

# MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold at 6pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (also, by Video conferencing).**

## **PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** Haydn Jones, (Mayor), Teresa Carberry (Deputy Mayor), Paul Beacher, Tina Claydon, Brian Lloyd, Geoff Collett, Joanne Edwards, Catherine Francis Hill, Pete Dando, Sarah Taylor and Megan Lloyd Hughes.

Attending via Zoom: Councillors: Chris Bithell, Haydn Bateman

**Officers:** Helen Belton, Town Clerk and Finance Officer

**Also Present:** Two members of the public.

**111. APOLOGIES:** Councillors Tim Maunders, Bryan Grew, Robin Guest.

**Officers:** Jane Evans, Events and Community Engagement Officer and Jo Lane, Business Regeneration Project Officer.

**ABSENT:** None.

## **112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **113. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public was present to discuss the problems that visually impaired people experience with Mold Bus Station. The information presented and quality of the print, is poor. Ms. Haydock asked if MTC could raise this as a concern with FCC.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to FCC about the bus station.

A member of the public asked about parks and open spaces and wanted to know if MTC or FCC was responsible. Mr. Blainey ideally wanted to investigate finding a small piece of land for community-based food growing.

Ms. Haydock and Mr. Blainey were thanked for their attendance.

## **114. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Noted and accepted.

## **115. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That:

- a) The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- b) The Minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 be received and formally approved as a correct record;

- c) The Minutes of the meeting of the Budget Sub-Group held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023, in the form of a budget proposal, be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- d) The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 be received and formally approved as a correct record.

## **116. OFFICERS' JOINT REPORTS**

**New Street Car Park** – Councillor Haydn Jones and the Business Regeneration Project Officer updated the council on the issue of toilets at this car park. They were also looking at having quality portable toilets here and were looking for quotes.

**Pancake Day** – due to Shrove Tuesday falling during the school holidays and the majority of attendees are the schools who bring students to race, it was agreed to cancel this year's races and to hold next year, if the schools are able to participate.

**Coronation of King Charles** – it was previously agreed by Council that Mold Town Council would encourage residents to hold their own street parties and get-togethers as the Council would not be holding an event. The Events and Community Engagement Officer asked members if they would like to mark the occasion in another way, for example to encourage businesses to decorate their windows and run a competition of a Coronation trail around the town with clues in business windows. The prizes would be Coronation themed. Grants may be available to fund decorations and prizes. Following discussion members agreed to support this proposal and the Events officer and Clerk would look at funding grants.

Councillor Taylor advised members that she had attended the first Carnival meeting of the year to plan this year's event. Unfortunately volunteers for all events were in short supply and a volunteer recruitment drive would be taken forward.

Councillor Collett asked if the Smart Town graphs were actual figures from Mold. It was confirmed that the graphs were an example only of the type of graphs and figures that can be obtained and that they were not figures relating to Mold.

## **117. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

The amount allocated to members' allowances for the year 2023-2024 was discussed.

It was proposed and seconded to leave the Chair's allowance unchanged at £500 per annum.

**Amendment:** It was proposed and seconded to raise the Chair's allowance to £1,500 per annum.

**NOT RESOLVED** (1 abstention).

It was **RESOLVED** to leave the Chair's allowance unchanged at £500 per annum for the year 2023-2024.

## **118. PRECEPT/BUDGET SETTING FOR 2023-2024**

Members considered the previously circulated budget figures and the recommendations from the Budget Sub Group to raise the precept by 5%.

**Amendment:** Proposed and seconded to raise the precept by 8.5%.  
**NOT RESOLVED.**

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to accept the Budget Sub Group recommendations to raise the precept by 5% for 2023-2024 and the shortfall required would be obtained from Council reserves.

An urgent meeting was needed of the Accommodation Group.

## **119. BIODIVERSITY IMPROVEMENTS IN MOLD**

The document attached was noted.

## **120. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Planning Decisions had been noted.

## **121. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Cllrs T Claydon and B Lloyd who are on the Alyn Works Committee, advised members that they had attended a meeting with the Synthite and their visit report was noted.

## **122. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS.**

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 8 Community Bank account CB1 £27,107.59 (excl. VAT)  
Month 8 Events Bank account £5,320.64  
Month 9 Community Bank account CB1 £41,348.53 (excl. VAT)  
Month 9 Events Bank account £2,326.31

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

## **123. LONE WORKING IN THE TOWN HALL**

Members discussed how to resolve concerns relating to Officers' lone working at the Town Hall. It was agreed initially that a glass panel in the office door would be the best idea but also agreed that a lone working risk assessment was needed.

The Clerk was asked to contact Wurkplace for a meeting, as MTC was in contract with this company until May 2023. The Clerk was also asked to contact FCC for a meeting about the security of the Town Hall.

## **124. VACANCIES**

To note the situation regarding representatives on outside bodies, Council Committees and Panels.

Planning Committee - one vacancy.  
Budget Sub-Group - one vacancy.

**Meeting closed at 7.36pm.**

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: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>
<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>

WORD/MINUTES/MTC/MIN221026HBJE