

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community, Development & Regeneration Committee held virtually via Zoom at 6.00pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025.

PRESENT: Councillors Jo Edwards (Deputy Mayor), Catherine Frances Claydon (Chair), Chris Bithell, Teresa Carberry and Robin Guest.

Guest: Councillor Nanette Davies, Tom Woodall – FCC and Sarah Slater – FCC.

Officers: Jo Lane (Town Clerk and Finance Officer).

ABSENT: Councillors Geoff Collett and Megan Lloyd Hughes.

20. APOLOGIES

Councillor Paul Beacher (Mayor).

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

22. BIODIVERSITY ACTIONS FOR 2025-28 ACTION PLAN

The Chair welcomed Tom and Sarah to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Sarah, Biodiversity Officer for Flintshire County Council, delivered a presentation on biodiversity work undertaken by Flintshire in Mold to date (presentation attached).

Members' Suggestions

Members suggested the following areas for further biodiversity work in Mold:

- Planting wildflowers in St Mary's Park and Hafod Park.
- Improvements in Tyddyn Street as part of the Active Travel scheme.
- Creation of wild pools and ponds at Maes Gwern / Cae Celyn.
- Creation of woodland near Pen Y Bont, Woodland Road.

Invasive Species

A discussion took place regarding concerns with invasive species, including Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam.

Recommendations for Mold Town Council Biodiversity Action Plan 2025–28

Sarah proposed the following actions for inclusion in the revised Plan:

1. Identify five tree-planting sites per annum for submission to the County Council.
2. Identify two wildflower sites per annum for submission to the County Council.
3. Support improved awareness of the nature crisis through engagement and activities at key Council events (target of three events per year).
4. Explore the use of alternative weed control methods at Mold Town Council Cemetery.

5. Support Flintshire County Council in minimising Glyphosate use by promoting alternative weed control methods.
6. Replace 25% of existing bedding plant sites with pollinator-friendly alternatives.
7. Enhance and maintain planters for pollinators (number of planters to be confirmed).
8. Work towards achieving Bee Friendly status.
9. Develop a biodiversity enhancement project at Maes Bodlonfa.
10. Work with partners to support action against invasive species, including one volunteer event per year.

Resolved:

That the recommendations proposed by the Biodiversity Officer be noted and considered for inclusion in Mold Town Council's Biodiversity Action Plan 2025–28.

23. PROPOSAL TO INVESTIGATE IMPROVEMENTS TO MAES BODLONFA PARK FROM COUNCILLOR NANETTE DAVIES

Councillor Davies provided an overview of her proposal, noting that Maes Bodlonfa and the surrounding parks are a valuable asset to Mold. From conversations with visitors, she advised that the park would benefit from additional care and improvement.

Cllr Davies expressed her intention to establish a *Friends of Maes Bodlonfa* group of volunteers to assist with fundraising, funding applications, and practical support with maintenance and enhancement projects.

Tom Woodall confirmed he would be happy to provide advice and guidance on possible improvements. He noted, however, that any works would require the permission of the Streetscene and Transportation Department of Flintshire County Council, as the park falls under their portfolio.

Tom further advised that:

- The addition of further bins is not recommended, as they can attract litter.
- Existing kissing gates would need to be reviewed under the Equalities Act, as they are classed as a barrier.
- A public consultation should be undertaken to ensure that any proposed changes reflect residents' needs.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk write to the Streetscene and Transportation Department of Flintshire County Council to put forward the proposal for consideration.

24. WINTER PLANTING FOR GATEWAY SIGNS

It was **resolved** that the contractors currently responsible for watering the hanging baskets in the town be engaged to undertake winter planting at the six gateway signs entering Mold, at a cost of £240 inclusive of materials.

Meeting ended at 7.11pm

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

Community, Development & Regeneration Committee		DATE: 10.09.25
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

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