

## **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillors: Carolyn Cattermoul, Geoff Darkins and Stephanie Hulley.

### **159. MAYOR' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor apologised for his absence from the previous meeting and thanked Councillor Carol Heycocks for chairing the meeting. The Mayor then welcomed Councillor Sheila Powell to her first meeting of the Town Council.

The Mayor advised the Council of his attendance at the Annual Crimebeat Awards ceremony when pupils from the Alun School were winners for their production of a personal safety film. He advised that a copy of the DVD was available at the Town Hall for Members to view. Reference was also made to a meeting with the Mayor of Ludlow regarding Cittaslow status and to the official opening of the redeveloped HSBC Bank.

The Mayor also referred to meeting Princess Anne at the Community Safety Partnership presentations and to the St George's Day Service for the Scouting movement.

### **160. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **161. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2006 be received and approved as a correct record.

### **162. MATTERS ARISING**

162.1 Item 146.2 – Litter Pick

The Clerk and Finance Officer advised the litter pick had now been arranged for 21<sup>st</sup> May 2006 and that further details would be circulated nearer the time.

## 162.2 Item 152 – Puffin Crossing – Wrexham Road

Councillor Chris Bithell advised the Council it was envisaged that work would be undertaken during the Whitsun week at the end of May.

## **163. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence, including seven additional items, were considered:

163.1 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council and agreed to suggest Hall View / Trem y Neuadd for the development currently underway off Denbigh Road.

163.2 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council and agreed to support the name Tower Place/ Maes y Tŵr for the development of Nercwys Road.

163.3 The Council considered the correspondence from Ysgol Maes Garmon requesting a contribution towards the costs involved in performing this years 'Message of Goodwill', due to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2006, and agreed to a grant of £200.00.

163.4 The Council considered the correspondence from Matthew Lovelock regarding the restoration and subsequent display of a small marble tablet commemorating Private William Griffiths. It was noted that an application form for financial assistance had been sent and that this would be considered in due course. The Council felt it more appropriate for the tablet to be displayed in the Church rather than the Town Hall and agreed to respond accordingly.

163.5 The Council noted that copies of the minutes of the last meeting of the Flintshire Local Health Board and the agenda for the meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April had been received and were available at the Town Hall.

163.6 The Council considered the correspondence from the North Wales Police Authority advising of a further consultation meeting on the matter of the Police Reform on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2006. It was agreed that Councillors Tony Cattermoul, Sheila Powell and Ken Williams should attend on behalf of the Council.

163.7 The Council considered the correspondence advising of the next meeting of the National Assembly North Wales Regional Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2006 and agreed that Councillor Ken Williams should attend.

163.8 The Council considered the report from the Neighbourhood Warden Service showing activity within the Town. The Council felt that more information on the incidents was needed and more accuracy in relation to the ward boundaries.

163.9 The Council considered the correspondence from the Transport Division of the Welsh Assembly Government and agreed that the Tourism Committee should take advantage of the offer to meet with officials.

163.10 The Council noted the invitation but felt it unnecessary to attend the Cittaslow Ludlow conference.

163.11 The Council noted the correspondence from the Home Office regarding Police Reform in Wales.

163.12 The Council considered the petition from residents of Chester Road and agreed to support the request for the provision of a dog litterbin near to the entrance of the Kwik Save car park. It was agreed to make enquiries of the landowners and liaise accordingly with the County Council.

**Resolved:** That the actions set out above be approved.

#### **164. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2005/06**

The Council considered the previously circulated report setting out the accounts of the Town Council for the year 2005/06 which included:

- a) Summary Income and Expenditure Account;
- b) Balance sheet;
- c) Bank and Cash Reconciliation for the year;
- d) Details of the Expenditure incurred within the year 2005/06; and
- e) The final quarterly analyses of income and petty cash expenditure in 2005/06.

In noting the comments within the report on the costs of the gas supply, it was felt that the Council should consider alternative sources for the supply of gas to the Town Hall.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that

- a) the accounts be approved; and
- b) alternative suppliers of gas be investigated.

#### **165. FLINTSHIRE & DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD**

The Council considered the previously circulated report detailing the outcome of the meeting with organisers of the Eisteddfod.

The Mayor advised that he had attended the first meeting of the local Mold fundraising committee and had advised that the Council would play an active and supportive role. Concern was expressed about the indicative level of grant sought from the Town Council but Members acknowledged that a number of events could be planned to contribute towards the overall target for the Town.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The Council's initial contribution of £3,000 to the Eisteddfod be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Council;

b) An item on each agenda of the Town Council to advise of and allow discussion on progress; and

c) Councillor Andrea Mearns be nominated as a representative of the Council on the local fundraising committee

#### **166. LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES IN FLINTSHIRE**

The Council noted the previously circulated publication 'Your Guide to Local Health Services'. Members felt that the information provided was worthwhile and presented in a good format. It was noted the Local Health Board is required to update the guide on an annual basis.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the publication be noted.

#### **167. CAE BRACTY – DRAINAGE SYSTEM**

The Clerk and Finance Officer advised the Council that, following discussions with Officers of the County Council, letters had been sent to the Welsh Assembly Government, Flintshire County Council and Sandy Mewies AM, seeking their support to a commitment for funding and the preparatory design works for a scheme to improve the drainage at Cae Bracty.

Reference was made to the previous episodes of flooding at Cae Bracty and the discussions that were taking place between the County Council and Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water to determine the legal status of the drainage system and therefore the responsibility for undertaking remedial works. To date, these issues have not been resolved. As a result the County Council is looking to take on responsibility for a scheme of improvements and to seek grant aid from the Welsh Assembly Government.

The Clerk advised that the County Council had responded indicating that the design work for the scheme has been programmed for 2007/08 with construction commencing in 2008/09. Work is however, subject to sufficient funds being available in Flintshire's capital programme and grant aid from the Welsh Assembly.

The Council noted the timescale but in view of the extent of work involved, welcomed the response of the County Council and hoped that the problems could be finally resolved.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the report be noted.

#### **168. DEPUTY MAYOR'S INSIGNIA**

The Council considered the previously circulated report and noted that, following discussion with the Mayor, an order had been placed for the purchase of a pendant for the Deputy Mayor.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the action taken be approved.

## **169. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR YEAR 2006/07**

**Resolved:** It was unanimously resolved that Councillor Bryan Grew be elected as Mayor for the forthcoming year 2006/07.

## **170. PROVISION OF BENCH – EARL ROAD**

The Town Council noted the offer of the provision of a bench, to be located opposite the Town Hall, Earl Road and agreed to undertake its future maintenance.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the Town Council take on the responsibility for the future maintenance of the bench to be provided on Earl Road.

## **171. REPORT OF THE TOWN CENTRE MANAGER**

The Town Council considered the report of the Town Centre Manager that was circulated at the meeting. The Town Centre Manager commented upon the standard format of the report which is also circulated to Flintshire County Council and local businesses.

The Town Centre Manager referred to the recent decision of the County Council to grant planning permission for the extension to Broughton Shopping Park and to the previously issued leaflet detailing the proposals. He advised that the reasons stated for the proposed development were also applicable to the desires and aspirations for the town of Mold.

The Town Centre Manager indicated that the Town had some two years to respond to the challenges posed by the new development and it was important that the issues previously highlighted, such as, the management of the car parks, enforcement of planning policies regarding roller shutters and delays in discussing and determining planning applications for important sites, should be resolved and not subjected to undue delays. He stressed the need for Mold to provide a different shopping experience to that which will be on offer at Broughton.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the report be noted.

## **172. NOTICES OF MOTION**

172.1 The Town Council considered the proposal of Councillor Geoff Collett.

Reference was made to the reliance of many voluntary groups on the work of the Flintshire Local Voluntary Council (FLVC) and the fact that the cut in funding had only been announced at the end of March. Members acknowledged the difficulties faced by the County Council but felt that the important work undertaken by FLVC justified its funding request.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the Town Council writes to support the work of FLVC and requests Flintshire County Council to overturn its decision to cut funding to FLVC by £27,709 in this financial year.

## 173. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

173.1 LEJ/041199 – Erection of illuminated fascia and projecting signs, Woolworth Plc, 23 High Street – the Council agreed to object to this application because it does not comply with policies relating to the conservation area providing for the internal illumination of the fascia signage.

173.2 KYT/041015 – Proposed new shop front and external works to property, Principality Building Society, 39 High Street – no objections subject to compliance with the policies relating to the conservation area.

173.3 KYT/041016 – Advertisement consent, erection of new shop front, Principality Building Society, 39 High Street – no objections subject to compliance with the policies relating to the conservation area.

173.4 PXR/041235 – Change of use of ground floor to dentists surgery, Victoria Hotel, 25 Chester Street – no objections.

173.5 DCT/040641 – Change of use of agricultural land, erection of fencing with stiles and gate area and upgrading of grassed area to playing surface quality with lighting, Mold Rugby Club, Chester Road – no objections subject to the retention of the hedgerow. The Council did ask that the applicant be reminded of the existence of footpaths on the site and the need to ensure that they are accessible, in particular the permissive footpath alongside the River Alyn between the new stiles.

173.6 PXR/041297 – Erection of a two storey extension to rear to form dining room and utility room at ground floor and bedroom extension and en-suite at first floor, Heddwch, Bryn Coch Lane – no objections.

173.7 LEJ/041249 – Erection of a single storey extension to rear, 57 Bryn Awelon – no objections.

173.8 LEJ/041271 – Erection of a two-storey side extension, Amber House, Chester Road – no objections.

173.9 LEJ/041314 – Removal of existing hedge to front boundary and erection of boundary wall with brick pillars and timber fence panels, Oakfields, Upper Bryn Coch – the Council agreed to object to this application believing that it would be inappropriate to allow for the removal of the hedge.

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

## 174. MEETINGS ATTENDED

174.1 Councillor Carol Heycocks advised of her attendance at the Annual inspection of Mold ATC indicating that this was the fourth occasion when it was representing the area in the final inspections.

174.2 Councillor Geoff Collett advised of his attendance at the Annual Meeting of Mold Town Concert Band. He also advised the Council of the Band's gratitude for the continuing support of the Town Council.

174.3 Councillor Chris Bithell advised of his attendance at the recent meeting of the Police and Community Consultative Group when the main issue had been that of the reform of the Police Forces in Wales. He indicated that attendance had been poor and that there had been no response from the Home Office to the matters raised by the Police Authority.

174.4 Councillor Andrea Mearns advised of her attendance at the meeting of the Steering Group for the Food Town. She indicated that it had been decided to concentrate on the issue of marketing at the next meeting. Councillor Mearns also advised that the County Council had offered the use of spaces on the New Street car park for the Food Festival due to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> September / 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006.

### **175. 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.

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

<b>MOLD TOWN COUNCIL</b>	<b>DATE: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2006</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
	None	

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