

# MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold at 6pm Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022. (also, by Video conferencing).

## **PRESENT:**

Councillors: Haydn Jones, (Mayor), Teresa Carberry (Deputy Mayor), Paul Beacher, Tina Claydon, Pete Dando Catherine Hill, Robin Guest, Brian Lloyd and Sarah Taylor.

Attending via Zoom: Councillors Haydn Bateman, Chris Bithell and Bryan Grew.

Officers: Ian Jones, Town Clerk and Finance Officer Jane Evans, Events and Community Engagement Officer and Jo Lane, Bailey Hill Project Officer.

Also Present: None.

Before the business of the meeting commenced Members held a minute's silence in condolence to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who died on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**62. APOLOGIES:** Councillor Joanne Edwards and Tim Maunders.

**ABSENT:** Councillor Geoff Collett.

## **63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **64. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor provided an update on the engagements listed within the agenda.

## **65. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That:

- a) The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- b) The Minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 be received and noted;
- c) The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 be received and noted;
- d) The Minutes of the Special Personnel Committee meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 be received and formally approved;

## **66. REPORT OF THE EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS**

The Town Council received the previously circulated report from the Events and Community Engagement Officer.

Members were asked to note the additional event; a Welsh language concert to be held in March 2023 at Bryn Coch School as part of the Mayor's fundraising appeal. Member supported the request.

The Events and Community Engagement provided Members with a verbal update following her meeting with Andrew Lightfoot Flintshire County Council Streetscene to discuss Remembrance Sunday and the support required from Streetscene to allow the parade to take place. Andrew had confirmed that they would now have to charge for the support/services they had previously provided free of charge for the town events due to current financial situation, and that the road closures for Remembrance Sunday parade would incur a cost of approximately £2000. Members were also informed that each year the list of attendees had increased and it was proposed that each group be set at a maximum number of attendees to allow standing space for all outside the War Memorial. The dias / platform was also difficult for one person to install and bring to and from the storage unit.

Following discussions, the Events and Community Engagement Officer was asked to contact the Town Band to confirm whether they are able to take part in the parade and if they were, (and play) then Members would approve the road closure cost and the event would proceed as in previous years with a parade, church service and the act of Remembrance at the Bailey Hill. If the band were not able to take part in the parade, Members agreed that they would not hold a parade and attendees would be asked to meet at the Bailey Hill for the service (church service as optional) and the Vicar would be asked to carry out a reading and prayer at the Bailey Hill.

The Events and Community Engagement Officer updated members on the 'Covid Snake' stones and rocks painted by the towns children to celebrate positivity during the lockdown period. Members suggested a number of locations and options of where the snake can be installed but agreed the best option would be somewhere at the Bailey Hill and agreed to wait for an update from the Bailey Hill Project Officer after the next Steering Group meeting taking place in November.

The Mayor requested the Council write to PSCO Cleo Milburn who was leaving her post in Mold to become a full-time officer as of 3<sup>rd</sup> October, to thank her for her contribution and support to the town.

**RESOLVED:** That the;

- a) Events and Community Engagement Officer would proceed with the Remembrance Sunday plans depending on the outcome from the town band.
- b) The Bailey Hill Officer would report back regarding the placement of the Covid Snake following November Steering Group meeting
- c) The Town Clerk write to PCSO Milburn

## **67. REPORT FROM THE BAILEY HILL PROJECT OFFICER**

The Town Council received the previously circulated report from the Bailey Hill Project Officer.

The Mayor expressed his thanks to the Officer for her detailed and informative report

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

## **68. MOLD TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

The Town Council received the previously circulated Annual report to review.

Members expressed their thanks to all the Officers for their input to this very comprehensive and informative Report.

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

## **69. CITTASLOW UK CIC MEMBERSHIP**

The Town Council received the previously circulated report about Cittaslow and comments from former Councillor Andrea Mearns.

Following discussion, it was agreed to continue membership until April 2023 to allow time for further review as to how the town and Council benefit from Cittaslow accreditation and membership. Councillor Hill put herself forward to attend the meeting of the Cittaslow Board in March 2023 subject to being appointed as a Director of the CIC and to find out further information in preparation for the review.

**RESOLVED:** That the membership would continue and full review carried out in March 2023 to allow for a decision in April 2023 meeting.

## **70. ELECTION OF TOWN COUNCILLOR FOR BRONCOED WARD**

The Town Clerk Informed Members that the election on Broncoed Ward was uncontested and Members welcomed Councillor Pete Dando.

The Town Clerk also informed Members of the resignation of Councillor Geoff Matthias and that he would publicise the necessary Notice of Vacancy accordingly. The requisite vacancy would be circulated and displayed on the Council's website and within the Ward. If published on 30 September, the closing date for an election request would be 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

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

## **71. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members considered the previously circulated information regarding Planning decisions.

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

## **72. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Councillor Haydn Jones (Mayor) reported that he had met with Flintshire County Council Regulatory Services Manager Ruth Tulley to discuss the possibility of Coach parking at County Hall as a temporary measure and to discuss New Street car park. Ruth had advised that there would be six coach parking bays installed in the car park, it would be resurfaced and that all work would take place before Christmas this year.

Members asked that a formal approach to be made to Flintshire County Council to consider changing the parking time period to allow free parking up to 9.30am during the week. This would help with congestion issues outside of schools for parents dropping children off.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Clerk take forward members request regarding parking times during the week.

## **73. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS.**

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 4 Community Bank account CB1 £31,037.10

Month 4 Events Bank account £4,716.36

Month 5 Community Bank account CB1 £39,847.28

Month 5 Events Bank account £1,062.58

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

## **74. VACANCIES**

Members noted the situation regarding representatives on outside bodies, Council Committees and Panels.

**RESOLVED:** that

Councillor Pete Dando be appointed to the Community, Development and Regeneration Committee, Planning Committee and Financial Assistance Review Panel.

## **75. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** that members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

**7.20pm Jane Evans and Jo Lane left the meeting.**

## **76. STAFFING MATTERS AND FUTURE PLANNING**

Members considered the recommendations of the Special Personnel Committee which had met on 1<sup>st</sup> September to consider the staffing issues.

Following an in-depth discussion of the current and future needs of the Town Council and its aspirations it was **RESOLVED:** That

(i) the positions of Business and Regeneration and Bailey Hill Project Officer be merged into one post and the new position be offered internally to one of the current postholders;

(iii) A new role be looked at widening or changing Caretaker post, to cover some 'handyman' type work in the town but any new implementation would only take place once the position became vacant;

(iv) the designate Town Clerk and Finance Officer be advised that the Committee wish to have her presence in the office three days a week plus two mornings with two afternoons working flexibly; and

(v) the Town Clerk investigate ways in which safe lone-working could be undertaken and report back on progress to the next meeting of the Committee.

**Meeting closed at 7.55pm.**

Mayor's signature: ..... Date: .....

**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> September 2022</b>
<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>