

# MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold at 6pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (also, by Video conferencing).**

## **PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** Cllrs. Sarah Taylor (Deputy Mayor and Chairman), Paul Beacher, Chris Bithell, Brian Lloyd, Catherine Hill, Geoff Collett, Robin Guest, Pete Dando,  
Via Zoom: Cllrs. Bryan Grew, Jo Edwards, Tina Claydon.

**Officers:** Jane Evans Events and Community Engagement Officer.

## **93. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

One member of the public was in attendance and submitted a letter which was read out to members by the Deputy Mayor regarding the PSPO order in relation to dogs in garden area of Maes Bodlonfa Park. It was agreed that this area was known locally by a number of different names including the Ornamental Gardens / the Flower Garden /the memorial garden and the Rec garden. Cllr. Taylor gave the background information regarding the PSPO Order relating to dogs in the public garden and confirmed that a public consultation had been carried out by Flintshire County Council who have the legislation order to carry this out and the results of which were in favour of banning dogs from the gardens. Cllr. Taylor also confirmed that due process had been followed.

Members agreed to discuss, at the October meeting of Council, Kendricks Field as alternative area for dog walkers and what, if any improvements could be made to the field to assist dog walkers.

**6.20pm** Member of the public left the meeting.

**94. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Teresa Carberry (Mayor), Haydn Jones and Megan Lloyd Hughes and Business Regeneration Project Officer Jo Lane.

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

## **95. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

## **96. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That:

- a) The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- b) The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- c) The Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record;

- d) The Minutes of the short Town Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- e) The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023, be received and formally approved as a correct record;

## **97. OFFICER REPORTS**

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

Members requested the Acting Town Clerk write to North Wales Police Inspector Iwan Jones to express their disappointment that due to (former PCSO) Connor Freel being on secondment, he was not being replaced and as such Mold now only had one PSCO, Emma Gallon. Members asked for confirmation as to how long Connor's secondment is for.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Acting Town Clerk write to North Wale Police on behalf of members.

## **98. WELSH TRANSLATION**

Members considered the previously circulated information from MTC's regular Welsh Translator regarding translation price increase and members considered the one quote that has been received for comparison.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Acting Town Clerk obtain further quotes from other Translators and it was also requested that One Voice Wales is contacted to obtain confirmation of the minimum requirement regarding bi lingual information produced by the Council. Translation was requested to be added to October's agenda.

In the interim, members approved officers to consult with the Welsh speaking members of Council for small translation requests due to MTC regular translator confirming that there was a minimum charge for less than 300 translated words.

## **99. THE ACCOMODATION COMMITTEE**

Councillor Geoff Collett provided members with a verbal update following the receipt of the Conditional Survey which had been carried out on the Town Hall.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Acting Town Clerk would email the report to all members and a Special Meeting of Full Council would be arranged to discuss the report and how to move forward.

## **100. RUTHIN CASTLE PUB**

Councillor Sarah Taylor gave members a verbal update regarding the Ruthin Castle which had now closed. Flintshire County Council Licencing Department where continuing to review the premise licence regardless of the closure. Cllr. Taylor confirmed that comments were submitted to FCC licencing department on behalf of Mold Town Council (MTC), in addition to residents' comments.

The defibrillator which had been gifted by MTC to the Ruthin Castle had been returned and it was agreed that this would be offered to the Red Lion.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the information regarding the closure and licencing and for the Events & Community Engagement Officer to relocate the defibrillator.

### **101. RESIDENTS MEETING AT PARKFIELDS**

Councillor Taylor provided members with a verbal update on the Bryn Gwalia residents meeting that had been called urgently at the request of residents, took place at Parkfields on 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

The meeting had been called due to resident's concern regarding the ASB and criminal activity with the ward and they wanted to meet with North Wales Police to express their concern. Inspector Iwan Jones attended the meeting and took the majority of the questions raised by residents. During the course of the meeting it was suggested by the residents that a working group was set up with the Cllrs, from West Ward, North Wales Police, representatives from relevant organisation and a number of residents who could represent their streets on the estate. West Ward Cllrs, where actioned with taking this forward.

Cllr. Claydon was unable to attend the meeting and her apologies were given at the meeting, provided an update on the actions she had taken in her capacity as Flintshire County Councillor for the ward which included setting up an FCC Task and Finish group. Cllr. Claydon also confirmed that she had requested Streetscene to clean the alleyway between Cedar Grove and the Shops and the area in front of the shops added to the cleansing schedule once a month.

Cllr. Taylor asked West Ward Councillors to take forward setting up a resident's group which should include FCC, NWP and other relevant organisations.

It was **RESOLVED** that the West Ward Councillors would take forward.

### **102. MAYOR'S CHARITY FUNDS FROM TOTALLY MOLD VOUCHERS**

It was agreed at the time of approving the Totally Mold Voucher Scheme that any surplus from the unspent vouchers would be given to the Mayor's charity fund.

The surplus from the vouchers stands at: -  
2020 – 2021 Mayoral Term £1,960.00 - Cllr. Sarah Taylors term as Mayor  
2021 – 2022 Mayoral Term £615.00 – Cllr. Haydn Jones term as Mayor.

It was **RESOLVED** that the former Mayors donate the surplus funds from their Mayoral term to the charities / non-profit organisation as they see fit.

### **103. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Planning Decisions had been noted.

### **104. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

No notice of meetings attended presented.

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

Councillor Guest provided members with a verbal update following the working group meeting with the Trustees from the Daniel Owen Community Centre regarding the centre's toilets.

The letter received from the Daniel Owen Centre Chairperson confirmed that they would open the centre's toilets to the public during the Café opening times, which where 9:30 to 3pm Monday to Saturday.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the information.

## **106. PUBLICATION OF ATTENDANCE RECORDS AT MEETINGS**

Members were asked to approve that the attendance record of all Councillors, in addition to showing attendance at full town Council meetings, also showed attendance at committee meetings and that this be published at the Annual meeting

Councillor Dando requested that members to be requested to give reasonable apologies, as if meetings are not quorum they can not proceed, therefore prior notice of nonattendance was requested.

Councillor Bithell requested that the schedule of meetings published at the Annual Meeting is adhered to and meet dates not changed unless absolutely necessary.

It was **RESOLVED** that the attendance at all meetings to be published.

## **107. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS.**

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 5 Community Bank account CB1 £34,850.07

Month 5 Events Bank account £2,399.80

Month 5 Prepaid Mastercard £616.27

It was **RESOLVED** that that the schedule of payments be approved

## **108. VACANCIES**

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

CDR Committee – 2 vacancies

Policy and Audit Committee - 1 vacancy.

Planning Committee - 1 vacancy.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the vacancies.

**109. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

**7.15pm** The Events & Community Engagement Officer left the meeting

**Meeting closed at 7.45pm.**

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: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>
<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>

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