

# MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold at 6pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (also, by Video conferencing).**

## **PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** Haydn Jones, (Mayor), Teresa Carberry (Deputy Mayor), Paul Beacher, Tina Claydon, Geoff Collett, Bryan Grew, Megan Lloyd Hughes. Catherine Francis Hill, Sarah Taylor, Pete Dando, Robin Guest.

Attending via Zoom: Councillors: Haydn Bateman, Tim Maunders.

**Officers:** Helen Belton, Town Clerk and Finance Officer, Jane Evans, Events and Community Engagement Officer and Jo Lane, Business Regeneration Project Officer (on Zoom).

## **161. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was with great sadness that the Mayor, Cllr Haydn Jones informed the Council of the passing of Mrs. Lynn Bithell, the wife of Cllr Chris Bithell, who had passed away. A one-minute silence was held.

The Mayor, Cllr Jones, thanked everyone involved in his comedy night with John Martin and thanked the Town Clerk, Helen Belton for singing at the event.

No members of the public present.

**162. APOLOGIES:** Councillors Brian Lloyd, Chris Bithell and Jo Edwards.

**ABSENT:** None.

## **163. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None mentioned.

## **164. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The report was noted.

## **165. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That:

- a) The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- b) The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- c) The Minutes of the meeting of the Accommodation Committee held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- d) The meeting of the Special Committee with the Daniel Owen Trustees had been postponed.

## **166. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING 2023 AND NOMINATION OF MAYOR 2023/2024**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Meeting should take place on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 6pm.

It was **RESOLVED** that the council proposed Cllr T Carberry for the role of Mayor 2023-2024.

It was also **RESOLVED** that the first meeting of the Council would take place on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2023, due to personal appointments for Cllr Carberry.

## **167. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

A report had been received from the Events and Community Engagement Officer and the Business Regeneration Project Officer (attached).

Both officers were thanked.

A decision was required on where the Covid Snake should be placed.

Bailey Hill would be investigated as a possibility. If not possible, this would be brought back to Council. **RESOLVED.**

Thanks were given to Arfon Williams-Cooke and to Cllr Beacher for submitting the Cemetery Award.

Carnival Committee – Cllr Taylor informed the Council that there is a significant lack of volunteers for all events. A recruitment event had taken place with only a small take-up. There were just a couple of weeks before a decision needed to be made.

Food Wales Awards nominees were wished well. Winners would be announced at the end of May. It was noted that there were many wonderful places to eat in Mold and that the town was very fortunate.

Jo Lane had sent a wonderful video on SMART Towns as Mold had been selected as a pilot town. Thanks were given to both Jo Lane and Jane Evans.

## **168. CITTASLOW REVIEW**

A report had been received from Cllr Hill. Thanks were given to Cllr Hill.

Mold TC had already paid for the year June 2023-May 2024.

Mold TC could decide whether or not to pay another £1,500 to stay in or to leave but could take £2,000 to use for a Cittaslow project this year.

Pier Georgio would arrive in the UK from Italy on May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> and we hoped to find out more information. Members were welcome to join that Zoom meeting at 10.30am on 3rd May.

Cllr Hill then presented her report to the Council on the purpose and benefits of staying in Cittaslow. Some councillors then spoke in favour of Cittaslow, remembering that Cittaslow had been a guiding force for this council in the past.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Hill would investigate if the £2,000 could be spent on placing the Covid Snake.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Hill would present a report to OVW and SLCC to try to encourage other towns to join.

It was **RESOLVED** that the interpretation boards could be redone.

#### **169. THE ACCOMMODATION GROUP**

The meeting of the Accommodation Group took place on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr G Collett was thanked for his proposal and work done so far. Appropriate professionals would be found to take this forward. The Clerk had written to Cadwyn Clwyd and had received a response; some money might be available to help with a feasibility study later in the year.

Cllr Collett would meet with the Clerk to prepare for the tender stage.

The Sell 2 Wales website would be useful here.

#### **170. RENEWAL OF THE PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS**

Flintshire County Council was holding a consultation regarding the renewal of the Public Space Protection Orders which needed to be reconsidered and renewed every three years. Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) deal with a particular nuisance that affects the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of an area which apply to everyone. For example, restricting drinking in public places and dog control. Members are asked to consider recommendations to be put forward.

Cllr H Jones wanted to propose a change for the ornamental gardens and that all dogs should remain on a lead in there. Councillors agreed.

It was **RESOLVED** that a letter could be sent to FCC in support of this.

Business and Regeneration project Officer, Jo Lane informed the council of the recent wild campers, who had camped at Bailey Hill and stated that BH should also be included in the Orders.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to Licensing at County Hall to ask about the licence for The Ruthin Castle public house. Residents were being disturbed until 2am, as Cllr Carberry was receiving complaints in her ward. The Clerk was asked to object to noise, litter and anti-social behaviour.

#### **171. BHIB INSURANCE RENEWAL**

For noting.

The renewal price was £1,754 from June 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **172. MOLD TOWN COUNCIL CCTV**

Information had been provided by Events Officer, Jane Evans. Due to misunderstandings at FCC, cameras had been disabled last August.

The service from WCCTV was now not sufficient for reasons such as;

Storage available was not sufficient.

No staff to monitor the CCTV.

It was proposed that MTC entered into a contract with FCC, and fully integrated into their CCTV suite which would be available for police to monitor as and when needed, without the intervention of MTC Officers.

It was **RESOLVED** to enter into contract with FCC, for the price of £4,900 in the first year and £1,200 after that. There was enough in the budget as £7,000 had been reserved.

**173. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Planning Decisions had been noted.

**174. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

No meetings attended.

**175. PUBLIC TOILETS AT THE DANIEL OWEN CENTRE**

The meeting due to take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> April with a Special Committee from MTC and trustees from the Daniel Owen Centre, had been postponed.

The Clerk would arrange another meeting and remind the trustees to send cost information.

**176. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS.**

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 12 Community Bank account CB1 £38,101.50 (excl. VAT)

Month 12 Events Bank account £763.40

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

**177. VACANCIES**

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

Planning Committee - one vacancy.

Budget Group - one vacancy.

Policy and Audit Committee – one vacancy.

The Mayor, Cllr Haydn Jones was congratulated on a very successful and very full year as Mayor. It was agreed that he had done a marvellous job in the role and had raised plenty of money.

**Meeting closed at 7.14pm.**

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: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	
<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>	

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