

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold at 6pm Wednesday 27th April 2022.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Sarah Taylor (Mayor), Haydn Jones (Deputy Mayor), Chris Bithell, Teresa Carberry, Robin Guest, Andrea Mearns, Anthony Parry, Brian Lloyd and Gareth Williams.

Officers: Ian Jones, Town Clerk and Finance Officer, Jane Evans, Events and Community Engagement Officer and Jo Douglass, Business and Regeneration Officer.

Also: One member of the public.

149. APOLOGIES: Councillors: Bryan Grew, Karen Hodgkinson, Tim Maunders, and Geoff Collett.

ABSENT: Councillor Haydn Bateman

150. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

151. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor provided an update on the engagements listed within the agenda. In addition to the engagements listed, the Mayor informed members that she had attended Mold Alex FC game and that they had won the FAW Amateur Trophy Champions. Members requested that the Clerk write a letter of congratulations to Mold Alex FC.

152. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That:

- a) The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 30th March 2022 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- b) The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11th April 2022 be received and noted.

153. JOINT REPORT OF THE BUSINESS & REGENERATION/EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS

Council received the previously circulated report from the Business and Regeneration Officer and Events and Community Engagement Officer.

Members requested that the Clerk write to Andrew Lightfoot Streetscene Co-ordinator to raise members concerns about the streetscene within the town.

Councillor Arnold asked the Business & Regeneration Officer to share further information regarding the Smart Sensors to the market traders to alleviate concerns they may have.

RESOLVED: That;

(i) The Clerk to write to Streetscene

(ii) The Business & Regeneration Officer to circulate Flintshire County Council information regarding Smart Sensors with members and Markets Officer for circulation.

154. ANNUAL AUDIT FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2020/21 AND 2021/22

Members reviewed the previously circulated Interim Audit report – March 2022 and where asked to note that the final (extended) Audit report from Audit Wales for the financial year 2020/21 is still awaited and that the Internal Audit for the past year 2021/22 is due on 17th May 2022 following the annual accounts year-end closedown.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

155. DIRECT DEBIT APPROVAL FOR BUSINESS RATES PAYMENTS

Mold Town Council's current Human Relations and Health and Safety contract expires on 11th May and the Clerk is seeking authorisation to obtain quotations for a three year contract.

RESOLVED: That the request be approved.

156. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Members considered the previously circulated information regarding Planning decisions.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

157 MEETINGS ATTENDED

Councillor Mearns informed Members of the recent tree planting along the River Alyn which was organised by North Wales Wildlife Trust and volunteers from Asylum Link Liverpool carried out planting 600 Alder and Willow trees on the open sections of the river bank at Pentre / Pen y Bont. This section of the river has recently been fenced off from cattle to protect the banks from further erosion. The Action Asylum project is about providing opportunities for asylum seekers to get out of their sheltered accommodation in the city and to involve them in useful activities where they can get to meet new communities and new locations in the UK.

Councillor Mearns requested that members write to Asylum Link Liverpool to thank the volunteers.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and write a letter of thanks to Asylum Link Liverpool.

158. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS.

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 12 Community Bank account CB1 £75,222.25

RESOLVED: That that the schedule of payments be approved.

159. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT GROUP

Councillor Jones, as Chair of the Anti-Social Behaviour Support Group, gave members a verbal update after the second meeting of the group which was held on 12th April. Unfortunately attendance at the meeting was down from the first meeting with only 5 in attendance.

St Mary’s Church had now appointed a full time Youth Leader.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report be noted

160. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING 2022

Member were asked to formally agree that the Annual Meeting to take place on Monday 16th May and that all re-elected and newly elected members will be required to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office at or before the first meeting.

Members also expressed their thanks and appreciation to retiring members, Councillors; Andrea Mearns, Anthony Parry, Gareth Williams, Karen Hodgkinson and Trevor Arnold and extended the invitation for them to attend the Annual Meeting.

RESOLVED: That the date for the Annual Meeting be approved

The Meeting closed at 6.45pm

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 27th April 2022
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

Mayor’s signature: Date:
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