

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mold Town Council Meeting held at Town Council Offices, Unit 10 Daniel Owen Precinct, Mold at 6pm on Wednesday 22nd April 2026 (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllrs. Paul Beacher (Mayor and Chair), Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor), Brian Lloyd, Catherine Frances Claydon, Chris Bithell, Geoff Collett, Haydn Jones, Nanette Davies, Pete Dando, Richard Clarke, Robin Guest, Sarah Taylor, and Tina Claydon.

Via Zoom: Cllrs. Teresa Carberry, Suzanne Thomas and Megan Lloyd-Hughes; Jane Evans, Events & Community Engagement Officer.

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk & Finance Officer and Leila Jones, Support Officer.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Blue Douglas and Amber Percy of Youth Outreach Mold.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Five (5) members of the public in attendance and one (1) member of the public via Zoom.

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

18:03: Councillor Geoff Collett joined the meeting.

18:04: Councillor Megan Lloyd-Hughes joined the meeting via Zoom.

NOTED: Meeting was paused due to low volume for Zoom attendees and the conference microphone was moved to the centre of the meeting table.

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

84. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor's appointments since the last meeting were **noted**.

85. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that;

85.1 4.1 – Councillor Chris Bithell proposed a motion to amend the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 25th March 2026, item 168 (i), so that it reads as follows:

Town Clerk to move 4127 – CDR Project Costs of £1,000 to EMR – 330 CDR Project to cover the replacement of Lifepak defibrillators at a later date.

RESOLVED:

The Town Clerk to make the relevant changes to the Minutes as agreed.

85.2 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7th April 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

86. YOUTH OUTREACH MOLD

A verbal presentation was provided by Blue Douglas and Amber Percy of Youth Outreach Mold with an overview of the work they are doing within Flintshire.

Youth Outreach Mold's approach has been and will continue to be focused around detached/outreach work but with a more enhanced focus on mobile delivery. ROC Youth was established in 2017 through ROC Project Mold and historically was based at the Pendref Chapel in Mold. 'The aim of ROC is to still re-establish, in partnership, a stable centre based youth provision for young people in Mold age 11-24. Part of our planned work is to undertake a feasibility study to this end'.

Guest speaker Blue wishes for support in 3 areas;

1. Set up a Steering Group – to include a Town Council representative
2. Trailer for mobile sessions – long term licence and short term location
3. Set up a reporting structure – to share reports and information gathered from Young People in Mold.

Youth Outreach Mold is looking to do a pilot/launch of the mobile youth trailer and Daniel Owen Square was suggested. A licence from Flintshire County Council would be needed and Mold Town Council agreed to provide guidance with applying for a licence.

There is also opportunity to link with the Mold Town Council Youth Council.

Mold Town Council Members were thanked for their support of Mold Youth and for the time to speak about their outreach programme.

Mayor Paul Beacher thanked Blue and Amber for attending tonight's meeting and providing Members with the work being undertaken in Mold.

18:22: Guest Speakers exited the meeting.

18:22: Three (3) members of the public exited the meeting.

87. ACTION LIST

The ongoing Action List was **noted**. Confirmed by Town Clerk that completed items will be removed from the Action List after each Town Council meeting.

88. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING 2026 AND NOMINATION OF MAYOR FOR 2026/27

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Meeting will take place at 6pm on Wednesday, 6th May 2025 at the Town Council Offices, Mold.

NOTED:

That nominations were received for the role of Mayor for 2026-2027 civic year, including Cllr Joanne Edwards.

NOTED:

That nominations were received for the role of Deputy Mayor for the 2026-2027 civic year, including Cllr Pete Dando and Cllr Catherine Frances Claydon.

89. CORRESPONDENCE

Members **noted** the previously circulated correspondence;

- (i) Alun Roberts, Chair of the Steering Committee – Bethesda Chapel.

RESOLVED:

Town Clerk to write a response to Alun Roberts, Chair of the Steering Committee for Bethesda Chapel, noting the historic significance and importance of the building and offer Mold Town Council Members' best wishes to Bethesda Chapel going forward.

90. OFFICER REPORTS

- (i) Members **noted** the previously circulated Events and Community Engagement Officer report and verbal update was received.
- (ii) Members **noted** the previously circulated Town Clerk report and verbal update from the Town Clerk was received.

RESOLVED:

Town Clerk to follow-up on the original request to Flintshire County Council regarding reforming the County Forums.

RESOLVED:

Town Clerk to follow-up with Flintshire County Council regarding the proposed transfer of the public toilets.

Members thanked the Town Clerk for her hard work submitting Mold Town Council's Expression of Interest for the UK Town of Culture 2028 Competition.

91. MEMBERSHIPS

RESOLVED:

- (i) To renew the Society of Local Clerks (SLCC) Membership at a cost of £379.
- (ii) To renew the One Voice Wales Membership at a cost of £2,233.
- (iii) To renew the Mayors for Peace Membership at a cost of 2,000 Japanese Yen (£10.14 approx.)

92. RENEWAL OF WISSCARE WEBSITE UPDATES SERVICES – TOTALLY MOLD

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** the 2026/27 renewal of website update services provided by WiSScare for Totally Mold website at a cost of £504 per year.

93. ONE VOICE WALES NATIONAL CONFERENCE & AWARDS CEREMONY 2026

RESOLVED:

For representatives Councillor Catherine Frances Claydon and the Mold Town Council Mayor to attend the One Voice Wales National Conference & Awards Ceremony 2026. It was **noted** that if not able to attend, a substitute representative will be asked to attend.

94. NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR SARAH TAYLOR

Original Motion:

That this Council agrees to begin the process of withdrawing from the tripartite agreement regarding the management of Bailey Hill Centre, giving the required six months' notice under the current memorandum of understanding.

Councillor Sarah Taylor reminded Members reminded that this matter was previously considered at the March 2026 Council meeting, where it was resolved to defer decision until the April 2026 meeting.

Since the agenda and supporting papers were circulated, a further meeting has taken place with Flintshire County Council.

Flintshire County Council has indicated a willingness to enter into formal discussions with the Town Council regarding the future of Bailey Hill Centre. This includes reviewing the

current lease position, clarifying maintenance responsibilities, and exploring options to provide a more balanced arrangement that would support the Town Council in continuing to operate the Centre in a sustainable way.

The review of the lease, management agreement, or future operating model can only properly take place between the legally obligated parties, namely Flintshire County Council and Mold Town Council.

Given this development, the original motion to commence withdrawal from the tripartite agreement may no longer be the most appropriate immediate step.

Amended Motion:

That the Council agrees to establish a working group to engage in discussions with Flintshire County Council regarding the lease and management agreement for Bailey Hill Centre.

This approach would allow the two legally bound authorities to properly assess the current operational and financial pressures, seek clarity on responsibilities and explore whether a revised arrangement can address the concerns raised while maintaining public access to the facility

After further discussion, it was Proposed and Seconded and a vote was held with **16 for, 0 against and 0 abstained.**

RESOLVED:

- A small working group was established to engage in discussions with Flintshire County Council regarding the lease and management agreement for Bailey Hill Centre.
- The following members will form The Bailey Hill Centre Working Group: Councillors Sarah Taylor, Robin Guest and Paul Beacher; along with Jo Lane, Town Clerk.

95. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Members **noted** the previously circulated report.

96. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS

Members **considered** the schedules previously circulated.

Members **noted** that payments are made in accordance with the powers of local councils.

Month 12 – Community Bank account CB1 £41,561.98 (excl. VAT)

Month 12 – Business Money Manager Account £30,000 (internal transfers)

Month 12 – Events Bank account £176.89

Month 12 – Prepaid Mastercard £2,173.72

Month 12 – Mayor’s Charity £0.00

Month 12 – Petty Cash £0.00

RESOLVED: That the schedules of payments be **approved**.

Members congratulated Councillor Paul Beacher for a successful year as Mayor and to Jo Lane, Town Clerk for supporting the Council and the Mayor during this past year.

Meeting ended: 18:59

Mayor’s signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 22.04.2026
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
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