

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (also, by Video conferencing).**

### **PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** Cllrs. Paul Beacher (Mayor and Chair), Brian Lloyd, Chris Bithell, Haydn Jones, Nanette Davies, Pete Dando, Robin Guest and Sarah Taylor.

**Via Zoom:** Cllrs. Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor), Megan Lloyd Hughes, Suzanne Thomas, Teresa Carberry and Tina Claydon.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** No members of the Public present.

### **162. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillors: Catherine Frances Claydon, Geoff Collett and Richard Clarke.

### **163. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **164. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **165. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that;

165.1 The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were corrected with the amendment that 'the date in the 'Summary of Declarations' section was corrected to 25.02.2026', then be received and **approved** as a correct record;

165.2 The Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

165.3 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were corrected with the amendment that 'the date in the first paragraph was corrected to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026', then be received and **approved** as a correct record;

165.4 The Minutes of the Youth and Children's Council Committee Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were corrected with the amendment 'in Section 29/last paragraph to read: It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Primary School, Youth Council Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were accepted as a true record.', then be received and **approved** as a correct record;

165.5 The Minutes of the Policy and Audit Committee Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

165.6 The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

165.7 The Minutes of the Community, Development and Regeneration Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

## **166. BELONG NETWORK**

Representatives of Belong Network advised prior to the meeting as there was no updated information to present to Members.

## **167. 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.

Action Item 150: Town Clerk to again request update from FCC with regards to 'Active Travel'.

## **168. OFFICER REPORTS**

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

**Noted** that residents' comments have been received with concerns regarding the new seating, lack of bins, planting scheme and dirty planters in the Daniel Owen Precinct.

Events and Community Engagement Officer to follow up with Kidsbank Flintshire regarding their request for plain/no logo uniforms.

The 15 Lifepak defibrillators in the community previously donated to businesses/groups by Mold Town Council are being discontinued and parts will no longer be available.

Events and Community Engagement Officer to write to the current defib holders to advise them of the discontinuation and recommend they look into purchasing the ZOLL AED Plus Semi-Automatic Defibrillator (as recommended by Ambulance Service).

**PROPOSED:** 4127 – CDR Project Costs of £1,000 will be transferred to Ear Marked Reserves – 330 CDR Project to cover the replacement items at a later date.

**RESOLVED:**

Town Clerk to move 4127 – CDR Project Costs of £1,000 to EMR – 330 CDR Project to cover the replacement items at a later date.

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

Town Clerk has invited Blue Douglas of Rock Youth to the next Town Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 and is waiting on confirmation.

Mold Place Making Plan – People Priorities Workshop is to held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026. Members comments to be emailed to Councillor Sarah Taylor to take to the workshop.

**ACTION:** Members requested to respond to the Town Clerk by end of day Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, with their comments on the UK Town and Culture 2028 – Expression of Interest.

**169. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (i) Members **RESOLVED** to provide £1,000 support for the Gwella Fit, Fed and Read 2026 summer programme, which has already been budgeted for 2026/27.
- (ii) Members **noted** the NEWSAR letter of thanks to the Town Council's Mold Novemberfest Committee for the generous support and donation of £500 to their team.
- (iii) Members **noted** the letter from Ramblers Cymru, Mold regarding Factory Pool Land closure to walkers.

Town Clerk to respond that this is outside of Mold Town Council's remit.

- (iv) Members **RESOLVED** to provide up to £10,000, which has already been budgeted for 2026/27, to the Gwella Match Funding Scheme – Improvements

to Children's Play Areas 2026/27 and requested to have sight of this year's assessment for all the play areas. Gwella spoke with the recent Youth and Children's Council and asked for input to Gwella's assessment.

#### **170. REPORT AND ACTION PLAN FROM MOLD TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING DAY**

##### **RESOLVED:**

Members **accepted** the Report.

Members **accepted** the Action Plan.

Members **noted** the Action Plan is a working document. Those who attended felt the Planning Day was a success and that the report and action plan are informative and comprehensive.

Town Clerk to write and send Members' appreciation to the Facilitator.

##### **RESOLVED:**

Members **approved** to implement an Annual Planning Day in September to assist with budget setting. Members also **agreed** to invite the same Facilitator.

#### **171. NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR SARAH TAYLOR**

**MOTION:** That Mold Town Council resolves to introduce an informal indicative vote prior to the Annual Meeting of the Council to identify a preferred candidate for the office of Deputy Mayor, for the purpose of enabling appropriate arrangements for the Mayor Making event and supporting a smooth transition between office holders.

The formal election of the Deputy Mayor shall take place at the Annual Meeting of the Council in accordance with statutory requirements.

##### **RESOLVED:**

Members **approved** the Motion with clarification that the same criteria applies to the Deputy Mayor as it applies to the Mayor. Discussions can take place before the annual meeting but official approval will not take place until the Annual Meeting.

#### **172. NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR SARAH TAYLOR**

**MOTION:** That this Council agrees to begin the process of withdrawing from the tripartite agreement regarding the management of Bailey Hill Centre, giving the required six months' notice under the current memorandum of understanding.

Discussion was held with questions, comments and further information. Due consideration to be noted in respects to the tenant.

19.06: Councillor Megan Lloyd-Hughes exited the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

Members **approved** to defer the vote on the Motion to the April Town Council meeting allowing Members adequate time to consider. The Town Clerk will provide Members with all documentation in relation to the Tripartite Agreement.

19.09: Councillor Joanne Edwards exited the meeting.

19.11: Councillor Joanne Edwards rejoined the meeting.

**173. POLICY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RESOLVED:**

1. Members **approved** that the current Financial Regulations remain in force and require no alterations.
2. Members **adopted** the updated Risk Management Strategy and Operational Risk Assessment
3. Members **adopted** the following policies and documents:
  - (a) Publication Scheme
  - (b) Local Resolution Policy
  - (c) Vexatious Policy  
**Noted:** Town Clerk to amend Section 5. – change Unreasonable to Reasonable.
  - (d) Information Technology (IT) and Digital Communications Policy

**174. FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RESOLVED:**

- Members **approved** the proposed budget virements between cost codes for the 2025/26 financial year, as outlined in the report, in order to offset overspends against available underspends within the Council's budget.
- Members **approved** the proposed transfers to Ear Marked Reserves (EMRs), including transfers to:
  - EMR 313 – Election Provision
  - EMR 315 – Christmas Lights
- Members **delegated authority** to the Town Clerk and Financial Officer with oversight from the Mayor to make minor adjustments to the figures detailed in this report, where necessary, once the final income and expenditure figures for the financial year are confirmed.

This delegation is requested as the figures within this report are currently estimated projections, and the final balances will not be confirmed until the accounts have been fully reconciled at the end of March 2026. Any adjustments made will only relate to minor variations required to accurately reflect the final financial position.

- Members **noted** the previously agreed transfer of £32,130 from EMR 316 – MTC Future Purchase/Rent to General Reserves, as agreed by the Town Council in January 2026.
- Members **noted** that any remaining underspend within the Cemetery and Bailey Hill budgets will be transferred to their respective Ear Marked Reserves at year end.

#### **175. ASSET REGISTER 2025/26**

##### **RESOLVED:**

Members **approved** the Asset Register for the Town Council 2025/26 and **approved** it as a correct record of the Council's assets for the financial year.

#### **176. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

Members **noted** the verbal update received from Councillor Sarah Taylor. Action points were agreed by the Working Group which Town Clerk has actioned today. Discussions are still ongoing with FCC.

#### **177. PURCHASE OF BINS**

Members **approved** the purchase of bins for use at Town Council supported community events from proposed Supplier B at total cost of £789.40 for 20 bins including delivery. Members also **approved** to purchase the bins now and temporarily store at the Council's current storage lot.

Members **approved** storage of bins at Raikes Lane Storage at cost of £30 per month.

Events and Community Engagement Officer to use the Events budget for the storage cost and purchase of bins, to purchase the bins now, temporarily store them at the Council's current storage lot and then later to move them to Raikes Lane Storage.

#### **178. INTERIM AUDIT 2025/26**

Members **noted** the previously circulated Interim Audit 2025/26 report.

**179. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING**

Members **noted** the previously circulated report.

**81. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS**

Members **considered** the schedules previously circulated showing all accounts – Month 11. Members **noted** that payments are made in accordance with the powers of local councils.

- Month 11 – Community Bank account CB1 £36,908.73 (excl. VAT)
- Month 11 – Events Bank account £2,243.44
- Month 11 – Prepaid Mastercard £235.47
- Month 11 – Mayors Charity Account £0.00 (bank interest)
- Month 11 – Petty Cash £3.00
- Month 11 – Business Money Manager Account £20,000 (internal transfers)

**Meeting ended 19:34**

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: 25.03.2026</b>
<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
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