

# **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

## **PRESENT:**

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

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillors: Geoff Darkins, Robin Guest, Stephanie Hulley, and Phill Lloyd.

## **40. MAYOR' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor presented Councillor Joyce Jones with the new Deputy Mayor's pendant.

The Mayor referred to the many events that he had attended since his last report, including amongst others the Bryn Gwalia litter pick, Nightingale House extension turf cutting ceremony, the Flintshire and District Eisteddfod 2007 proclamation ceremony and the Llwynegrin Singers Annual Meeting. He also advised of his attendance at the Chair of Flintshire's and Mayor of Buckley's Civic Services.

Reference was also made to the 'Arts & Kids' presentation at Clwyd Theatr Cymru attended by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall.

The Mayor advised that he had hosted the Bryn Coch School Council that day at the Town Hall and reminded Members of the Mold Carnival due to take place on the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> July.

## **41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

## **42. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006 be received and approved as a correct record; and
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Audit Sub Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006 be received and noted.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006 be received and noted.

### **43. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **43.1 Town Council 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006 Item 7.5 – Dog Litter Bin**

The Clerk advised that he had spoken to the Headteacher of Ysgol Glanrafon who had indicated that the problem with dog fouling was located in the area by the gate opposite Upper Bryn Coch. It was agreed to ask Flintshire County Council to install a dog litter bin on the corner of Bryn Coch Lane and Upper Bryn Coch on the opposite side of the road to the school gates.

#### **43.2 Audit Sub Committee 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006**

It was noted that the recommendations of the Sub Committee would be considered under a later item on the agenda.

#### **43.3 Cemetery Committee 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006 Item 1 – Cemetery Extension**

Councillor Carol Heycocks advised that some residents near to the Gas Lane play area were against any proposal to extend the cemetery into that area. The Mayor advised the comments would be noted but that Town Council would need to review the result of the ground investigations before any further consideration could be given to the matter. He also advised that any proposals would need planning permission and formal consultation with affected residents.

### **44. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

44.1 The Council noted the correspondence from David Hanson MP regarding the merger of police forces.

44.2 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of appeals against the refusal of two planning applications in relation to Bromfield, Wrexham Road.

44.3 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council giving details of the summer playscheme to be held at Victoria Road, Mold during the school holidays.

44.4 The Council considered the correspondence regarding its further requests in relation to the recycling of trade waste. It was noted that Flintshire County Council had yet to approve the Mechanical Heat Treatment (MHT) facility. It was therefore, agreed to invite Mr. Macbeth to update the Council in November 2006 when it is assumed that the County Council had considered the MHT facility.

44.5 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising that Mold has been awarded second prize in the Environmental Competitions 2006 Best Kept Town Centre category.

44.6 The Council considered the correspondence from Flint Town Council seeking support for its opposition to the possible closure of Flint Community Hospital. The Council felt it to be important to support Flint Town Council and agreed to write to the Chief Executive of Flintshire Local Health Board.

44.7 The Council noted the information received from the Neighbourhood Wardens office.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the actions set out above be approved.

#### **45. FLINTSHIRE & DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD**

Councillor Andrea Mearns advised the Council that the organisers of the Mold Food Festival Gala Dinner would be donating some of the ticket money to the Eisteddfod.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the proposal be welcomed.

#### **46. AUDIT SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Council considered the recommendations from the Audit Sub Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006 and agreed to approve:

46.1 The recommendations of the Audit Sub Committee relating to Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Annual Investment Strategy, Internal Financial Controls and Risk Assessments; and

46.2 The recommendations relating to the External and Intermediate Audit of the Town Council's accounts for the year 2005/06, called for 28<sup>th</sup> July 2006, and the statements of assurance within the Annual Return and the Intermediate Audit Supplementary Assurance and Information requests.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the recommendations of the Audit Sub Committee Council be approved and that the Mayor signs the statement of assurance within the Annual Return.

#### **47. ACCOUNTS 2006 / 07 – QUARTERLY REVIEW**

The Council considered the previously circulated report detailing the position, as at 30th June 2006, relating to the income and expenditure of the Town Council in the current year. The Council noted the revisions to the estimates as detailed in the report.

In addition the Clerk advised of the need to increase the insurance premiums to cover the reassessment of asset valuations and the fidelity guarantee.

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

## **48. ANNUAL REPORT**

The Council considered the previously circulated draft annual report. Members suggested alterations and the inclusion of further information relating to the environmental competitions, Flintshire and District Eisteddfod, skateboarding facilities, Cittaslow application and Mold Food Town.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to approve the draft annual report, subject to the inclusions specified, and to arrange its publication.

## **49. ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN WALES**

The Council considered the draft response to the attached consultation paper that was circulated at the meeting.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to approve the response to the consultation paper as prepared.

## **50. REPORT OF TOWN CENTRE MANAGER**

The Town Centre Manager reported that the County Council had that day, approved the planning application for the Taylor Tiles site.

The Town Centre Manager advised of the progress with the development of the 'visitmold.com' website and the current arrangements for obtaining the information from the local businesses. Reference was also made to the map that will form part of the website and he confirmed that the copyright will be held by the Town Council.

Reference was also made to the current voids within the Town Centre and the Town Centre Manager advised that in relation to the former Threshers and Textile shops in the Daniel Owen Shopping Centre, the rent was still passing such that the landlord would not necessarily be in a rush to seek new tenants.

In response to questions relating to Roberts Bakery, the Town Centre Manager advised that whilst there was interest in the shop itself, he was not aware of any interest in the bakery.

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

## **51. NOTICES OF MOTION**

51.1 The Town Council considered the proposal of Councillor Andrea Mearns and noted that the agenda item had been recorded incorrectly. The request was for the Daniel Owen Centre to continue to open the public toilets during the hours that the Centre was in use. It was agreed to ask if the notice advising of the reduced hours of opening could be removed and that the toilets be kept open for general use whilst the Centre was in use.

51.2 The Town Council considered the proposal of Councillor Andrea Mearns and agreed to allow the use of the Jubilee Room, free of charge, by the organisers of the

Mold Food Festival on 30<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006 for the management of the stewarding arrangements. Councillor Mearns advised that both the Army and Air Cadets had agreed to help with stewarding the event.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the actions set out above be approved.

## **52. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

52.1 BMK/041720 – Creation of vehicular access for maintenance and amenity purposes, land at Love Lane – the Council agreed to object to the application believing that there is no reason to breach this traditional stone wall that forms part of the setting to St Mary's Church and surrounding area.

52.2 LEJ/041729 – Erection of 2 no. temporary site development boards, Homebase, Chester Road – no objections.

52.3 LEJ/041500 – Erection of a single storey extension to rear, 27 Parc Hendy – no objections.

52.4 KYT/041727 – Installation of 1.0m diameter satellite antenna wall mounted on rear, William Hill, 7 Chester Street – no objections.

52.5 KCS/041779 – Erection of a conservatory to rear, 18 Bryn Awelon – no objections.

52.6 KYT/041756 – Erection of detached garage in front of dwelling (amendment to house type ref: 040352), land side of Brook House, Broncoed Lane – no objections.

52.7 KCS/041080 – Amended application, Erection of two detached dwellings in lieu of larger single dwelling previously approved under reference 036778, Plots 8 & 9 Cwrt Rhyd Galed – the Council agreed to object to this application because it is considered that the proposal is an over-development of a limited size plot of land.

52.8 LEJ/041808 – Single storey extension to rear of property, 43 Hendy Road – no objections.

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

## **53. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

53.1 The Mayor advised of his attendance at the Annual Meeting of One Voice Wales. He advised that progress had not been as swift as hoped but that following the appointment of a new Chief Executive and Regional Officer progress was envisaged.

53.2 Councillor Carol Heycocks advised of her attendance at the National Welsh Special Needs Games and the ceremony at Ysgol Delyn when achievement awards were issued.

53.3 Councillor Joyce Jones advised of her attendance at the Annual Meeting of Flintshire Crossroads. She advised that the Annual Report would be left at the Town Hall office for Members to view.

53.4 Councillor Andrea Mearns referred to her attendance at the meeting of the Mold Food Town Steering Group and expressed her concern at the apparent reduced lack of enthusiasm for the project from the Flintshire County Council Regeneration Team. It was agreed to pursue the matter with the Chief Regeneration Manager to ensure that the momentum, reflected in the Mold Food Festival preparations, the introduction of the Farmers Market and the Cittaslow application, is maintained. It was also considered appropriate, if considered necessary following discussions with the Chief Regeneration Manager, to invite him to the meeting of the Tourism Committee to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

Councillor Mearns also referred to her attendance at the meeting of the Mold Hotel and Restaurant Association. She advised that funding was to be made available from Cadwyn Clwyd and the Welsh Development Agency for the Mold Food Festival.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the concerns identified in 53.4 be raised as agreed.

#### **54. 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: 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
None		