**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 16th June 2020.

**PRESENT**: Councillors: Teresa Carberry (Mayor), Geoff Collett (Chair), Anthony Parry, Robin Guest and Chris Bithell.

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

**GUEST:** Chris Rees-Jones (Conservation Officer, Flintshire County Council) and Andy Roberts (Service Manager, Strategy Flintshire County Council).

**1. APOLOGIES:** Councillors; Andrea Mearns and John Reynolds (Reynolds International).

**ABSENT**: Trevor Arnold

Confirmation from Liz Litherland was received and noted, confirming she has resigned from the Community, Development & Regeneration Committee.
 **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4th February 2020 be received and approved as a correct record.

**4. TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITATIVE (THI)**

Members considered the previously circulated report from Chris Rees-Jones (Conservation Officer Flintshire County Council) provision of advice and guidance on the concept and feasibility of securing a Heritage Regeneration scheme for Mold Town Centre.

Following discussion Members agreed that given the current financial climate (in relation to Covid-19) many of the businesses and/ or landlords of the property may not be in a position to pay the suggested contribution costs to the scheme. There was also no current budget provision made in this year’s Council budget.

Andy Roberts confirmed 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 therefore further information on how Mold Town Council should take forward and run the scheme would need to be provided by FCC. Members should also be aware that the funding would not normally be provided upfront for this type of regeneration scheme, Mold Town Council would be expected to pay the third party grantee for any approved expenditure incurred and then submit claims in arrears.

Members agreed to postpone further discussions and move the agenda item to the November meeting of Community, Development & Regeneration Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That this be placed as an item on theagenda for theNovember meeting of Community, Development & Regeneration Committee.

**5. STREETSCENE UPDATE.**

Members considered the previously circulated report from Andy Lightfoot, Streetscene Flintshire County Council. Councillor Teresa Carberry requested a letter of thanks be sent to Streetscene in appreciation for their continued work in the town during the current situation.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Clerk would send letter to Streetscene. Information in the report was noted.

**6. MOLD MAP**

Members considered the previously circulated Mold map which had been revised following recommendations from Members at previous meeting and approved the amendments.

**RESOLVED:** That the Mold map, as circulated be approved as final.

**7. MOLD TOWN GUIDE AND PROMOTION**

Members considered the previously circulated report on the promotion of Mold and town marketing.

Members agreed that a new (promotion/visit) Mold website would be a more responsive way to engage with the public and supportive of local businesses. A website would also allow for any updates or changes to be made as and when required.

There is currently £1,300 held in reserves which was to be used for a re print of 2019/2020 town guide, this would no longer be required this year and the funds could therefore be used towards cost of a town promotion website.

**RESOLVED:** That

1. There be provision made for a Mold town promotion website; and
2. A tender proposal to be drafted with a view to obtaining costs for the website.

**8. OUTDOOR MOLD**

Rachael Byrne (Business Development Manager FCC) provided Members with an update from Flintshire County Council (FCC)

Flintshire County Council was currently exploring ways in which Flintshire’s town centres can be adapted to enable businesses to reopen and operate effectively whilst adhering to the required social distancing requirements. Rachael confirmed that she had received and put forward the suggestions from Mold Town Council Officers.

Each town would be assigned a FCC Officer who would work alongside the town’s Streetscene Co-ordinator. The plans established for the initial reopening would only be the first working version and FCC would be reviewing all measures fortnightly (or sooner) based on feedback received from each town. Regular web-based sessions would be held with Flintshire Ward Members, Town and Community Councillors & Officers together with local businesses to feedback how the reopening process was working on the ground to inform amendments to the plans. Residents would also be offered an opportunity to provide their feedback and comments and issued with a point of contact for communication.

Rachael confirmed that if the Welsh Government announced on the 19th June that non-essential retail can open on 22nd June, FCC will work over the weekend to put in place social distancing markers and procedures.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be gratefully received.

**9: CCTV**

The Business and Regeneration Officer informed Members that a trial camera was being installed in the Skatepark on the Recreation ground and once installed a trial viewing would be arranged via Zoom (or other virtual platform) for Members to view the quality of the images.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be received and noted.

**10: COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

Councillor Carberry requested that the Mold Plastic Reduction Group be invited to the next meeting to discuss business recycling / sharing of packaging waste in the town.

**RESOLVED:** That the Mold Plastic Reduction Group be invited to the November meeting of the Committee

**Meeting finished at 6.50pm**

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOLD TOWN COUNCIL’S CODE OF CONDUCT**

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| **Community, Development & Regeneration Committee** | **DATE: 16th June2020** |
| **MEMBER** | **ITEM** | **MINUTE NO. REFERS** |

Chairman’s signature: ………………………………………… Date: ……………………

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