

## **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors: Ray Dodd (Mayor), Chris Bithell, Carolyn Cattermoul, Tony Cattermoul, Geoff Collett, Geoff Darkins, Bryan Grew, Robin Guest, Carol Heycocks, J.O. Jones, Joyce Jones, Phill Lloyd, Andrea Mearns and Ken Williams with the Clerk and Finance Officer.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillors: Stephanie Hulley and Jack Laing.

### **58. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor advised the Town Council of the functions attended since the last meeting in July. These included a number of Civic Services, the North West Cancer Research Mold Branch annual raffle and the Flintshire Neighbourhood Watch Annual Meeting. He advised that the annual report of the Neighbourhood Watch would be available at the Town Hall office.

The Mayor made special reference to the presenting of awards to the winners of the Blooming Mold competition and to the attendance at the Town Hall of a group of Brownies.

The Mayor also referred to his attendance at the opening of the "Re-creations – Visualising Our Past" exhibition at the Wrexham County Borough Museum where the Mold Gold Cape takes pride of place. The Mayor recommended that all Members should take the opportunity to visit the exhibition and view the Cape whilst it is on display nearby.

### **59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests.

### **60. NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN SCHEME**

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Francis Illing Flintshire County Council's Senior Neighbourhood Warden to the meeting.

Mr. Illing circulated documents setting out the basis and the arrangements for the Neighbourhood Wardens Scheme that has been operational since April 2005. Mr. Illing emphasised the role of the Wardens in making Flintshire a safer place and the relationship that has developed with the Police. He advised the Town Council that communications with the public was at the core of the role of the Wardens, providing reassurance and support where necessary.

Mr. Illing advised that there are currently four Wardens although a further four are due to be employed by November 2005. He also advised that the work of the Wardens is recorded and details of patrols and incidents are reported to County Councillors on a monthly basis.

Members raised a number of issues and Mr. Illing stressed that identified concerns should be passed onto the Wardens for action and assessment. Members asked that the Town Council be advised if it is considered the Town Council could help with any identified problems.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Illing for his presentation and for the insight into the work undertaken by the Wardens. He advised that the Town Council had high expectations of the Neighbourhood Wardens Scheme.

## **61. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that;

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005 be received and approved as a correct record;
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of the Town Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2005 be noted;
- c) The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2005 be received and approved as a correct record; and
- d) The minutes of the Planning Committee of the Town Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2005 be noted.

## **62. MATTERS ARISING**

### **Mold Town Council – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005**

62.1 Item 46.1 Traffic Calming at 17/18 Hafod Park - It was noted that this matter would be considered when Councillor Robin Guest had been able to discuss the matter with officers of the County Council.

62.2 Item 51.1 Cleansing at Alyn Meadows, Mold – It was noted that there had been no response from the County Council and it was agreed to pursue the matter further.

62.3 Item 51.4 Area Map for Clearance – It was noted that some areas had been identified and it was agreed to consider the matter further at the next meeting of the Town Council.

### **Planning Committee - 17<sup>th</sup> August 2005**

62.4 There were no matters arising.

### **Special Meeting of the Council - 7<sup>th</sup> September 2005**

62.5 Item 56 Car Parking Strategy – Councillor Andrea Mearns stressed the importance of the car parks in projecting an image of the Town and the need to

improve the landscaping within the car parks thus assisting the environmental concerns of emissions and water collection. It was felt that these comments complemented those already agreed and that they could be added to the response to the Strategy questionnaire.

### **Planning Committee - 21<sup>st</sup> September 2005**

62.6 There were no matters arising with the main issue, included within the minutes, due to be considered later in the meeting.

### **63. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

63.1 The Town Council noted that a copy of the 'Heart of Flintshire' Final Report – 1<sup>st</sup> Phase had been received and was available at the Town Hall office.

63.2 The Town Council noted the correspondence from Inspector J. Hanahoe advising that PC Pam Phoenix is moving to cover Hawarden as Community Beat Manager (CBM).

63.3 The Town Council considered the correspondence received from Flintshire County Council regarding the delivery of household waste to the Civic Amenity site on Nercwys Road. The Council recognised the aims of the County Council in trying to avoid abuse of the facilities, but felt that more needed to be done to assist those residents who use their own vans/pick ups to deliver theirs and their neighbour's household waste to the amenity site. The Town Council agreed to respond accordingly and to invite Mr. McBeth to a future meeting of the Council to discuss the matter further.

63.4 The Town Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council regarding the possible replacement of the doors on the cubicles within the Men's changing rooms at the Mold swimming baths.

63.5 The Town Council noted that a copy of the Draft National Service Framework for Older People in Wales had been received and was available at the Town Hall office.

63.6 The Town Council noted the correspondence from the Wrexham-Birkenhead Rail Users Association.

63.7 The Town Council noted the correspondence regarding the National Assembly North Wales Regional Committee and agreed that Councillor Ken Williams should attend.

63.8 The Town Council was pleased to note the correspondence from the Flintshire Community Safety Partnership and North Wales Police advising that the request for the prohibition of the consumption of alcohol in certain public places was being considered. Reference was made to correspondence from Sheila Powell, Chair of

the Club House Management Committee and it was agreed to suggest that the matter be referred to the Trading Standards Office.

63.9 The Town Council noted the correspondence from the Leisure Services Manager, Flintshire County Council, regarding the former pavilion at the bowling green on Bailey Hill. Whilst the Town Council was disappointed with the general comments it was noted that options would be considered as the County Council's budget is reviewed. It was agreed to ask if some weatherproofing could be carried out to prevent further deterioration of the fabric of the building.

63.10 The Town Council noted the correspondence regarding the next meeting of the Police and Community Consultative Group to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at Trelawnyd Primary School.

63.11 The Town Council welcomed the correspondence from the Chief Highways and Transportation Officer, Flintshire County Council advising of the intention to replace the four pelican crossings in Mold with puffin crossings.

63.12 The Town Council noted the correspondence regarding the Annual General Meeting and Conference of One Voice Wales and agreed that Councillor Bryan Grew should attend.

63.13 The Town Council noted that a copy of the agenda for the meeting of the Flintshire Local Health Board to be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2005 and the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2005 had been received.

63.14 The Town Council noted the correspondence from the Welsh Assembly Government advising of the implementation of the All Wales Bibliotherapy Scheme for Mental Health.

63.15 The Town Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of an appeal, to be decided on the basis of an exchange of written statements, against the refusal of planning permission for the erection of one dwelling at Bromfield, Wrexham Road.

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

#### **64. CONSULTATION PAPER ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY FOR WALES**

The Town Council welcomed the Welsh Assembly Government's consultation on the Environment Strategy for Wales.

Members of the view that a holistic approach has to be adopted to address environmental issues and were generally pleased with the priorities identified. However, it was felt that the consultation document itself fell short on the detailed practical responses needed. For example, reference was made to the need to use water resources more efficiently without any comment as to how this can be achieved such as the compulsory introduction of metering.

Reference was also made to the increased use that can be made of other resources, such as the waste that inevitably remains following the processes of recycling and any minimisation of the waste itself.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the Welsh Assembly Government be advised that the Town Council welcomes the document and generally supports the principles contained within and the themes outlined. It also hopes that the detailed activity is developed to ensure the commitments are met.

#### **65. REVIEW OF PRINCIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY AREAS – COMMUNITY BOUNDARY ANOMALIES**

The Town Council considered the previously circulated documents relating to the review of the community boundaries.

It was recognised that the previously agreed changes to the boundary between the Broncoed and South Wards of the Town were still pertinent although concern was expressed that this might create some imbalance between wards in the Town.

It was felt that the matter should be considered at an informal meeting, to which all Members would be invited, and that detailed recommendations could then be considered at the next meeting of the Town Council.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the matter be further considered at an informal meeting and that a formal response be considered at the next meeting of the Town Council.

#### **66. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEES (WALES) REGULATIONS 2001**

The Town Council considered the previously circulated consultation paper on proposed amendments to the existing regulations relating to Standards Committees.

The Council supported the recommendations set out in the consultation paper subject to the following comments being made to the specific questions posed:

a) Regulation 10 – It was felt that the regional committee of One Voice Wales should have the power to nominate the one community committee member for the County Standards Committee; and

b) Composition of Sub Committees – The Town Council felt that the sub-committee should comprise three members and that there should be two independent members present.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the Town Council respond accordingly.

#### **67. OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION – EXTENSION TO BROUGHTON SHOPPING PARK**

The Town Council noted that the planning application for the extension to Broughton Shopping Park has yet to be considered and that a response had been held in

abeyance whilst an evaluation of the proposals and their effect upon the neighbouring areas had been undertaken.

Copies of the applicants Revised Retail Impact Assessment (RIA) and the County Council's consultants Critique of that RIA have now been received and it was felt that the Town Council should hold a special meeting to consider a response to the planning application and these documents.

**Resolved:** It was resolved a special meeting of the Town Council be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005 to discuss the planning application for the extension to Broughton Shopping Park.

## **68. MOLD CENOTAPH**

The Town Council considered the previously circulated report regarding the cleaning and renovation of the Town's Cenotaph.

It was noted that the proposals for the improvements to the area around the Cenotaph are yet to be finalised and it was unlikely that such a scheme could proceed prior to this year's Remembrance Day Service.

The Council was however, pleased to note that Mold Rotary Club had agreed to fund the costs of the cleaning and re-lettering of the Cenotaph itself. It was also noted that an application would be made for the remainder of the money needed from the War Memorials Institute.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the Town Council should manage the project and process the invoices on behalf of the Mold Rotary Club and that the quotation from Stephen Blackwell Stonemason be accepted.

## **69. TRAFFIC CALMING / MATCH FUNDING**

The Town Council considered the previously recommendations from the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2005 and noted that subsequent discussions with the County Council's Highways Department had confirmed that the budget of £20,000 would only provide for a zebra crossing to be installed. It was understood that the cost of a puffin crossing would be £34,000.

The Planning Committee Members advised that, in making their recommendation, they felt it appropriate to consider the large capital scheme whilst match funding were available. It would be possible to consider the smaller schemes in future years with funding solely from the Town Council.

The Town Council felt that a zebra crossing would not provide the safety desired at this site and agreed to ask the County Council to provide a puffin crossing. In confirming this course of action, it was agreed to ask if the County Council could defer its expenditure on the replacement of existing pelican crossings (see item 63.11 above) to assist in the provision of this puffin crossing. Members agreed that the Town Council would provide the necessary finance in the event that the County Council could not provide additional funding. Members noted that funding could be

identified when the half-yearly review of the Town Council's accounts would be considered at the next meeting and.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the County Council be asked to install a puffin crossing at Wrexham Road and that the additional funding required be provided, in the event that the County Council is unable to increase its support, by the Town Council.

## **70. MOLD TOWN COUNCIL – AIMS & OBJECTIVES**

The Town Council considered the previously circulated report setting out the reasons for the acceptance of detailed aims and objectives for the Council.

The Council felt that it would be appropriate to accept the suggested list of aims and objectives noting that they could be reviewed in due course.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the report be approved and that the aims and objectives detailed within the report be accepted.

## **71. NOTICES OF MOTION**

71.1 On the proposal of Councillor Carol Heycocks it was agreed to ask Flintshire County Council to arrange for the cutting back of the trees in High Street and Earl Road.

71.2 On the proposal of Councillor Carol Heycocks it was agreed that Mold Town Council once again supports the provision of a "park and ride" facility in December 2005 to help ease the parking problems in the Town in the lead up to Christmas and to ask Flintshire County Council to make the necessary arrangements with the bus companies.

71.3 On the proposal of Councillor Carol Heycocks it was agreed to ask Flintshire County Council to adjust the timing of the traffic lights at the junction of King Street and High Street.

71.4 On the proposal of Councillor Bryan Grew it was agreed to write to BBC Wales expressing concern that the Radio Wales FM service is not available in Mold and to enquire when the situation will be rectified. In addition it was also agreed to ask if BBC Wales would instruct its presenters to stop telling listeners to tune into the service until it becomes available.

71.5 On the proposal of Councillor Carolyn Cattermoul it was agreed to ask Flintshire County Council to provide a footpath on Gwernaffield Road between the existing pathways that end at Bryn Garmon Farm and commence at the first houses in Mold.

71.6 On the proposal of Councillor Chris Bithell it was agreed that provision should be made within the budget for the year 2006/07 for the provision of additional street lighting in Bro Alun.

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

## 72. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Council considered one new application:

72.1 DCT/040257 – Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings with garages, land rear of 1 Bryn Hilyn, Bromfield Lane – The Town Council felt that the access arrangements for the dwellings would prove to be difficult for both construction and residents vehicles and as such agreed to express its concern about the proposals.

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

## 73. MEETINGS ATTENDED

73.1 Councillor Bryan Grew advised of his attendance at the recent meeting of One Voice Wales. He indicated that the organisation is still looking for headquarter offices in Newtown. Councillor Grew advised that a newsletter had been produced and was available at the Town Hall office and that One Voice Wales was pressing for Town and Community Councils to be formally consulted as part of the new licensing regulations process.

73.2 Councillor Andrea Mearns advised of her attendance at the recent meeting of community representatives and Inspector Hanahoe. Councillor Mearns circulated statistics from the meeting showing that crime is reducing despite the perception to the opposite. She advised that every opportunity should be taken to publicise these facts.

73.3 Councillor Geoff Darkins advised of his attendance at a meeting of the Flintshire Community Strategy Partnership and indicated that the documents would be left at the Town Hall office for other Members to view.

## 74. 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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL	DATE: 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2005
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
	None	