

# **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

## **COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Community, Development & Regeneration Committee held virtually via Zoom at 6.00pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Paul Beacher (Mayor), Jo Edwards (Deputy Mayor), Geoff Collett, Chris Bithell and Teresa Carberry

Guest: Councillor Nanette Davies

Officers: Jo Lane (Town Clerk and Finance Officer) and Emma Lyth (Support Officer)

**ABSENT:** Councillors Robin Guest and Megan Lloyd Hughes

### **11. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Catherine Claydon (Chair) and Jane Evans (Events and Community Engagement Officer).

It was **resolved** that Councillor Chris Bithell would chair the meeting in the absence of the chair.

### **12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **13. MINUTES**

It was **resolved** that the minutes from the previous meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were approved.

### **14. UPDATE ON BAILEY HILL**

The Town Clerk provided a verbal update alongside the written report circulated prior to the meeting.

Bailey Hill centre Lease - The Town Clerk confirmed that she had followed up regarding the renewal of the Bailey Hill Centre Lease. A response was received from the Flintshire County Council (FCC) Asset Management Team, advising that the cost for FCC Legal Services to update the lease would be £500. FCC is seeking confirmation from Mold Town Council (MTC) that it will cover these legal fees. Members discussed this request in detail.

It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk would contact Tom Woodall, FCC's lead officer for the Bailey Hill Tripartite Partnership, to raise the matter and seek further clarification. The Town Clerk would also respond to the FCC Asset Management Team to seek clarification on why MTC is being asked to pay the full amount when it is an FCC lease.

Electricity Supply Issues - The Committee discussed at length the ongoing issues relating to the electricity supply at the Bailey Hill Centre and Lodge.

It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk will write to Harrison's to emphasise the urgency of the situation and request that a meeting be arranged as soon as possible—within a clearly defined timeframe—with the original electricians present.

The correspondence will further state that, should a meeting not be scheduled within this timeframe, Mold Town Council will instruct an independent electrician to address the issue and will seek to recover all associated costs from Harrison's and/or the original electrical contractor.

Men's Shed Participant Gift – It was **resolved** that Mold Town Council accept this generous gift and the bench be located in either the Bailey Hill Centre or Mold Town Council Offices.

## **15. TOURSIM INFORMATION PANELS**

It was **resolved** that the information collated to date is accurate and reflective of the priorities identified. The Town Clerk is tasked with obtaining quotations for the relevant works, in line with the priorities agreed during the walkabout meeting held on 16th July 2024.

## **16. BIODIVERSITY ACTIONS FOR 2025-28 ACTION PLAN**

The Committee discussed potential ideas for inclusion in the Biodiversity Action Plan 2025–2028.

It was **resolved** to invite Tom Woodall from Flintshire County Council to attend the next Community Development and Regeneration (CDR) Committee meeting. The purpose of the invitation is to seek advice on practical and strategic actions Mold Town Council could undertake to support biodiversity and to further discuss opportunities to enhance tree coverage across Mold.

*18.34pm Councillor Joanne Edwards entered the meeting.*

## **17. PROPOSAL TO INVESTIGATE IMPROVEMENTS TO MAES BODLONFA PARK FROM COUNCILLOR NANETTE DAVIES.**

Councillor Bithell expressed thanks to Councillor Davies for the significant work undertaken in preparing the report and carrying out the supporting research.

It was **resolved** that an additional meeting of the Community Development and Regeneration (CDR) Committee be scheduled to allow for further consideration. Tom Woodall from Flintshire County Council is to be invited to attend this meeting to contribute to discussions, including those relating to the Biodiversity Action Plan.

**Action:** The Town Clerk will arrange an additional CDR Committee meeting to take place in September, invite Tom Woodall to attend and provide him with all relevant documentation in advance of the meeting to inform the Committee's discussions.

*18.58pm Councillor Nanette Davies left the meeting.*

## 18. RECORD OF TOWN CENTRE ARTWORK

It was requested that the following artwork be added to Mold Artwork record:

- Historical Board – Daniel Owen Precinct
- Gold Cape
- B&M
- Harley's Garage
- Black Lion
- Daniel Owen Stone
- Lidl
- Historical Society plaques
- Historical boards in Bailey Hill Park
- Well and Truly planted plaque – Bailey Hill

## 19. QUOTES FROM CONTRACTORS AND SERVICES PROVIDED

The Support Officer advised that costings had been received from two contractors regarding their hourly rates to undertake ad hoc external jobs for the Council (e.g. bench maintenance, cleaning of Tourist Information Points). The rates received ranged from £60 to £100 per hour. The Support Officer noted that responses from other contractors are still awaited.

It was **resolved** that the Support Officer should follow up with all contacted contractors to request:

- A quotation to survey all Mold Town Council-owned benches and carry out any necessary repairs; and
- A day rate, rather than an hourly rate, for undertaking such works.

**Meeting ended at 7.25pm**

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

Community, Development & Regeneration Committee		DATE: 29 <sup>TH</sup> July 2025
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

Chairman's signature: ..... Date: .....  
CDR/MIN 30/07/25 JL