

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Mold Town Council held at the Masonic Hall, Harrowby Road, Mold at 6pm on Wednesday 7th May 2025.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Brian Lloyd (Mayor and Chairman), Paul Beacher (Deputy Mayor), Chris Bithell, Teresa Carberry, Richard Clarke, Tina Claydon, Geoff Collett, Pete Dando, Nanette Davies, Joanne Edwards, Robin Guest, Haydn Jones, Sarah Taylor, Suzanne Thomas and Teresa Carberry.

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk & Finance Officer; Jane Evans, Events & Community Engagement Officer; Emma Lyth, Support Officer and Leila Jones, Support Officer.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the Public present

Meeting commenced at 18:00

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2025/2026

On the proposal of Councillor Sarah Taylor and seconded by Councillor Pete Dando, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Paul Beacher be formally elected as Mayor of Mold Town Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Paul Beacher be formally elected as Mayor for the ensuing year 2025/2026.

Councillor Paul Beacher (Mayor) signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. RETIRING MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The retiring Mayor, Cllr Brian Lloyd, outlined his successful year and informed the Town Council that he had raised approximately £10,000 for his chosen charities through a number of fund-raising events.

Cllr Brian Lloyd congratulated new Mayor, Cllr Paul Beacher, and thanked him for the tremendous support he provided over the year as Deputy Mayor and that Mayor Paul Beacher will have the time of his life.

He gave thanks to his fellow Councillors for their support, along with the Mold Town Council Team of Officers. He welcomed the three new Councillors and thanked them for stepping forward. He welcomed the new Deputy Mayor, whomever that will be.

Special thanks were given to Jo Lane, Town Clerk & Finance Officer and Jane Evans, Events & Community Engagement Officer for their work and support during the relocation of the Town Council offices. Final thanks were given to his consort Jean, who was by his side throughout the year.

Councillor Brian Lloyd passed on the Mayoral Chain to Mayor Paul Beacher.

3. TRIBUTES TO MAYORAL YEAR 2024/2025

The new Mayor, Cllr Paul Beacher gave thanks to the retiring Mayor, Cllr Brian Lloyd for the support and guidance given to him over the year.

Cllr Haydn Jones paid tribute to the retiring Mayor for the tremendous amount of work, lots of time, energy and help to the residents of Mold. As chair of Hope House, Mold Group, Councillor Jones thanked Cllr Brian Lloyd for his support given to Hope House.

Cllr Chris Bithell paid tribute to the retiring Mayor and his consort Jean. They are both well liked in Mold and there was every confidence that he would fulfil the role, taking everything in his stride. He will be long remembered.

Cllr Sarah Taylor paid tribute to the retiring Mayor and will have a lasting memory of him at his last event, Live on The Square, on hands and knees rolling up the backdrop.

4. DEPUTY MAYOR 2025/2026

On the proposal of Councillor Haydn Jones for her dedication and diligent work as a Town Councillor since 2022, a member and Chair of the Cemetery Committee leading during the change in guidance and Cemetery staff and then seconded by Councillor Robin Guest, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Joanne Edwards be formally elected as Deputy Mayor of Mold Town Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Joanne Edwards be formally elected as Mayor for the ensuing year 2025/2026.

Councillor Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor) signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. APOLOGIES

Councillor Megan Lloyd Hughes.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared.

7. BANK MANDATES

RESOLVED: That

- 7.1) any two Members of the Council together with the Town Clerk and Finance Officer be authorised to sign cheques and authorise salary/pension/PAYE payments on behalf of the Town Council; and
- 7.2) the Town Clerk and Finance Officer be authorised to arrange bank payments and inter-account transfers on behalf of the Town Council; and
- 7.3) the Town Clerk and Finance Officer be authorised to arrange payment by direct debit for the following: -
 - I-Data – telephone and internet
 - Flintshire County Council – National Non-Domestic Rates Town Council Offices
 - Flintshire County Council – National Non-Domestic Rates for the Cemetery
 - Flintshire County Council - National Non-Domestic Rates for the Bailey Hill Centre
 - Your Care Services Ltd – Gas heating service for the Cemetery Lodge
 - EDF – Electricity supply to the Bailey Hill Centre
 - EON – Electricity supply Town Council Offices

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS

RESOLVED: That Membership be renewed for

- 8.1) One Voice Wales – £2,120 (agreed at March 2025 meeting)
- 8.2) The Institute of Cemeteries and Crematoria – Associate Membership – £105
- 8.3) The Purple Guide to Health, Safety and Welfare at Outdoor Events – £30
- 8.4) Cittaslow UK – £1,500
- 8.5) Flintshire Tourism Association – £50
- 8.6) SLCC Membership – £360

9. ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT/ DONATIONS

RESOLVED: That the following local organisations / community groups will receive financial support for the forthcoming year:

- 9.1) Flintshire Foodbank – £1,000

- 9.2) Town Band Contribution – £1,000
- 9.3) Citizens Advice – £3,000
- 9.4) Daniel Owen Association – £5,000
- 9.5) Fire Service Bonfire – £400
- 9.6) Eisteddfod Grants – £350
- 9.7) Daniel Owen Festival – £450
- 9.8) Mold Food and Drink Festival – £1,000
- 9.9) British Legion – £200

NOTED: That Daniel Owen Association £5,000 is for the upkeep of the toilets to be made available to the public.

10. COUNCIL COMMITTEES, PANELS AND WORKING GROUPS 2025/26

RESOLVED: That the following Members be appointed to the standing Committees of the Council:

NOTED: That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are ex-officio voting members on the Committees with delegated powers:

- 10.1) Cemetery Committee – delegated powers – Cllr Paul Beacher (Mayor), Cllr Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor), plus six Members – Cllrs Chris Bithell, Richard Clarke, Nanette Davies, Haydn Jones and Sarah Taylor
- 10.2) Community, Development & Regeneration Committee – delegated powers – Cllr Paul Beacher (Mayor), Cllr Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor), plus six Members – Cllrs Chris Bithell, Teresa Carberry, Catherine Frances Claydon, Geoff Collett, Robin Guest and Megan Lloyd Hughes.
- 10.3) Planning Committee – delegated powers – Cllr Paul Beacher (Mayor), Cllr Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor), plus six Members – Cllrs Richard Clarke, Haydn Jones, Brian Lloyd and Sarah Taylor. 2 spaces remain available.
- 10.4) Finance Committee - delegated powers – Cllr Paul Beacher (Mayor), Cllr Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor), plus five Members – Cllrs Chris Bithell, Teresa Carberry, Tina Claydon, Robin Guest, Geoff Collett and Suzanne Thomas.
- 10.5) Personnel Committee – five Members – Cllr Paul Beacher (Mayor), Cllrs Catherine Frances Claydon, Tina Claydon, Pete Dando, Haydn Jones and Sarah Taylor.
- 10.6) Policy & Audit Committee – five Members – Cllr Paul Beacher (Mayor), Teresa Carberry, Tina Claydon, Pete Dando and Sarah Taylor.
- 10.7) Community Awards Panel – Cllr Paul Beacher (Mayor), Cllr Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor), plus five Members – Cllrs Teresa Carberry, Catherine Frances Claydon, Pete Dando, Haydn Jones, Megan Lloyd Hughes and Sarah Taylor.

- 10.8) Youth and Children's Council Committee – five Members – Cllr Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor), Cllrs Chris Bithell, Teresa Carberry, Catherine Frances Claydon, Pete Dando, Megan Lloyd Hughes and Suzanne Thomas.
- 10.9) Cittáslow Mold – All Members of the Council

11. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2025/2026

RESOLVED: That the previously circulated schedule of meetings for the forthcoming year be approved and all Town Council / Committee Meetings would commence at 6.00pm.

12. OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be represented on the following organisations as follows:

- 12.1) One Voice Wales
Cllrs Teresa Carberry and Catherine Frances Claydon
- 12.2) Daniel Owen Community Association
Cllr Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor), Cllrs Nanette Davies and Sarah Taylor
- 12.3) Police and Community / County
Cllr Suzanne Thomas
- 12.4) Alyn Works Liaison Committee
Cllr Paul Beacher (Mayor), Cllrs Chris Bithell, Tina Claydon and Brian Lloyd
- 12.5) Parkfields Management Committee
Cllr Haydn Jones
- 12.6) Mold Town Concert Band Management Committee
Cllr Paul Beacher (Mayor)
- 12.7) Mold Fairtrade
It was **RESOLVED:** To bring forward 12.7 Mold Fairtrade to the next full Town Council meeting to investigate if it is in the interest of Mold Town Council to continue with representatives.
- 12.8) The Bailey Hill Project Partnership – to be members of CDR Committee
Cllr Paul Beacher (Mayor) and Cllr Robin Guest.

12.9) Mold Plastic Reduction Steering Group
Cllr Catherine Frances Claydon.

12.10) Cittáslow UK Treasurer – Town Clerk
MTC reps Cllrs Catherine Frances Claydon and Tina Claydon.

13. MEMBERS' ATTENDANCES – MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/25

Members' attendances for Town Council Meetings were **noted**.

It was **RESOLVED** that resigned members to be included in the attendance for 2024/25 Town Council meetings prior to placing on to the Town Council Website.

Meeting closed at 18:29

Mayor's signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 07.05.2025
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
None		

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