

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold at 6pm on Wednesday 9th August 2023 (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllrs Sarah Taylor (Deputy Mayor and Chairman), Paul Beacher, Chris Bithell, Brian Lloyd, Bryan Grew (Zoom), Robin Guest, Pete Dando, Haydn Bateman (Zoom).

Officers: Helen Belton, Town Clerk and Finance Officer

73. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present.

74. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Teresa Carberry (Mayor), Tim Maunders, Tina Claydon and Geoff Collett

ABSENT: None

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

76. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That:

- a) The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 26th July 2023 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- b) The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 31st July 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- c) The Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 8th August 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record;

77. UPDATING OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT THE DANIEL OWEN PRECINCT

A meeting had taken place between MTC; Cllrs Bithell and Guest and John Havard, Director of the Daniel Owen Precinct, which was reported to have been very encouraging and positive.

It was **proposed, seconded and resolved** to agree to purchase the new lights, icicles and balls, for the precinct at a cost of £14,103 + VAT, with Mr Havard paying a contribution of £4,140 + VAT, for which he will be invoiced.

Cllr Guest, Chairman of CDR didn't think it was necessary to take this back to that committee.

The Clerk would pursue the costs of essential catenary wire work with Mega.

78. THE DANIEL OWEN MEMORIAL STONE

The crazy paving needed finishing. Mold Town Council would pay for this work. The Clerk was asked to get a quote from a stonemason.

79. RUTHIN CASTLE PUB

A number of emails had been received. Residents were particularly worried about the Bank Holiday weekend. Last month, it was resolved to move the camera in September but it was felt that this decision needed re-thinking.

It was **proposed, seconded and resolved** to move the camera just prior to the Bank Holiday weekend.

Abstained: Cllr Bithell, Cllr Claydon (did not vote as could not hear on Zoom)

Cllr P Beacher declared an interest.

80. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2022-2023

To consider the report of the Internal Auditor, the Annual Return and the additional governance assertions with supporting information.

To authorise signing of the documentation.

To receive and consider approval of the final accounts as presented.

The report, documentation and accounts were all approved and it was **resolved** to accept them and to ask the Chairman to sign.

The surplus from the Totally Mold Vouchers would be discussed at the September meeting.

81. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS.

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 4 Community Bank account CB1 £29,739.23 (excl. VAT)

Month 4 Events Bank account £10,384.64 (excl. VAT)

Month 1 Prepaid Mastercard £622.05 (excl. VAT)

Month 1 Petty Cash NIL

Month 2 Prepaid Mastercard £777.53 (excl. VAT)

Month 2 Petty Cash NIL

Month 3 Prepaid Mastercard £290.94 (excl. VAT)

Month 3 Petty Cash NIL

Month 4 Prepaid Mastercard £772.55 (excl. VAT)

Month 4 Petty Cash £250 transferred to Events Petty Cash to pay Face Painter.

RESOLVED: That that the schedule of payments be approved

82. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To RESOLVE to exclude the press and public for the next agenda item.
Approved.

83. STAFF ISSUES

To note staff issues discussed at the Personnel Meeting of the 8th August.

The Minutes from last night's meeting had been circulated.

Some changes had been made to the Clerk's contract.

Cllr C Bithell thanked the personnel committee for their work.

The adjustments to the contract were approved.

Panel: Cllr S Taylor, Cllr H Jones, Cllr C Bithell, perhaps Cllr C F Hill.

It was approved to ask the Clerk to investigate the possibility of a locum clerk for approx. 2 months from the beginning of September. Physical presence was preferred in the office but hybrid was acceptable.

It was approved to spend £309 + VAT advertising with the SLCC for 3 weeks. The Clerk would also advertise with SLCC Clwyd Branch (NE Wales), SALC (Shropshire Clerks), ChALC (Cheshire Clerks) and One Voice Wales.

Meeting closed at 7.13pm.

Add to the September agenda: Public toilets

Mayor’s signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 9th August 2023
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

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