

# **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold at 6pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (also, by Video conferencing).**

## **PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** Cllrs Teresa Carberry (Mayor), Sarah Taylor (Deputy Mayor), Joanne Edwards, Haydn Jones, Paul Beacher, Chris Bithell, Catherine F Hill, Brian Lloyd, Bryan Grew, Robin Guest, Geoff Collett, Megan Lloyd Hughes (Zoom).

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

## **30. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present.

**31. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Pete Dando, Tina Claydon.

**ABSENT:** Cllrs Haydn Bateman, Tim Maunders.

## **32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Teresa Carberry (Mayor) and Sarah Taylor – Daniel Owen Toilets.

## **33. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thanks were given to Cllr Taylor and to the Officers Jane Evans and Jo Lane for their help with the concert. Thanks were also given to those who came to the concert or sent apologies. It had been a lovely evening and a great event and had even been mentioned in the Senedd, as Carolyn Thomas and Hannah Blythyn were present. It had been reported that one mayor was since having music lessons from someone from Pakistan. Cllr Bithell said it was a very entertaining evening.

## **34. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That:

- a) The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- b) The Minutes of the Cemetery Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- c) The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- d) The Minutes of the Financial Assistance Panel held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record.
- e) The Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record.

## **35. 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 for their reports.

It was **RESOLVED** for the Business Regeneration Project Officer (BRPO) working with FSB and FCC to organise an event to support local businesses

It was **RESOLVED** for members to agree to adding a new page to the Totally Mold website to encourage Group Travel to Mold. The cost associated with this will be translation costs so the information is available bilingually.

It was **RESOLVED** for members to agree to home the Covid Snake within the Hospital gardens.

It was **RESOLVED** for The Events and Community Engagement Officer to register for a Costco card. The store supplies equipment that is suitable for events at lower cost and also offers catering options for events. The price for annual membership is £26.40.

**RESOLVED with one amendment** that where possible the Town Council would attempt to 'buy local' but if not possible, Costco could be used, particularly if buying in bulk.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept all of the above. However, Officers were asked to try to bring agenda items to the Committee or Town Council in good time to be discussed.

### **36. UPDATING OF BOARDS IN THE CHAMBER**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept a quote from David Kynaston for £130, for two names traditionally sign-written and finished in 23 carat gold leaf; the Mayor and the Clerk.

### **37. PARKING MACHINE ISSUE AT NEW STREET CAR PARK**

MTC Officer Jane Evans had alerted council to the problems at New Street Car Park.

Deputy Mayor, Cllr S Taylor read a response from FCC; one machine was off-line and due to be mended. There were some technical issues. These had been checked by engineers. The public are encouraged to report problems and the problems are county-wide.

Many people don't want to use the app or pay by phone. Walking across to one machine to find it is broken is not helpful. Problems stem from when they were altered to deal with the Pay by Phone app.

Councillors agreed that this was not acceptable. FCC needed to accept that if machines are not working, then people can't pay.

There was also mention of the state of some of the car parks, particularly behind Bevans.

### **38. MATCH FUNDING PLAY AREAS**

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to match-fund the Chapel Street Play Area.

### **39. THE ACCOMMODATION GROUP**

The Clerk had received responses from 3 out of 4 architects and one from the surveyor, who were all interested. The Clerk would send the responses to the Group and arrange a meeting.

### **40. CHAIN OF OFFICE FOR DEPUTY MAYOR**

10.1 - It was **RESOLVED** to purchase chain number 3 for the Deputy Mayor.  
10.2 – To consider a chain of office for the Consort/Mayoress as mentioned by Cllr C Bithell.

Many councils have a substantial chain, not only for the Deputy Mayor but also for the Mayor's Consort. The current medal was donated by Cllr Carol Haycocks and a future chain could be designed to incorporate the medal. The Mayor's Consort is extremely busy and they should have something to show for it during the year. It was **RESOLVED** that next year, a chain is purchased for the Consort, incorporating the medal.

#### **41. SUMMER PLAYSCHMES**

It was **RESOLVED** to continue with the Summer Playschemes at the costs below, there being £4,200 in this year's budget.

The breakdown of costs is:  
Mold Gas Lane (4 weeks) - £2,126  
Mold Parkfield (4 weeks) - £2,126  
Overall costs: £4,252

#### **42. SECURITY AT THE CEMETERY**

Following a number of incidents at the Cemetery and the Cemetery Lodge, the Cemetery Superintendent was given permission to purchase a video doorbell as a priority. Other security measures could be discussed.

A meeting with PCSOs and the Inspector needed to be arranged.

The Clerk would liaise with The Cemetery Superintendent to assure him that we are with him.

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the £8 approx. per month for the Ring doorbell stored footage.

#### **43. RUTHIN CASTLE PUB**

Following the continuing problems at the Ruthin Castle pub, residents are collating a record of events of anti-social behaviour and disturbance.

Members were asked to consider locating one of the mobile CCTV cameras to cover the area outside of the pub for a period of time, to assist residents and Police in collating required evidence - Cllr S Taylor.

It was **RESOLVED** to get a price for moving the CCTV from Elm Drive and to check with the police to ask if they agree.

It was **RESOLVED** to congratulate PCSO Connor Freel on his move into another area of policing.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to FCC Licensing, James Lowe, to express the councils' concerns.

#### **44. PAST MAYOR CLLR JOYCE JONES**

The Clerk informed members that the dedication of the bench, with Mrs Jones' family, would take place at Fir Grove, followed by the Daniel Owen Centre, on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Anyone that knew Mrs. Jones was welcome to attend.

#### **45. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Planning Decisions would be sent out after this meeting.

#### **46. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

No external meetings had been attended. The Mayor asked if any members had attended the 20 mph roll out, emailed to members by the Clerk on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

#### **47. PUBLIC TOILETS AT THE DANIEL OWEN CENTRE**

To receive a report from the Daniel Owen Trustees, following the meeting with Town Councillors on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

It was **RESOLVED** to organise another meeting to clarify the situation as it was felt that there had been some misunderstanding.

**Proposed: Cllr Guest**

**Seconded: Cllr H Jones**

**Abstained: Cllrs Carberry and Taylor.**

**RESOLVED**

#### **48. EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2021-2022 (QUALIFIED)**

To note the attached report and comments from Audit Wales and to receive an update from the Clerk.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk could invite in the previous clerk, if needed, with any costs coming out of the surplus of Totally Mold Vouchers.

#### **49. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Based on the decisions of the Financial Assistance Committee and the Town Council, it was **RESOLVED** to give;

- (a) Suitcase Theatre – £400**
- (b) Mold and District Choral Society – £300**
- (c) Gŵyl Daniel Owen Festival - £200**
- (d) Bethesda Chapel - £300**

#### **50. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS.**

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 2 Community Bank account CB1 £36,639.48 (excl. VAT)

Month 2 Events Bank account £6,552.20 (excl. VAT)

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

#### **51. VACANCIES**

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

CDR – 2 vacancies  
Policy and Audit Committee – 1 vacancy

The Clerk was asked to add an item about attendance at meetings, next month.

**Meeting closed at 8pm.**

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> June 2023</b>
<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>

WORD/MINUTES/MTC/MIN