

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 25th January 2006.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Bryan Grew (Deputy Mayor), Chris Bithell, Carolyn Cattermoul, Tony Cattermoul, Geoff Collett, Geoff Darkins, Robin Guest, Carol Heycocks, Joyce Jones, Jack Laing, Phill Lloyd, Andrea Mearns and Ken Williams with the Clerk and Finance Officer and Town Centre Manager.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors: Ray Dodd (Mayor) and Stephanie Hulley.

113. MAYOR' ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Mayor stated that he had been pleased, as no doubt other Members of the Town Council had, to hear that the National Eisteddfod was due to be held in Mold in 2007. The Deputy Mayor advised of his belief that the Town Council should be involved, as much as possible, in the preparations for the event and it was agreed that a group of Members should discuss this involvement further with the organising Committee of the Eisteddfod.

Resolved: It was resolved that a Committee comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Chris Bithell, Joyce Jones and Andrea Mearns meet with the organisers of the Eisteddfod to determine the involvement of the Town Council and to report back to the full Council.

114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Carol Heycocks declared an interest in the item headed "Financial Assistance" and recorded in the Minutes as 120(e).

115. VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR – WEST WARD

The Clerk and Finance Officer advised that the vacancy for a Councillor in the West Ward, would be advertised the day following the meeting. He indicated that nominations for an election would be sought if ten electors from the Ward so requested.

116. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that:

a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30th November 2005 be received and approved as a correct record;

- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 7th December 2005 be received and noted;
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20th December 2005 be received and noted;
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee held on 20th December 2005 be received and noted;
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 11th January 2006 be approved as a correct record; and
- f) The minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee held on 18th January 2006 and circulated at meeting be received and noted.

117. MATTERS ARISING

Town Council - 30th November 2005

117.1 Item 94 - Disposal of Household Waste

Councillor Robin Guest requested that the County Council Executive Member for Waste Disposal be asked to clarify whether the current lack of recycling of trade refuse is to be addressed.

Tourism Committee - 7th December 2005

117.2 Item 7 – Tourist Information Centre

Councillor Andrea Mearns reminded the Town Council that no other town or community council in the County supported the Tourist Information Centre. Councillor Carol Heycocks asked that further meetings with representatives of North Wales Tourism be held as soon as possible to discuss progress.

Planning Committee - 20th December 2005
Cemetery Committee - 20th December 2005
Personnel Committee - 11th January 2006
Cemetery Committee - 18th January 2006

There were no matters arising.

118. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence, including one additional item, were considered:

118.1 The Town Council noted that a copy of the Flintshire Fairtrade Coalition Annual Report 2005 had been received.

118.2 The Town Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of the adoption of Swn y Nant as a public highway.

118.3 The Town Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council's Chief Planning Officer regarding the design criteria for estate roads. Members asked that a copy of the revised standards be forwarded to the Town Council.

118.4 The Town Council noted both items of correspondence from Inspector John Hanahoe (Items 7.4 and 7.7) regarding the appointment of an additional Community Beat Manager and the enforcement of parking regulations. The Clerk and Finance Officer advised that Inspector Hanahoe would be moving to an alternative post in the Eastern Division on 31st January for Mold to be replaced by Inspector Mark Pierce. The Council agreed to invite the new Inspector and Community Beat Manager to its next meeting and to write and thank Inspector Hanahoe for the work he has undertaken and to offer the best wishes of the Town Council to him for the future.

118.5 The Town Council noted receipt of the minutes of the meetings of the Flintshire Local Health Board held on 25th November and 21st December 2005.

118.6 The Town Council noted receipt of the copy of the Clwyd Community Health Council Annual Report 2004/05.

118.7 The Town Council noted receipt of the newsletters and leaflet from Health Challenge Wales.

118.8 The Town Council noted receipt of the copy of the Clwyd Pension Fund Annual Report 2004/05.

118.9 The Town Council noted receipt of the copy of the Flintshire Local Transport Plan 2001-2006 Fourth Annual Progress Report.

118.10 The Town Council noted receipt of the notice from Flintshire County Council advising of the temporary closure of Chester Road (between Wood Green and the Wylfa Roundabout). It was agreed to ask that the diversions be adequately advertised.

118.11 The Town Council noted receipt of the notice from Flintshire County Council advising of the temporary closure or restrictions of various roads for the construction of a new roundabout and associated works at the junction of Chester Street, Chester Road, Ponterwyl and Lead Mills.

118.12 The Town Council noted receipt of the copy of the Annual Report of the Local Government Partnership Scheme 2004-2005.

118.13 The Town Council noted receipt of the notice advising of the proposed prohibition of driving at Mold Bus Station between Chester Street and King Street to prevent through traffic.

118.14 The Town Council noted the correspondence advising of meetings being held regarding the review of Lottery Good Causes post 2009.

Resolved: That the actions set out above be approved.

119. BUDGET 2006 / 07

The Council considered the previously circulated report detailing the estimates for the current year, the probable expenditure for the year together with estimates for the next financial year 2006/2007. The Council also noted that the report included the quarterly review of the current years accounts with details of the petty cash expenditure, income and the bank / cash reconciliation as at 31st December 2005.

The Council carefully considered the draft budget proposals and noted the possible requirement for a financial contribution towards the National Eisteddfod 2007. In noting the desire to provide for the future enhancement of the closed circuit television coverage in the Town, Members felt there was currently no pressing need for these funds and that it would be appropriate to review next years contribution to funds and have in mind an allocation of £3,000 for the Eisteddfod.

The Council noted the offer of a donation towards a chain of office for the Deputy Mayor and felt that it would be appropriate to pursue this purchase in the coming year.

The Council supported an increase in the rental fees for the Jubilee Room with effect from April 2006 but and agreed that they be increased to £7.00 and £10.00 per hour for Charities/Voluntary Groups and Non Charities respectively.

It was noted that any excess of expenditure over income in 2006/07, could be met by balances, but the Council did recognise the need to look further ahead to ensure that future budgets balanced. It was therefore, agreed that an increase in the precept of 4.75% would be appropriate for the coming year.

Resolved: It was resolved that

- a) The quarterly reviews of general expenditure, petty cash expenditure, income and the bank reconciliation as at 31st December 2005 be noted and approved;
- b) The Burial Fees as detailed in the minutes of the Cemetery Committee held on 18th January 2006 be approved;
- c) The charges for use of the Jubilee Room be increased from 1st April 2006 to £7.00 and £10.00 per hour for Charities/Voluntary Groups and Non Charities respectively;
- d) The donation towards the purchase of a chain of office for the Deputy Mayor be gratefully accepted and provision be found within next years budget for the remainder of the costs involved;

e) The draft budget for 2006/2007 be approved subject to the allocation for the future provision of closed circuit television being reduced to £1,000 and £3,000 being identified as a possible initial contribution towards the staging of the National Eisteddfod in Mold in 2007; and

f) A precept of £145,785.00 be approved for the year 2006/2007.

120. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Council considered the report detailing the applications for financial assistance and agreed to make contributions as follows:

a) Mold & District Choral Society	£100.00
b) North Wales Assn for Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus	£ 50.00
c) Flintshire Welsh Language Initiative (two grants)	£250.00
d) Flintshire Crossroads	£250.00
e) Mold Witness Service	£ 50.00
f) Tyddyn Street Church	£500.00

The Council agreed to defer the application from Bobaith Children's Therapy Centre to seek further information on the service and its benefit for children from Mold.

Resolved: It was resolved that the grants detailed above be approved.

121. REVIEW OF LOCAL SERVICE DELIVERY IN WALES

The Town Council considered the previously circulated draft response to the Welsh Assembly Government regarding the initial arrangements for a review of local service delivery in Wales.

Resolved: It was resolved that the draft response be approved.

122. POLICE REFORM IN WALES

The Town Council considered the previously circulated correspondence from the Home Office.

The Council was disappointed with the response and felt that it did not address the issues raised. Members remained of the view that the reorganisation of the Police Forces had not been properly costed nor did it address the policing issues faced within the communities. It was agreed to pursue the matter further with the Home Office.

Resolved: It was resolved that the matter be further pursued with the Home Office.

123. REPORT OF THE TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

The Town Council considered the previously circulated 2005 Annual Report of the Town Centre Manager.

Reference was made to the possible investment schemes and Councillor Chris Bithell advised that the revised planning applications, for the Homebase and Taylor Tiles developments, had been received by the County Council.

Resolved: It was resolved that the report be received.

124. NOTICES OF MOTION

124.1 On the proposal of Councillor Joyce Jones it was agreed to ask Flintshire County Council to undertake the necessary repairs to the road at the pedestrian crossing on the High Street between the Halifax Bank and Cheshire Building Society.

124.2 On the proposal of Councillor Ken Williams it was agreed to ask Flintshire County Council to review and revise the times for the parking restrictions currently applicable to Grosvenor Street.

124.3 It was agreed to defer the notice of motion from Councillor Stephanie Hulley to the next meeting.

124.4 On the proposal of Councillor Chris Bithell it was agreed to again ask Aldi Foodstores Ltd be again asked to look at the possibility of installing barriers within its car park to prevent unauthorised use and nuisance by car users.

Resolved: It was resolved that the above actions be agreed.

125. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Council considered those applications previously circulated and three new applications:

125.1 KYT/040731 – Construction of a pitched roof in lieu of flat roof, Bryn Gwalia Bowling Club, Clayton Road – no objections.

125.2 CZR/040682 – Erection of a single storey rear extension to form larger kitchen area, 51 Hendy Road – no objections.

125.3 DCT/040667 – Conversion and redevelopment of existing outbuildings to create 2 no. dwellings, Land to rear of Victoria Hotel, 25 Chester Street – whilst the Town Council supports the application in principle, concern was expressed about the availability of car parking and the difficult access arrangements within and to the site respectively. The Council felt that concerns about this application also applied to applications 040798 and 040748 and that these should not be considered in isolation.

125.4 KYT/040798 – Erection of a single storey rear extension, Victoria Hotel, Chester Street – whilst the Town Council supports the application in principle, concern was expressed about the availability of car parking and the difficult access arrangements within and to the site respectively. The Council felt that concerns about this application also applied to applications 040798 and 040748 and that these should not be considered in isolation.

125.5 DCT/040748 – Amendment to application previously approved under ref: 39312 to replace single flat with 3 no. flats, Victoria Hotel, Chester Street – whilst the Town Council supports the application in principle, concern was expressed about the availability of car parking and the difficult access arrangements within and to the site respectively. The Council felt that concerns about this application also applied to applications 040798 and 040748 and that these should not be considered in isolation.

125.6 PXR/040600 – Refurbishment of existing offices, siting of temporary offices and storage containers, erection of new palisade boundary fence and gates and erection of security cameras on 5m mounting poles, Formerly BP Depot Cove Construction, Gas Lane – no objections.

125.7 KCS/040779 – Erection of a rear extension, 22 Ffordd Argoed – no objections subject to there being no adverse reaction from neighbouring residents.

125.8 LEJ/040793 – First floor extension above single storey side extension previously approved under ref:39574, 1 Llys Menden – no objections.

125.9 KYT/040775 – Formation of new vehicular access onto Love Lane, Land at Love Lane (Rear of Maes y Vaynor) – the Town Council is unclear about the location or the purpose of this vehicular access. The Council does not feel able to comment on the application without further details being made available.

125.10 KCS/040790 – Erection of a store extension, Aldi Foodstore Ltd, King Street – no objections.

125.11 JZB/040829 – Erection of a two storey extension, Parry & Spencer, Unit 16 Mold Business Park – no objections.

125.12 PXR/040769 – Construction of raised wooden decking in garden area, 2 Pentre Mill, Chester Road – no objections.

125.13 DCT/040863 – Erection of a detached dwelling, Land south of Brook House, Broncoed Lane – the Town Council felt that there were currently sufficient dwellings located off this unmade private road and that this application should therefore be refused.

Resolved: It was resolved that the observations set out above be forwarded to Flintshire County Council.

126. MEETINGS ATTENDED

126.1 Councillor Andrea Mearns advised of her attendance at the meeting of Mold 2000 to talk about the food town initiative.

127. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS

The Council considered the schedule previously circulated and noted that expenditure complied with the statutory powers available to local councils.

Resolved: It was resolved that the schedule of payments be approved.

128. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved: It was resolved to exclude the public and press to allow discussion on items relating to staffing.

129. STAFFING MATTERS

Resolved: It was resolved that the Town Council formally approve the recommendation from the Personnel Committee held on 11th January 2006 as set out in the Minutes approved earlier by the Council (Minute 116(e) refers).

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL	DATE: 25th January 2006
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
Cllr. Carol Heycocks	Financial Assistance	120(e)

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