**MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Community, Development & Regeneration Committee held virtually via Zoom at 6.00pm on Wednesday 15th January 2025.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brian Lloyd (Mayor), Paul Beacher (Deputy Mayor and Chair), Sarah Taylor, Teresa Carberry, Catherine Claydon, Robin Guest and Chris Bithell.

Officers: Jo Lane Town Clerk and Finance Officer and Jane Evans Events & Community Engagement Officer.

**ABSENT:** None

**19. APOLOGIES**

No apologies.

**20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**21. MINUTES**

It was **resolved** thatthe minutes from the previous meeting held on 25th September 2024 were approved.

**22. TOURIST INFORMATION PANELS**

The Clerk informed members that a further walkabout with IS Group would be scheduled to discuss changes agreed, following which IS Group would provide an updated quote for consideration.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk report back to members once the quote had been received.

**23. HANGING BASKETS**

The Events & Community Engagement Officer informed members that a survey of the bracket locations and condition would be carried out and brought to the April meeting of CDR for discussion. A tender process for a new contractor would also be undertook.

The Clerk confirmed that expenditure for the hanging baskets was £8,652 in 2024 and an income of £1500 was received from Daniel Owen Precinct Ltd as contribution towards the baskets that are put up in the Precinct. There is currently a budget of £13,990 for open spaced in the draft budget (to be present to Council at January full council meeting), this would cover the hanging baskets, gateway sign plants and salt bins and other relevant spends which falls within ‘open spaces’.

Following discussion, it was **resolved** that Mold Town Council should continue to fund the hanging baskets within the CDR budget and the new tender process should also include the planting of the Gateways signs.

**24. BAILEY HILL CENTRE**

Members considered the previously circulated Bailey Hill report:

1. Bailey Hill Centre Lease – The Clerk and Cllr. Guest met with FCC Asset Team to discuss the new Heads of Terms for the lease on 13th November 2024. At the meeting it was agreed that the break clause of 3 and 6 years would be equal for both parties, that the known damp issue would be excluded from the Town Council’s responsibilities and that the new lease would be provided in time for the next Town Council meeting (November 2024). The Clerk is currently awaiting the new lease which has not yet been sent.

The information was **noted**

1. Request from FoBH to install a small notice board in the tool store that FoBH use.

It was **resolved** to allow the installation of the notice board with a recommendation that it was fixed with ‘no nail’ adhesive.

1. Review of the hire costs at the centre – the centre currently has two regular hires with a 3rd pending, and the hire cost has been £12ph for the last 3 years with no minimum hire charge.

It was **resolved** that the hire cost be increased from 1st April 2025 to £15ph with a minimum 2 hour hire period and further increments set at 30 minutes at a cost of £7.50.

1. Remaining National Heritage Lottery Funds (NHLF) – the Bailey Hill Project will officially come to an end on 31st March 2025 and all funds remaining from the project must be spent by that date. There is currently £14,000 remaining. At the last Bailey Hill Tripartite Group meeting, the steering group agreed that the remaining funds will be spent as follows:
* £4,000 to be given to FoBH for plants and additional materials for the upkeep of the park
* £1,600 to be used to update the Memorial Garden stone so that the inscription is bilingual
* £1,100 to be given to MTC to cover the costs of the Bailey Hill website management
* £2,000 to the Men’s Shed Project to create a bench for the perimeter pathway, requested by FoBH.
* £5,000 to be spent on new exhibition boards
* £300 to be given to FCC Countryside Services for the transition into the Bailey Hill Partnership

The information was **noted**.

**25. MEN’S SHED PROJECT**

Members considered the previously circulated Men’s Shed Project update.

In December 2023 MTC was successful in securing £16,500 from the National Lottery Fund to fund the Facilitator costs for the Men’s Shed Project. As of January 2025, there remains £5,501 from the lottery grant which will cover 18 weeks of facilitator fees, which will take the project up until the end of April / beginning of May 2025.

Men’s Shed Project is currently one of the three groups in the Mold Tesco Stronger Starts funding scheme, shoppers vote for their chosen project by depositing the tokens that are issued after shopping.

The participant of the Men’s Shed Project has started to promote their project and the items that they create with the aim of selling items to fund the project after April 2025. The current plan is to set up as a CIC with participants taking on officer roles and setting up their own bank account and apply for funding to subsides any shortfalls.

The information was **noted**.

*6.45pm Cllr. Claydon left the meeting*

**26. PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS**

Further to the Youth Council meetings, the CDR Committee have been asked to consider supporting the Youth Council with funding to purchase banners to be put around all six schools to deter parking in school perimeter. The Youth Council children will design the banners and the message on the banner will be to request consideration is given to parking.

It was **resolved** that the banners would be funded from the CDR budget once official costings had been sought and presented at the next meeting.

**27. CLEANING UP THE TOWN**

The town centre is currently looking ‘unkept’ dirty and overgrown in many areas around the town and it has been proposed that a ad hoc contractor is sought to carry out tidying / cleaning in these areas and this to be funded by Mold Town Council.

It was agreed that a list of the areas / jobs to be made and the Events and Community Engagement Officer would seek quotes from contractors for further discussion at April’s CDR meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that there was currently EMR which could be used to fund and members agreed a budget of £5,000 be proposed.

It was also agreed that the Town Council write to Andy Lightfoot with a letter of appreciation for the work that Street Cleanser Andy Lawson carries out, it was noted that he always goes above and beyond within his role and should be commended.

It was **resolved** for the Events Officer to obtain quotes and present at the next CDR Meeting

**Meeting ended at 7.10pm**

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| **Community, Development & Regeneration Committee** | **DATE: 15th January 2025** |
| **MEMBER** | **ITEM** | **MINUTE NO. REFERS** |

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

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