

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold at 6pm on Wednesday 26th July 2023 (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllrs Teresa Carberry (Mayor), Paul Beacher, Chris Bithell, Brian Lloyd, Bryan Grew, Robin Guest, Pete Dando, Tina Claydon, Geoff Collett, Haydn Bateman (Zoom), Tim Maunders (Zoom).

Officers: Helen Belton, Town Clerk and Finance Officer

52. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present.

53. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Sarah Taylor (Deputy Mayor), Haydn Jones, Catherine F Hill, Megan Lloyd Hughes, Joanne Edwards,

ABSENT: None

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Paul Beacher – Item 9 Ruthin Castle Pub (friend)

55. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had enjoyed attending Sean Conway's event and had arrived just in time to see him finish his 102nd triathlon.

Mayor Cllr Teresa Carberry wanted to formally thank everyone who had kindly helped last month, by driving her to engagements.

56. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That:

- a) The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 28th June 2023 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
Cllr T Claydon mentioned that she would be against moving the CCTV camera from Elm Drive but hadn't been at this meeting to vote.
- b) The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 3rd July 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- c) The Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 24th July 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- d) The Minutes of the Accommodation Committee held on the 24th July 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record.

57. OFFICER'S REPORTS

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

Good wishes were sent to Jane Evans, Events Officer, who was on sick leave, following an extremely busy Carnival Weekend. Cllr Bithell noted that there had been no replacement of PCSO Freel so far and it was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would ask the Inspector for some information of the date of replacement.

58. UPDATING OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT THE DANIEL OWEN PRECINCT

The Clerk had met twice with John Harvard (Director DO Precinct) and Gareth Jones (Mega) in response to Mr Harvard seeking improvement in the Christmas lights at the precinct.

The council was presented with quotes, budget information and a letter from Mr Harvard.

It was **RESOLVED** to arrange for councillors from CDR committee to meet with Mr Harvard, followed by a CDR meeting.

Also **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to confirm the price of this year's maintenance on catenary wires.

Also **RESOLVED** to request images of the proposed lights.

59. 'TOMMY' OR 'WOMEN IN WAR' STATUE

It was **RESOLVED** that the present War Memorial was considered sufficient.

60. THE ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE

The committee had met and had so far received responses from 4 architects interested in learning more about the job, as well as a response from the surveyor at Legat Owen.

It was **RESOLVED** to ask the clerk to place an order with Mark Atherton of Legat Owen, to update the 2011 survey, at a cost of £3,000 + VAT, as well as £300 + VAT for drone footage of the roof.

It was **RESOLVED** that following the report, a meeting with the Accommodation Committee would be arranged.

The clerk would scan the original report and send to councillors.

Following the report, the architects would be invited in for separate meetings. The clerk would write to all involved.

The clerk would investigate funding for a feasibility study with Welsh Government. Funding was potentially available with Cadwyn Clwyd.

61. 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.

Following discussions with PCSO Connor Freel, the suggestion was to move the camera from the skate park to the Ruthin Castle at a cost of £190 + VAT.

Proposed Cllr Guest, seconded Cllr Collett.

Cllr Bithell suggested that the move should wait until after the summer holidays.

The clerk would ask Sergeant Kerry Nash to 'up the profile'.

The situation would be reviewed over the coming months.

Another movable camera would possibly be needed in future.

Cllr Guest amended his proposal to move the camera in September, seconded by Cllr Claydon. This was RESOLVED.

62. ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Clerk was asked to add this to the agenda.
It was noted that apologies should be sent to the clerk in good time before a meeting.
Absences were also noted with no apologies.
Councillors were reminded that they should be a member of at least 2 committees each.

63. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

The attached report was noted.
Cllr Bithell was dismayed to find that trees had been removed outside Checkpoint Motors and wondered if this had been essential. It was felt that the Planning Committee and councillors needed to be extremely mindful of this where applications were concerned.
The Clerk would ask the Planning Officer.

64. MEETINGS ATTENDED

No external meetings had been attended.
A written report was requested for any meetings attended.

65. PUBLIC TOILETS AT THE DANIEL OWEN CENTRE

The group was due to meet with Trustees in early August.

66. DONATION TO A CHARITY

Regarding donating to specific charities, it was **RESOLVED** to ask the charity to request funds in the usual way. This would then be considered by the Financial Assistance Panel.

67. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2022-2023

The Internal Audit had been delayed due to the late reporting of the previous year's audit by Audit Wales. A meeting would be arranged to approve the Annual Return, as soon as it was received.

Regarding Events accounts, it was **RESOLVED** that finances would be shared with the Policy & Audit committee following events, at its 3 meetings per year.

An Events Committee was not required as Town Councillors were present on all volunteer groups.

It was noted that this decision was in no way a reflection on the good work of the Events Officer or the volunteers but more a way of protecting the staff and helping them, by Town Councillors being more involved in the financial aspects of the Events.

It was noted that following Carnival 2024, the Town Council would be reviewing its involvement. See minutes from previous Carnival/Town Council meetings, where it was decided that there would be 3 years of Carnivals before review.

68. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS.

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 3 Community Bank account CB1 £49,011.14 (excl. VAT)

Month 3 Events Bank account £ (excl. VAT)

RESOLVED: That that the schedule of payments be approved and that Events payments would be approved at the next meeting.

Thanks to everyone involved in the Carnival. An incredible amount of work led to an extremely successful Carnival.

69. VACANCIES

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

CDR – 2 vacancies.

Policy and Audit Committee – 1 vacancy.

Planning – 1 vacancy.

70. Daniel Owen Memorial Stone

This had been missed and was not on the agenda. Cllr Bithell informed the council that the base of the statue was in need of repair and asked for this to go onto the next agenda.

The clerk was asked to request a quote for tidying the stone and to add this to the next agenda for a decision.

A sign was needed in the town, to direct visitors to the Cemetery. This would be added to the CDR agenda.

71. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public for the next agenda item.

72. STAFF ISSUES

The Town Clerk and the Mayor (Cllr Carberry) had carried out an employee’s appraisal.

It was **RESOLVED** that the staff member had successfully completed probation and could move up the payscale one point.

The Mayor and the Immediate Past Mayor (Cllr H Jones) had carried out the Town Clerk’s appraisal.

It was **RESOLVED** that she had successfully completed probation and that she could move up to SCP34.

A private staff issue was discussed. The Personnel Committee would meet.

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Helen Belton, the Town Clerk, be thanked for her work over the last year.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm.

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 July 2023
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

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