

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mold Town Council Meeting held at Bailey Hill Centre at 6pm on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllrs. Brian Lloyd (Mayor and Chairman), Paul Beacher (Deputy Mayor), Chris Bithell, Richard Clarke, Pete Dando, Nanette Davies, Robin Guest, Sarah Taylor, Suzanne Thomas

Via Zoom: Cllrs. Teresa Carberry, and Megan Lloyd Hughes. Jane Evans, Events & Community Engagement Officer

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk & Finance Officer; Leila Jones, Support Officer

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the Public present, (one attended online)

208. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors Catherine Claydon, Tina Claydon, Geoff Collett, Joanne Edwards, and Haydn Jones.

Councillor Megan Lloyd Hughes sent apologies and advised that she would be late to the meeting.

209. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

210. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor's appointments since the last meeting were **noted**.

Mold Spring Clean went well.

The Mayor's Charity Dinner Dance was well attended, a good night and raised over £5,000 for the Mayor's chosen charities.

Mayor met with about 5 or 6 Young Traders at the Young Traders Market.

Mayor attended Mold Alexandra F.C. last game of the season against Buckley Town F.C.

Easter Fun Day was very well attended with the Town Square as alternate venue this year.

211. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that;

- 211.1 The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 26th March 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 211.2 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7th April 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 211.3 The Minutes of the Youth and Children's Council Committee Meeting held on 15th April 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

212. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING 2025 AND NOMINATION OF MAYOR 2025/26

It was **resolved** that the Annual Meeting will take place at 6pm on Wednesday, 7th May 2025 at The Masonic Hall, Mold.

It was **resolved** that the council proposed Cllr P Beacher for the role of Mayor 2025-2026.

213. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Discussion was held to consider the request from Mayors for Peace for annual Membership Fee of 2,000 Japanese Yen.

It was **resolved** for Town Clerk to find out the exchange rate and bank fees and bring back to the members.

It was **noted** that this is the first correspondence received from Mayor's for Peace advising that a Membership Fee is now in place.

- (ii) It was **resolved** for Cllr Chris Bithell to send Business Rates motion wording for the Motions for 2025 One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting 2025 to the Town Clerk.

18.13pm Councillor Megan Lloyd Hughes joined the meeting via Zoom.

214. ACTION LIST

The ongoing Action List was **noted**. Confirmed by Town Clerk that completed items will come off the Action List after each Town Council meeting.

An update regarding Action 223 – cleaning and moving of Salt Bin by Morrisons was requested. The Town Clerk advised that a contractor has not been found yet to undertake the work.

215. OFFICER REPORTS

- (a) Members **noted** the previously circulated Events and Community Engagement Officer report and verbal update was received.

Progress is ongoing for the clearance of unsightly rubbish areas around the Town Centre.

Members thanked the Events and Community Engagement Officer for the success of events to date.

- (b) Members **noted** the previously circulated Town Clerk report and verbal update was received.

Town Clerk advised that confirmation received from One Voice Wales National Awards that all four nominations from Mold Town Council have been shortlisted.

18.32pm Member of public on zoom left the meeting.

216. HANGING BASKETS

Resolved to support the request for the CDR Committee to approve and appoint the contractor for 2025/2026 at the CDR Meeting on 13th May.

Member of the public left Zoom meeting at 18:32

217. SMART WATER KIT INITIATIVE

It was **resolved** to purchase 200 Smart Water Kits at a cost of £2,000 using Earmarked Reserves code 319 Town Projects/ Maintenance and sell at a subsidised price of £5 to residents. The kits will be provided on a first come, first serve basis and distribution will take place in partnership with the local policing team.

218. PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR TERESA CARBERRY

A discussion took place with regards to the Recycling Scheme: Refurbishment of storage space proposal from Deeside Defenders Gaming Club for a joint effort to improve the current situation at Daniel Owen Centre.

Proposed for Daniel Owen Centre and Deeside Defenders Gaming Club to arrange for the refurbishment of the store room allowing improved access to school uniforms, in exchange for installing a number of cabinets or racking for storage of their own items. Funding for the improvements to be found from the Gaming Club and labour provided by the Gaming Club volunteers.

Resolved to request a formal plan with details and costings from Deeside Defenders Gaming Club for the proposed refurbishment of the store room in the Daniel Owen Centre.

Resolved to seek confirmation from Daniel Owen Centre that they are ok with the proposed refurbishment of the store room which is rented by Mold Town Council for the Recycling Scheme School Uniforms storage space in Daniel Owen Centre – the proposal, liability, insurance, risk, etc.

219. PRIMARY SCHOOL PARKING PROJECT

Members **noted** the verbal update was received from Cllr Megan Lloyd Hughes.

It was **resolved** to fund the cost of £260 (excl VAT) for Mold Schools Road Safety Banner 2025 from the CDR cost code.

It was **resolved** to add a budget code for the Youth Council to the 2025/26 budget using funds from Earmarked Reserves 328 – Alternative Delivery Mod of £2000, without delegated rights to spend. All expenditure will still need to be agreed at Town Council Meetings.

It was **noted** that Mold Town Council will issue a Press Release when the Mold Schools Road Safety Banner 2025 is ready.

Members thanked Cllr Megan Lloyd Hughes and the Youth and Children's Council Committee for their work with the Youth Councils, the Primary Schools parking project and the Secondary School youths' vaping concerns.

220. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Members **noted** the previously circulated report.

221. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS

Members considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 12 – Community Bank account CB1 £55,189.34 (excl. VAT)

Month 12 – Events Bank account £911.57

Month 12 – Prepaid Mastercard £1,762.13

Month 12 – Mayors Charity Account £8.00 (bank interest)

Month 12 – Petty Cash £4.95

Month 12 – Business Money Manager Account £40,000 (internal transfers)

It was **resolved** that the schedules of payments be approved.

222. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was **resolved** to exclude public and press for discussion on confidential matters.

Member of the public left the meeting at 19:08

223. PART 2 – WASTE COLLECTION

It was **resolved** to move forward with the quote from Gaskells Waste Services for the new Town Council Office.

3x 140L bins, lockable (MTC to provide the locks), at £19.80 (excl VAT) per fortnight on a 3-year contract.

224. PART 2 – NEW HYBRID MEETING EQUIPMENT

Resolved to move forward with the purchase and installation of new equipment for the new Town Council Office at cost of £2,177.99 (incl VAT).

It was **noted** that it is a legal requirement in Wales for local government to offer Hybrid meetings.

The Mayor thanked everyone for coming and for their support during his tenure as Mayor.

Members thanked the Mayor for his dedication to Mold and the Town Council.

Meeting ended 19:15pm

Mayor's signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 23.04.2025	
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS	
None			

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