

# **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held virtually on-line over video conferencing 6pm Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

## **PRESENT:**

Councillors: Teresa Carberry (Mayor), Sarah Taylor (Deputy Mayor), Chris Bithell, Andrea Mearns, Bryan Grew, Haydn Bateman, Brian Lloyd, Haydn Jones, Robin Guest, Anthony Parry, Tim Maunders and Geoff Collett.

Officers: Ian Jones Town Clerk and Finance Officer and Jane Evans Events and Community Engagement Officer

Visitors: Dave Jolly Flintshire County Council's Syrian Refugee Co-ordinator

Also Present: two members of the public.

**61. APOLOGIES:** Councillors Trevor Arnold, Gareth Williams, Geoff Matthias and the Business and Regeneration Officer

**ABSENT:** Councillor Karen Hodgkinson

## **62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **63. SYRIAN REFUGEES**

The Mayor welcomed Dave Jolly Flintshire County Council's Syrian Refugee Co-ordinator to the meeting. Dave informed Members of what his role was and of Flintshire County Council's commitment to the refugee programme confirming the current quota to house 10 refugee families within Flintshire over 5-year period (2 families per year). The programme is funded by the Home Office. Dave's role involved looking for properties for the families, liaising with schools and colleges and also helping to secure employment opportunities for refugee adults, including suitable volunteer roles.

The Mayor thanked Mr Jolly for providing Members with an update on the programme

**6.30pm** Dave Jolly left the meeting

## **64. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor updated Members of her Mayoral Activities and expressed her thanks to Officers involved in the Totally Mold Voucher scheme, The Annual Report 2019/20 and recent resident ward meetings, also the Bailey Hill Project Officer for her informative presentation on Bailey Hill as part of the Daniel Owen Festival programme of activities (via Zoom)

## **65. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That:

- a) The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 be received and formally approved.
- b) The Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and 26<sup>th</sup> October be received and noted.

## **66. JOINT REPORT OF THE BUSINESS & REGENERATION OFFICER AND EVENTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER**

Members considered the previously circulated report from the Business & Regeneration Officer and Events & Community Engagement Officer.

Members were asked consider, as an option to be inclusive for those who are unable to attend, proposal to film the Remembrance Sunday service at cost of £320.00. Members supported the proposal.

There was expressed concern regarding some members of the public being rude and aggressive to retail staff due, which may be due to frustration of the current Covid situation and it was agreed that a positive message should be circulated on social media.

Councillor Mearns informed Members that members of the public that she had spoken to at the launch of the Totally Mold vouchers had all been very positive about the scheme and supporting Mold businesses.

**RESOLVED:** That filming of the Remembrance Sunday service be approved.

## **67. DRAFT REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES**

Members considered the previously circulated Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft report. The Town Clerk informed Members that this was a draft report for consultation and comment and that the final report would be available at February's meeting of full Council where Members would be able to review Council's policy regarding payments at this meeting.

It was agreed should Members had any questions regarding the draft report that they would email the Clerk who would prepare responses within a report to the February meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted and the matter be considered further in 2021.

## **68. PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMING WINTER**

Members considered the previously circulated letter from Flintshire County Council regarding preparations for the coming winter. Within the letter Members were asked if they wanted to nominate anyone to receive daily details of the proposed gritting actions together with accurate weather forecasts in their area. This would allow the nominated person to pass on the information if deemed necessary to the community. It was agreed that the Events and Community Engagement Officer would receive the reports and share on Town Council social media.

**RESOLVED:** that the Events and Community Engagement Officer to be the nominated person to receive forecast and gritting reports from Flintshire County Council.

## **69. CEMETERY FOOTPATH PROJECT**

The Clerk had prior to the meeting forwarded a progress update to Members regarding the work being carried out to the cemetery footpath. Progress had been quite pleasing up to date but there was still some work to be carried out prior to completion.

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

## **70. CIRCULAR ECONOMY GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Councillor Mearns provided Members with a progress report appertaining to the bids for 'Naked Takeaway' and 'Mobile Library of Things / Share Shed' and asked Members to consider nominating themselves to join the Steering Group for the two projects. Steering Group Members were confirmed as Councillors Carberry, Maunders and Mearns and other Members were asked to email Councillor Mearns if they wanted to join the Steering Group.

**RESOLVED:** That the updated be noted

## **71. WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS**

Members were asked to consider The Minister for Housing and Local Government formal consultation on the draft regulations which will establish four regional CJs across Wales and also Town and Country Planning (Strategic Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2021 procedure for preparing Strategic Development Plans (SDPs) and associated matters.

It was agreed that a Sub Group would consider and respond on behalf of Council. And Councillors Councillors Teresa Carberry, Sarah Taylor, Geoff Collett, Bryan Grew, Robin Guest, and Andrea Mearns were approved to form Sub Group. Date and time of a meeting would be confirmed by the Town Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** That the Sub Group would review and respond on behalf of Council.

## **72. ACCOUNTS 2020/2021 – HALF YEARLY REVIEW**

Members were asked to consider the previously circulated accounts for 2020/2021 half yearly review, which considered the financial position of the Town Council, including details of income and expenditure as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 within the current financial year.

**RESOLVED:** That the half yearly accounts be received and noted

## **73. FUNDING SUPPORT GRANTS**

Members considered a further of £2,500 donation to Flintshire Foodbank (decision deferred from July meeting). No other grant applications had been considered at this time.

**RESOLVED:** that a donation of £2,500 be made to Flintshire Foodbank.

## **74. ANNUAL REPORT**

Members considered the previously circulated draft Annual Report of Mold Town Council for the period covering May 2019 – May 2020.

Councillor Bithell asked if a consultation could be undertaken including a public meeting to coincide with the publication of the Annual Report as previously discussed. The Town Clerk confirmed that when it was safe to do so, a public meeting could be arranged but this might be better linked to the proposed Strategic Plan when time and resources permitted this to take place. Councillor Mearns confirmed that Town Council objectives needed to be considered, agreed and discussed at public consultation once these had been properly identified through a Steering Group.

**RESOLVED:** that the Annual Report be approved.

## **75. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members considered the previously circulated information regarding Planning decisions. Councillor Bithell informed members that Flintshire County Council Planning Committee had rejected the Plas Aney development.

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

## **76. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Councillor Taylor informed members that she had stood in for the Mayor at the Daniel Owen Festival wreath laying at the grave of Daniel Owen and the festival had been well received over the week that it was on. Councillor Mearns who was on the festival organising committee informed Members that due to current Covid legislation, the festival had held 1-2 virtual events each day throughout the week and they had received an audience from all over the world.

**RESOLVED:** That the matter be noted with congratulations to all involved.

**77. ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS**

The Council considered the schedule previously circulated.  
Month 6 Community Bank account payments total of £25,105.29

**RESOLVED:** that the schedule of payments be approved.

**7.31pm** Councillor Maunders left the meeting

**The Meeting closed at 7.35pm**

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

<b>MOLD TOWN COUNCIL</b>		<b>DATE: 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>	
<b>MEMBER</b> none	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>	

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