

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold at 6pm Wednesday 26th October 2022. (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

Councillors: Haydn Jones, (Mayor), Teresa Carberry (Deputy Mayor), Paul Beacher, Tina Claydon, Geoff Collett, Robin Guest, Brian Lloyd and Sarah Taylor.

Attending via Zoom: Councillors: Chris Bithell, Joanne Edwards, Bryan Grew, Catherine Hill, Tim Maunders.

Officers: Helen Belton, Town Clerk and Finance Officer and Jane Evans, Events and Community Engagement Officer.

Also Present: None.

77. APOLOGIES: Councillors Pete Dando and Haydn Bateman and Jo Lane Bailey Hill Project Officer.

ABSENT: None.

The Mayor, Cllr Haydn Jones, welcomed everyone and further extended a warm welcome to the new Town Clerk, Helen Belton, who had started work with the council at the beginning of October. Helen extended her thanks to Jane Evans, who had been an invaluable support to her, as well as thanking others for the support that she had received from councillors and employees in her first few weeks.

78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

79. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor provided an update on the engagements listed within the agenda, with an additional meeting on 12th October, details of which had been circulated via email. It was also noted that the Apples & Dance Festival (part of the Daniel Owen Festival) had been extremely successful and well attended.

Deputy Mayor Cllr Teresa Carberry had attended a Civic Ceremony on 9th October.

80. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That:

- a) The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 28th September 2022 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- b) The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26th September 2022 be received, noted and approved as a correct record.

Members had requested further information following last month's planning meeting regarding Synthite and this was confirmed as having been received.

Chair Cllr Sarah Taylor advised members that following the October planning meeting, comments would be sent to Flintshire opposing some aspects of the application FUL/000498/22 (change of use from motor vehicle service and parts sales to sandwich shop & bakery and hot food takeaway), regarding traffic, opening hours and parking.

81. REPORT OF THE EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS

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

A discussion was held about the Police Update and breakdown of figures. Members had been shocked at the numbers, which were higher than usual but a request was made for the Events Officer to contact the police to ask for more detailed information. The police would be invited to the next meeting and questions could be put to them, but members were aware that the police have a very difficult job to do.

Decision Required: Members were asked to decide whether or not they wanted an event to be organised to mark the King's Coronation.

Members agreed Council would not host an event for the King's Coronation, it was felt that many members of the public and also Councillors and Officers would like to watch the televised event themselves. The Town Council's event diary was busy and Officers' workloads already considered high.

RESOLVED: That the;

- a) Events and Community Engagement Officer would not be asked to organise an event to mark the King's Coronation.
- b) The Events and Community Engagement Officer would write to the PCSO to ask for more detail in the police statistics and invite them to the next meeting.

82. GAS LANE PLAY AREA

The Council had previously agreed to match-fund £10,000 for the improvements to the Gas Lane Play Area and was pleased with the suggestions for the play equipment to be installed. The council wishes to ensure that any future improvements to play equipment would involve consultation with children, young people and parents.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk would agree to the proposals but request consultations in future.

83. MOLD TOWN COUNCIL TRAINING PLAN 2022-2027

The Town Clerk would speak to councillors, employees and volunteers individually to establish their personal competency levels covering all aspects of their roles. Following this, the Clerk would plan and cost the training, with priority over the next 2 years.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk would have a document ready for the November meeting.

84. LEASE OF THE TOWN HALL

The Town Council needed more information on the 'service charge: a fair and reasonable proportion of repair and maintenance of the building and common parts', mentioned in the email from Flintshire County Council, before deciding. Following this, and in receipt of more information, a sub-group could be formed to take this forward.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk would request more detailed information from FCC.

85. ELECTION OF TOWN COUNCILLOR - WEST WARD

The Council noted that an election had been called to fill the vacancy in the West Ward.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

86. COMPLETION OF AUDIT 2021-2022

The Clerk informed members of the auditor general's decision with one point to note regarding the Fixed Asset Register needing more detail. The Town Clerk had also informed the previous clerk of the report and congratulated him on his work.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

87. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Members considered the previously circulated information regarding Planning decisions.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

88. MEETINGS ATTENDED

Members were asked to send a report to the Town Clerk, regarding any meetings attended, in good time to be included in next month's agenda pack.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk would remind members to forward information.

89. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS.

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 6 Community Bank account CB1 £48,340.55 (excl. VAT)

Month 6 Events Bank account £183.25

RESOLVED: That that the schedules of payments be approved.

90. VACANCIES

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

RESOLVED: that new councillors could be considered for these vacancies.

Meeting closed at 7.03pm.

Mayor's signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 26th October 2022
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

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