who are eligible to exercise the general power of competence should also be authorised to trade in their ordinary functions. If not, why not?

Question 6

Do you agree that principal councils and eligible community councils should be subject to the same conditions when trading in their ordinary functions and exercising the general power for a commercial purpose?

Question 7

Are there any consequences we've not considered of subjecting FRAs and NPAs to the updated conditions set out in the draft regulations when they're exercising their power to trade in their ordinary functions?

Question 8

In order to refine the Regulatory Impact Assessment, the Welsh Government would welcome views on the estimated costs to authorities of preparing a business case. An estimation of any costs which may result from the requirement to recover costs from the company would also be welcomed.

Question 9

We would like to know your views on the effects that the draft regulations or the proposal in respect of the revised trading order would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Question 10

Please also explain how you believe the proposed draft regulations or the proposal in respect of the revised trading order could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Question 11

We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

How to respond

Submit your comments by **11 June 2021**, in any of the following ways:

- complete our **online form**
- download, complete our **response form** and email **LGFPSettlement@gov.wales**
- download, complete our **response form** and post to:

Report to Mold Town Council

Item: 12

28th April 2021

Notification of Planning Decisions since the last meeting report

Ref: 061889 **Area:** Mold Town Council **Ward:** Mold West **Case Officer:** RMH

Agent:

Proposal: Application for the approval of details reserved by condition no. 9 (construction traffic management plan) attached to planning permission ref. 059421

At: Bryn Awel Hotel, Denbigh Road, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 1BL

Decision Date: 22/03/2021

Decision: **Approved**

Decision Issued: 22/03/2021

Decision Level: Delegated-Officer

Ref: 061649 **Area:** Mold Town Council **Ward:** Mold Broncoed **Case Officer:** BMK

Agent:

Proposal: Listed Building Application for the conversion of existing garage to craft studio and home office

At: White House, Wrexham Road, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 1HT

Decision Date: 01/04/2021

Decision: **Approved**

Decision Issued: 01/04/2021

Decision Level: Delegated-Officer

Ref: 062079 **Area:** Mold Town Council **Ward:** Mold Broncoed **Case Officer:** BMK

Agent: D2 Planning Limited, Suites 3 & 4 Westbury Court, Church Road, Westbury on Trym, Bristol, BS9 3EF

Proposal: Change of use of existing offices to 9 residential apartments including creation of bin store and private terraces

At: Ambrose Lloyd Centre, Wrexham Street, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 1NR

Decision Date: 01/04/2021

Decision: **Approved**

Decision Issued: 31/03/2021

Decision Level: Delegated-Officer

Ref: 062232 **Area:** Mold Town Council **Ward:** Mold East **Case Officer:** BMK

Agent:

Proposal: Change from class A1 to Sui Generis.

At: 2 Chester Street, Mold, CH7 1EG

Decision Date: 29/03/2021

Decision: **Approved**

Decision Issued: 29/03/2021

Decision Level: Delegated-Officer

Ref: 062494 **Area:** Mold Town Council **Ward:** Mold South **Case Officer:** JZP

Agent:

Proposal: Estyniad deulawr yn y cefn.(two storey rear extension)

At: Glas Y Dorlan, 45 Glasdir, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 1TN

Decision Date: 25/03/2021

Decision: **Approved**

Decision Issued: 01/04/2021

Decision Level: Delegated-Officer

Ref: 061806 **Area:** Mold Town Council **Ward:** Mold West **Case Officer:** BMK

Agent: MAT Design Limited, 17 Brookside Avenue, Eccleston, St. Helens, WA10 4RN

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear shop extension, construction of new shop front, access ramp, external staircase and internal alterations

At: 11 Elm Drive, Mold, CH7 1SF

Decision Date: 29/03/2021

Decision: **Approved**

Decision Issued: 29/03/2021

Decision Level: Delegated-Officer

Ref: 062360 **Area:** Mold Town Council **Ward:** Mold East **Case Officer:** JZB

Agent: The Harris Partnership, Carvers Warehouse, 77 Dale Street, Manchester, Lancashire, M1 2HG

Proposal: Display of new signage

At: Aldi Foodstore Ltd, King Street, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 1LA

Date Valid: 13/01/2021

Decision Date: 09/04/2021

Decision: **Approved**

Decision Issued: 09/04/2021

Decision Level: Delegated-Officer

Item 14

Date: 21/04/2021

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Cashbook 1

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Community Bank Account

For Month No: 12

Payments for Month 12

Nominal Ledger Analysis

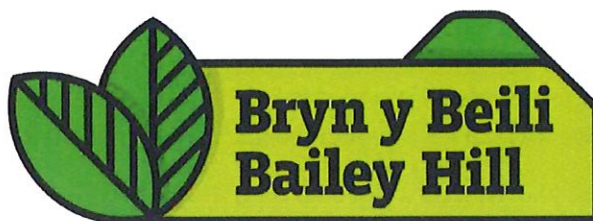
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01/03/2021	Your Repair gas	DD	-2.00			4126	104	-2.00	amendment
03/03/2021	UK Fuels Ltd	BACS	44.70		7.45	4132	104	37.25	UK Fuels Ltd
03/03/2021	ASH Waste Services Ltd	BACS	133.14		22.19	4153	103	110.95	ASH Waste Services Ltd
03/03/2021	Microshade Business Consultant	BACS	265.15		44.19	4148	101	220.96	Microshade Business Consultant
04/03/2021	Southern Swords	DC	23.00		3.83	4180	101	19.17	Southern Swords - bailey hill
04/03/2021	Jackson Fire & Security	BACS	57.00		9.50	4113	101	47.50	Jackson Fire & Security
04/03/2021	AWC1	BACS	388.92			4000	104	388.92	salaries
06/03/2021	TTS Groups	VIS	47.87		7.98	4169	101	39.89	TTS Groups - BH
08/03/2021	Avant Garde	DC	10.98		1.83	4169	101	9.15	Avant Garde
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12/03/2021	the fat boar	BACS	35.00			4169	102	35.00	TMV
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12/03/2021	Wall Signs (NW) Ltd	BACS	96.00		16.00	4169	108	80.00	Naked takeaway
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						4105	101	-187.83	data error
15/03/2021	247 home rescue	DC	13.51			4169	101	13.51	company error to be repaid
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16/03/2021	Clwyd Pension Fund	BACS	2,521.53			4002	101	2,521.53	Clwyd Pension Fund
17/03/2021	AWC1	BACS	388.92			4000	104	388.92	salaries
17/03/2021	MXG2	BACS	1,464.86			4000	104	1,464.86	salaries
18/03/2021	PJT1	BACS	720.93			4000	103	720.93	salaries
18/03/2021	JDA3	BACS	1,457.82			4000	101	1,457.82	salaries
18/03/2021	JLA4	BACS	1,733.74			4000	101	1,733.74	salaries
18/03/2021	JEA2	BACS	1,811.19			4000	101	1,811.19	salaries
18/03/2021	IJA1	BACS	2,480.18			4000	101	2,480.18	salaries
18/03/2021	Techoneuk Ltd	BACS	34.45		5.74	4121	102	28.71	food carrier bags
19/03/2021	HMRC	BACS	98.74			4000	103	98.74	Tax and NI
19/03/2021	HMRC	BACS	12.13			4001	103	12.13	Tax and NI
19/03/2021	HMRC	BACS	534.49			4000	104	534.49	Tax and NI
19/03/2021	HMRC	BACS	296.25			4001	104	296.25	Tax and NI
19/03/2021	HMRC	BACS	1,914.83			4000	101	1,914.83	Tax and NI
19/03/2021	HMRC	BACS	989.03			4001	101	989.03	Tax and NI
19/03/2021	HMRC	BACS	-30.00			4000	101	-30.00	HMRC
24/03/2021	AWC1	BACS	388.92			4000	104	388.92	salaries

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Payments for Month 12

Nominal Ledger Analysis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>£ Total Amnt</u>	<u>£ Creditors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
25/03/2021	Jaffa Design	BACS	240.00			4121	102	240.00	Comm Awards logo
25/03/2021	M J Williams-Cooke	BACS	65.00			4130	104	65.00	M J Williams-Cooke
25/03/2021	ASH Waste Services Ltd	BACS	75.75		12.62	4153	103	63.13	ASH Waste Services Ltd
25/03/2021	ASH Waste Services Ltd	BACS	207.47		34.58	4153	104	172.89	ASH Waste Services Ltd
25/03/2021	Cherise Amore	BACS	20.00		3.33	4169	102	16.67	TMV
26/03/2021	IData Com Ltd	DD	211.84		35.31	4105	104	44.13	IData Com Ltd
						4105	101	132.40	IData Com Ltd
26/03/2021	Moneysoft - payroll	DC	88.80		14.80	4148	101	74.00	Moneysoft - payroll
29/03/2021	Your Repair gas	DD	23.00			4126	104	23.00	Your Repair gas
29/03/2021	Tesco	DC	300.00		50.00	4169	102	250.00	Easter Eggs
29/03/2021	B&M Retail Ltd	DC	218.70		36.45	4169	102	182.25	Easter Eggs
29/03/2021	homebargains	DC	97.36		16.23	4169	102	81.13	Easter Eggs
29/03/2021	Lidl UK	DC	889.02		148.17	4169	102	740.85	Easter Eggs
30/03/2021	J griffiths	BACS	300.00			4178	104	300.00	J griffiths
30/03/2021	Alan Lloyd	BACS	180.00			4130	104	180.00	Alan Lloyd
30/03/2021	Posib Ltd	BACS	111.35		18.56	4117	101	92.79	Posib Ltd
30/03/2021	Wall Signs (NW) Ltd	BACS	48.00		8.00	4121	102	40.00	Wall Signs (NW) Ltd
30/03/2021	homebargains	BACS	26.72		4.45	4103	103	22.27	Cleaning materials - PJ
30/03/2021	J T Williams Garden Machinery	BACS	81.70		13.62	4133	104	68.08	J T Williams Garden Machinery
30/03/2021	Jane Evans	BACS	42.43			4005	101	13.95	mileage and exps
						4121	102	28.48	stationary
30/03/2021	UK Fuels Ltd	BACS	57.48		9.58	4132	104	47.90	UK Fuels Ltd
31/03/2021	AWC1	BACS	388.92			4000	104	388.92	AWC1
31/03/2021	Simmi	BACS	50.00			4169	102	50.00	TMV
31/03/2021	Go Daddy.com	BACS	34.93		5.82	4148	101	29.11	Go Daddy.com
31/03/2021	Go Daddy.com	BACS	-34.93			4148	101	-34.93	Go Daddy.com
Total Payments for Month			23,717.91	0.00	576.60			23,141.31	
Balance Carried Fwd			36,477.22						
Cashbook Totals			60,195.13	0.00	576.60			59,618.53	



Item 15

Bailey Hill Report – Mold Town Council

28th April 2021

Capital Work

The Practical Completion certificate for the capital works taking place on Bailey Hill by TG Williams was received on Friday 16th April. An official handover of the new Bailey Hill Centre and Bailey Hill Lodge (flat) also took place on this date, with Mold Town Council taking over the responsibility of the newly refurbished building.

During official handover a walkabout of the building and wider park took place with HDD, TG Williams, MTC and FCC to identify any snagging issues that need rectifying. There are still aspects of the contracted work still to be completed, such as top layer of pathways surfacing and further planting, this work is weather dependent and is scheduled to take place end of April/ early May 2021.

Bailey Hill Centre

With the capital work on the building now completed, the Bailey Hill Tripartite group are working hard to open the new Bailey Hill Centre for the public. The aim is for the Bailey Hill Centre will be ready to be opened in line with Government Guidance for Communities Centres which is 17th May. This date is not currently being advertised to the public as there is still work to be done and we are very much reliant on external organisations. Contracts are being prepared for cleaning, waste, sanitary provision, etc. etc. Fire extinguishers have been installed and an independent Fire Assessment is due to take place shortly. Window manifestations and signage are still needed for the centre, 3 quotes for this work is underway and onsite meetings to discuss requirements are taking place w/c 26th April. The new GoPak furniture for use in the new community rooms is being delivered beginning of May.



Bailey Hill Lodge

A number of estate agents were contacted with regards to letting out the new 2-bedroom flat (Bailey Hill Lodge). The decision has been made to progress with Town and Country. The recommendation is to advertise the flat at £650 pcm. With support from Ian we are currently working with FCC to write the tenancy agreement and hope to get a tenant in place as soon possible.



Bailey Hill Outdoor Spaces

There is now ample CCTV coverage of the inner and outer bailey which is recorded and monitored in the new Bailey Hill Centre. The CCTV cameras which have been installed on the building also gives coverage of the entrance to the park. Electrical points are now available on the inner and outer bailey which will make the hiring of outdoor spaces on Bailey Hill appealing.

Although the redevelopment work which has taken place has focused on the main entrance, Bailey Hill Centre and the inner bailey. The Tripartite group have been working closely with FCC Street scene to put in place an action plan for the up keep of the whole park, which includes a survey of the perimeter wall, quotes for contractors to tidy up the motte, cleaning of the cenotaph and clearing of the perimeter pathways.



Play Area

Further archaeological evaluation work was undertaken in October. Two trenches were dug in the existing play area and the space alongside. A large 3m wide defensive medieval wall was uncovered and a number of associated floor levels. Unfortunately, this discovery has meant that we will not be able to place the newly designed play area on the same site.

The tripartite group understand the importance of having play facilities on site and are committed to investigating all options available. After discussions with Cadw and Aura Leisure and Libraries, the outer bailey has been identified as a potential site for the new play area. Archaeological investigation of this area is due to take place in June 2021.

After the investigation if the site is deemed to be suitable for the new equipment, a new play area will be designed to fit the space – still allowing space for additional activities/ events and with the inclusion of Mold Covid Snake.

The play area is being funded directly from FCC capital with additional LEADER funding from Cadwyn Clwyd.

Bailey Hill Activity and Volunteering

Bailey Hill Research Volunteers

A total of 16 people have volunteered to date as a Research Volunteer for the project and over 500 hours of volunteering work has been undertaken. Throughout lockdown the Research Volunteers have continued to meet on a regular basis via Zoom. The information researched and sourced is being used to form the basis of the new interpretation panels due to be installed in the park as well as a comprehensive history section for the new Bailey Hill Website.

On the 7th April two of the Research Volunteers delivered a free illustrated talk on the history of Bailey Hill via Zoom to the public, approximately 60 people attended and from the feedback received was a huge success.

The information gathered by the Research Volunteers is also being used to help develop the educational materials for schools as well as the scripts for Visitor Volunteers to undertake guided tours of the park.

The Bailey Hill Research volunteers were also nominated for the 2021 Mold Town Council Community Awards.



Bailey Hill Visitor Volunteers

In January 2021 the Bailey Hill Visitor Volunteer role was advertised, 12 volunteers have registered for the role and over the last few months have been undertaking a variety of workshops and training in preparation for opening the Bailey Hill Centre to the public.

The workshops/ training have included:

- ♥ Health and Safety Awareness – Delivered by Groundwork, North Wales
- ♥ History of Bailey Hill – Delivered by the Research Volunteers
- ♥ Introduction to the Friends of Bailey Hill – Delivered by the Friends of Bailey Hill
- ♥ Communication Workshops – Delivered by Theatr Clwyd
- ♥ Fire Marshall Workshop – Delivered by Groundwork, North Wales
- ♥ Dementia Friends Session – Delivered by Alzheimer's Society Ambassador



- 🍀 L3 Outdoor First Aid – postponed due to pandemic, rearranging for May.
- 🍀 L1 Customer Service Course – delivered by Adult Learning Wales starting on the 27th April.



Capturing the Castle in Words

A number of poetry workshops, facilitated by Fiona Collins have taken place with a total of 36 participants involved. An array of poetry inspired by Bailey Hill has been created and will be showcased in the new Bailey Hill Centre and on the new Bailey Hill website.

Launch Event

A subgroup of the Bailey Hill Tripartite Group is currently meeting to discuss the launch event for Bailey Hill. Adhering to government guidelines the decision has been made to undertake a two stage approach for the launch.

Stage 1 – In June groups will be invited to Bailey Hill to take part in a guided tour of the site delivered by our Visitor Volunteers, followed by Tea and Cake in the new Bailey Hill Centre. These groups will include our funders, local press, Flintshire County Councillors, Mold Town Councillors, Supporters of the project and potential users of the centre and the park.

Stage 2 – A large community event which we hope will take place in August/ September 2021 (dependent on Government Guidelines at the time). The event will celebrate the full history of Bailey Hill and will include re-enactments, games such as quoits and bowls, music on the new outdoor performance area, Welsh Storytelling and celebrating the welsh culture, scheduled guided walks and much more.

Finances

Funding	
Total Funding Received	1,438,027

Capital Costs	
Maximum funds available for capital and fees	1,163,057
Spend to March 2021	946,212
Additional Anticipated Costs:	194,946
Total funding remaining	21,899