

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mold Town Council Meeting held at Town Council Offices, Unit 10 Daniel Owen Precinct, Mold at 6pm on Wednesday 25th February 2026 (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllrs. Paul Beacher (Mayor and Chair), Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor), Catherine Frances Claydon, Chris Bithell, Geoff Collett, Haydn Jones, Nanette Davies, Richard Clarke, Robin Guest, Sarah Taylor, and Tina Claydon.

Via Zoom: Cllrs. Pete Dando, Suzanne Thomas and Teresa Carberry; and Guest Speaker Karen Whitney-Lang – Flintshire County Council, Regeneration Team.

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

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Sergeant NPT Steph Rowley – NW Police Neighbourhood Policing Team
Karen Whitney-Lang – Flintshire County Council, Regeneration Team

ALSO PRESENT:

6 members of the public in attendance and 2 members of the public via Zoom.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident speaking on behalf of MATAs Mold addressed the Council and delivered a statement. At the conclusion of the address, sealed envelopes were distributed to Councillors.

18:40: Public Participation session ended.

143. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors: Brian Lloyd and Megan Lloyd Hughes.

Apologies were received in advance from Councillor Pete Dando advising he would be late to the meeting.

144. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Joanne Edwards, Nanette Davies, Sarah Taylor, and Teresa Carberry declared an interest in agenda item 11 – Mold Town Council Uniform Recycling Initiative.

145. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

146. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that;

146.1 4.1 – Councillor Haydn Jones proposed a motion to amend the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held of 28th January 2026, item 130, so that it reads as follows:

The Town Clerk is to write to the Neighbourhood Policing Team to seek clarification and request enforcement of the 500 meter exclusion zone around Poundland, which it is understood exists, as advised by a County Councillor, to ensure that protesters remain at least 500 meters from the premises.

A vote was held with **10 for, 0 against, and 4 abstaining**.

RESOLVED:

The Town Clerk to make the relevant changes to the Minutes as agreed.

146.2 The Minutes of the Community, Development and Regeneration Committee Meeting held on 3rd February 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

146.3 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 9th February 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

147. NORTH WALES UPDATE ON CRIME AND ASB

Sergeant NPT Steph Rowley – NW Police Neighbourhood Policing Team presented a verbal update on the Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Mold and the use of CCTV in policing.

Sgt. Rowley confirmed that an incident had taken place and advised that there is no ongoing risk to the public.

Sgt. Rowley advised that discussions have taken place regarding the CCTV camera currently located in Gas Lane, which is considered no longer necessary in that position. A formal request from the North Wales Policing Team will be submitted to the Clerk in relation to relocating the camera to an alternative site.

Sgt. Rowley will follow up on the request to move the CCTV camera accordingly.

Sgt. Rowley answered Members' questions:

The Neighbourhood Policing Team are looking at other areas across North Wales into how they are dealing with e-bikes and e-scooters. She informed Members that e-bikes and e-scooters can be seized.

Sgt. Rowley stated that residents can assist the police by reporting incidents.

Crime figures for certain areas of Mold could possibly be high due to a spike in shoplifting for those areas.

CCTV has been invaluable in assisting with prosecutions.

Sgt. Rowley is in talks with the parking wardens regarding the no return after 30 minutes enforcement on the High Street. The NPT have also had a recent meeting with Flintshire County Council Highways for parking around schools.

Go Safe requests can be put in areas where speeding has been identified.

Mayor Paul Beacher thanked Sgt. Rowley for attending tonight's meeting and providing Members with the update and answering questions.

148. DRAFT MOLD PLACEMAKING PLAN

Karen Whitney-Lang – Flintshire County Council, Regeneration Team provided Members with an update on the Draft Mold Placemaking Plan and upcoming consultations.

There are 10 stages of the Plan and of the 7 towns in Flintshire within the Plan, Mold is on stages 5 & 6. The 1st draft public consultation will be held between 27 February-16 March 2026. There are 7 identified priorities (subject to change) and further work is needed to strengthen the 'people' focused priorities. The FCC Regeneration Team are proposing a meeting with Mold Town Council and others within the next 6 weeks.

18:32: Councillor Pete Dando joined the meeting via Zoom.

The upcoming consultations are: 2nd March and 11th March 2026. Tonight's meeting is a consultation to provide Mold Town Council with an update.

There will be a short survey of key questions with scaling of 1-10, strategic document, 3-5 drafts and then go to FCC Cabinet for approval to the next stage. Once plan is approved it will move to an action plan and this should be around Autumn time.

Members asked how much has been allocated? There are 7 towns, £247k has been allocated to develop the plans in all 7 towns. So far, £4.8 million pound grant funding has been secured using the plans created.

Members made comments on the plan:

Members asked for independent businesses and traders to be included in these consultations via a specific meeting for them. Also mentioned were concerns that ongoing unfinished projects need to be completed before new projects are started, derelict and untidy properties and areas of Mold need to be addressed.

18:49: Member of the Public joined the meeting via Zoom.

Members also mentioned that distinction between revenue and capital funding needs to be made clear.

Members stated that the Plan alluded that not much happens on Daniel Owen Square which is untrue. It is regularly used for Mold markets, Mold Town Council events and other events. Mold is a cultural Centre with Theatre Clwyd and wider cultural groups.

Emphasis needs to be made that Mold is a hub for approximately 55k people and reaches further than just the 10k population of Mold.

Town Clerk requested details of the consultation so that MTC can share. Karen Whitney-Lang will send on Friday after the consultation link goes live and will circulate the press releases. She will also send dates to the Town Clerk to meet with MTC in April.

Mayor Paul Beacher thanked Karen Whitney-Lang for attending tonight's meeting and providing Members with the update and answering questions.

19:00: Karen Whitney-Lang – Flintshire County Council, Regeneration Team left the meeting.

149. 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.

150. OFFICER REPORTS

- (i) Members **noted** the previously circulated Events and Community Engagement Officer report and verbal update was received.
- (ii) Members **noted** the previously circulated Town Clerk report and verbal update from the Town Clerk was received.

Town Clerk thanked Leila Jones, Support Officer, for her work organising the successful Bailey Hill Centre Open Day on 18th February 2026.

151. CONSULTATIONS

- (i) Members **noted** the Community Reviews under the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2025 – Draft Proposals.

(ii) Members **noted** the Draft Planning Enforcement Policy Consultation.

152. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

Members **considered** the Member's Allowance for 2025/2026.

It was **noted** that the Member's Allowance is not automatic and must be applied for by submission to Town Clerk.

A vote was held with **12 for, 1 against, and 1 abstaining.**

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** the Member's Allowance for 2025/2026

Chair – £500

Councillors:

£156 – Allowance to recognise Councillors incur costs to do their role

£52 – Payment in respect of telephone, broadband

Total: £208

153. MOLD TOWN COUNCIL UNIFORM RECYCLING INITIATIVE

Councillor Teresa Carberry thanked Emma Lyth, Support Officer, for assisting with the organisation of the storage room.

A discussion was held and it was **agreed** that the Uniform Recycling Initiative is a needed benefit and used by the residents of our community.

A vote was held with **10 for, 0 against, and 4 abstaining.**

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** that Mold Town Council will continue to fund storage facilities at the Daniel Owen Centre for the Uniform Recycling Scheme for 2026/27 at a cost of £1,320 per annum.

Members further **approved** the proposed amendment to continue the funding arrangement whilst exploring alternative options for storage and distribution.

Alternative storage and distribution for the Uniform Recycling Initiative will be explored.

154. FUTURE OF LOVE LANE CAR BOOT

A discussion was held and Members **considered** all options.

Town Clerk thanked those members who attended the meeting with Flintshire County Council to discuss the possible transfer of the Love Lane Car Boot to Mold Town Council.

It was **proposed** that Mold Town Council would not take over the operation of Love Lane Car Boot.

A vote was held with **10 for, 4 against, and 0 abstaining**.

RESOLVED:

Mold Town Council will not take over the operation of the Love Lane Car Boot.

155. CONSIDERATION OF CITTASLOW MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Catherine Frances Claydon thanked four members of Mold Cittaslow Working Group for attending the meeting, two in person and two via Zoom, in support of her motion.

A discussion was held and Members **considered** two motions brought forward.

Members **noted** Cittaslow ideals are embedded in much of what we do now as a Town Council.

Motion from Councillor Catherine Frances Claydon:

That Mold Town Council:

1. Approves the 2026/27 Cittaslow membership fee to maintain official status through the 20th Anniversary year.
2. Authorises the expenditure of £2,000 currently held in earmarked reserves-funds which have been accumulated from Cittaslow International grants/projects over the duration of our membership.
3. Resolves that these funds be used exclusively for the 'Cittaslow 20' Anniversary Programme (Museum exhibition, community events and business engagement).
4. Mandates a strategic review of membership by December 2026 to determine the path forward for 2027.

A vote was held with **5 for, 7 against, and 2 abstaining**.

The motion was not carried.

Motion from Councillor Haydn Jones:

Councillor Haydn Jones has put forward a motion not to continue with Cittaslow membership, noting that the town has paid for membership for 20 years and that the cost

now outweighs the benefit. Only three towns remain actively involved in the movement. Council previously agreed in January 2024 to continue membership for a further two years, but it is considered that insufficient change has occurred to justify renewal. It is therefore recommended that Council cease Cittaslow membership starting 2026/2027.

A vote was held with **7 for, 5 against, and 2 abstaining**.

RESOLVED:

Mold Town Council will cease Cittaslow membership starting 2026/27.

Town Clerk to arrange the cease of Cittaslow membership for 2026/27.

20:06: Councillor Robin Guest left the meeting.

20:07: Two members of the public on Zoom left the meeting.

156. A MAYORS CADET

Cllr Paul Beacher spoke on the consideration of introducing a Mayor's Cadet. After discussion, it was agreed not to proceed with the initiative.

RESOLVED:

Members **agreed** not to introduce a Mayor's Cadet for Mold Town Council.

157. GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AND SILENT SOLDIER – BAILEY HILL

Members **agreed** Events & Community would take forward the proposals to Flintshire County Council to seek permission and obtain costings. The information is to be reported back to Mold Town Council Members for a final decision regarding the following:

Garden of Remembrance - to reduce the issues currently experienced when laying a cross due to solid ground. Suggested to redo the area with soil and cover with finer stones.

Silent Soldier – to relocate the Silent Soldier near to the Garden of Remembrance. Suggested location next to the tree overlooking the Garden of Remembrance.

158. FACILITIES OFFICER RECRUITMENT

The Town Clerks report regarding the Recruitment Process of the Facilities Officer was **noted**.

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** the recruitment outcome and **approved** the commencement of the new Facilities Officer on the 2nd March 2026.

20:13: Sgt NPT Steph Rowley – NW Police Neighbourhood Policing Team left the meeting.

159. BUS STATION TOILETS

A discussion was held and Members **considered** two motions brought forward.

Motions from Councillor Sarah Taylor

1. Public Statement

Confirming that Mold Town Council is seeking information from Flintshire County Council regarding the future of the Bus Station Public Toilets, but has not received sufficient detail to make a decision. The statement will note that the Council will consult with residents before reaching a conclusion.

2. Letter to Flintshire County Council

Formally raising concern that required financial, operational and legal information has not been provided and requesting that this be supplied as soon as possible and before any further discussion or decisions can take place.

A vote was held with **12 for, 0 against, and 1 abstaining**.

RESOLVED:

Motion 1:

Town Clerk and Cllr Sarah Taylor have delegated authority, to issue a public statement.

Motion 2:

Town Clerk and Cllr Sarah Taylor to write to Flintshire County Council raising concerns regarding the lack of information provided to the Town Council so far and requesting sufficient financial, operations, and legal information to allow the Town Council to consider a potential asset transfer.

160. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING

Members **noted** the previously circulated report.

161. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS

Members **considered** the schedules previously circulated.

Month 10 – Community Bank account CB1 £46,682.49 (excl. VAT)

Month 10 – Events Bank account £1,531

Month 10 – Prepaid Mastercard £473.80

Month 10 – Business Money Manager Account £95,000 (internal transfers)

Month 10 – Petty Cash £5.98

Month 10 – Mayor's Charity £0.00

RESOLVED:That the schedules of payments be **approved**.

Mayor Paul Beacher thanked members of the public for attending.

Meeting ended: 20:20

Mayor's signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 24.09.2025
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
Cllr Teresa Carberry Cllr Sarah Taylor Cllr Joanne Edwards Cllr Nanette Davies	Mold Town Council Uniform Recycling Initiative	153 (c)
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