

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 25th April 2007.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Bryan Grew (Mayor), Chris Bithell, Geoff Collett, Geoff Darkins, Ray Dodd, Robin Guest, Carol Heycocks, Stephanie Hulley, 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: Tony Cattermoul, Carolyn Cattermoul and Phill Lloyd.

145. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were declared as detailed at the end of these minutes.

146. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised of his attendance at the Royal opening of the extension to the Nightingale House Hospice.

The Mayor referred to the success of Mold Rugby Club with both the first and second teams winning their leagues. It was agreed to write and congratulate the Club.

The Mayor also referred to the Charity Race Night to be held on 12th May 2007 and asked if Members would sell the tickets given to them.

147. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the minutes of Cittàslow Mold held on 27th March 2007 be received and noted; and
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28th March 2007 be received and approved.

148. MATTERS ARISING

Cittàslow Mold - 27th March 2007

148.1 Minute 19: Streetlighting – It was noted that the question of luminance levels was being investigated and that the requirements of the CCTV system had been recognised.

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148.2 There were no matters arising.

149. CORRESPONDENCE

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

149.1 The Council considered the correspondence from the North Wales Police Authority and agreed that Councillors Sheila Powell and Ken Williams should represent the Council at the meeting about the future shape of neighbourhood policing.

149.2 The Council considered the correspondence from Mr. F. W. Price regarding the parking in the Llys y Ddol / Meadow Place area and the difficulties experienced by pedestrians. It was noted that without any enforcement, the provision of double yellow lines would prove to be ineffective although it was also noted that the County Council would be pursuing the decriminalisation of parking. The Council was informed that Councillor Gareth Williams, Flintshire County Council's Deputy Leader & Executive Member for Environment & Regeneration would be attending the next meeting to discuss the issue of decriminalising car parking. Reference was made to the proposals for the development of approximately 50 flats in the area and the likely use of this road and that alongside 4 Cambrian Villas to access the Town. It was agreed to ask Flintshire County Council:

a) to extend the double yellow lines along Meadow Place; and

b) to check the ownership of the land adjoining 4 Cambrian Villas and to consider the provision of a footpath.

149.3 The Council noted receipt of the copies of the minutes of the Flintshire Fairtrade Coalition meeting held on 12th February and the agenda for the meeting on 30th April.

149.4 The Council considered the correspondence from the Wales Air Ambulance Charitable Trust and, whilst acknowledging that the criteria for assistance to local groups would not be met, felt that a grant should be made. It was agreed to award a grant of £250.00.

149.5 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of an increase in the charges applied for bulk waste collections.

149.6 The Council considered the correspondence previously circulated by Mrs. Ryder regarding a variety of issues in the Town. Members recognised that as a regular visitor to the Town, the views of Mrs. Ryder were very important. Whilst it was noted that there were problems with litter throughout the Town, many other initiatives were being pursued to improve the environment and the quality of life for residents and visitors alike, including litter picking by the Town Council itself alongside others. It was also noted that some of the issues highlighted by Mrs.

Ryder were outside the control of both the Town and the County Council. It was agreed to thank Mrs. Ryder for her comments and to stress that efforts are being made to ensure that Mold retains its uniqueness and character.

149.7 The Council noted receipt of the minutes of the meeting of Flintshire Local Health Board held on 28th March and the agenda for the meeting to be held on 25th April 2007.

149.8 The Council considered the correspondence from the residents of 33 and 35 Ffordd Pentre regarding lighting in the pathway leading from Ffordd Pentre to Tesco's car park. It was noted that at the meeting of the Town Council in January 2007, it had been agreed to review this matter during the current year and to report back.

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

150. FLINTSHIRE & DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD 2007

The Council considered the letter from the Organiser of the Flintshire and District Eisteddfod and was pleased to read the comments.

Resolved: It was resolved that the letter be noted.

151. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2006/07

The Council considered the previously circulated report setting out the accounts of the Town Council for the year 2006/07 which included:

- a) Summary Income and Expenditure Account;
- b) Balance sheet;
- c) Details of the Expenditure incurred within the year 2006/07;
- d) Bank and Cash Reconciliation for the year; and
- e) The final 2006/07 quarterly analyses of petty cash expenditure and income.

In noting the comments within the report, the Council recognised the costs carried forward to the current year, the amount of burial fees to be written off and the funds held for specific activities.

Resolved: It was resolved that the accounts be approved for audit.

152. REPORT OF TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

The Town Centre Manager advised the Council that the new Homebase Store would be opening on 25th May. He advised of the current position regarding the vacant units on both High Street and Daniel Owen Precinct.

The Town Centre Manager referred to the letter discussed earlier (Minute 149.6 refers) and observed that the lack of planning enforcement within the conservation area resulted in a general deterioration in the town environment. Members supported this view but also indicated that the County Council's new Enforcement

Officer appeared to be working through the backlog of cases. It was agreed to write to the County Council to express the concerns of the Town Council regarding the need for enforcement and the benefits that would give to the visual amenity of the Town and its regeneration. It was also agreed to invite the Enforcement Officer to a future meeting of the Town Council to discuss the matter further.

Resolved: It was resolved to write to the Enforcement Officer as detailed above.

153. TOWN HALL REFUSE COLLECTION

The Town Council considered the report regarding the need to pay for the collection of its trade waste. It was noted that green bags had been provided for collection each week and that a receptacle would be provided for storage between collections.

Resolved: It was resolved that the report be noted.

154. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR YEAR 2007/08

Resolved: It was unanimously resolved that Councillor Joyce Jones be elected Mayor for the forthcoming year 2007/08.

155. NOTICES OF MOTION

155.1 On the proposal of Councillor Chris Bithell it was agreed that Mold Town Council asks British Telecommunications plc to investigate what can be done to overcome the problems of vandalism at the public telephone kiosk on Chester Road.

155.2 On the proposal of Councillor Chris Bithell it was agreed that Flintshire County Council be asked to provide a litter bin at the corner of Alexandra Road and Victoria Road (Tyddyn Street side of the junction).

155.3 On the proposal of Councillor Chris Bithell it was agreed to seek an estimate for the replacement of the gravel at the cenotaph with paving and to consider the possibility of this work being undertaken.

12.4 On the proposal of Councillor Andrea Mearns it was agreed that Flintshire County Council be asked to ensure that Wednesday and Saturday Market Traders place their waste in appropriate locations to keep the planted area outside of WH Smiths clear of cardboard and other waste.

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

156. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

156.1 KYT/042968 – Extension to rear of property with replacement garage at side, 38 Ffordd Pennant – no objections.

156.2 LEJ/042970 – Outline erection of a dwelling, Clwyd, Gwernaffield Road – the Council agreed to object to this application because of the proposed loss of mature and other trees, the inadequate existing drainage system and the additional traffic that will be created in a narrow cul-de-sac.

156.3 KYT/042666 – Erection of an illuminated shop fascia sign and projecting sign, William Hill, 7 Chester Street – no objections subject to compliance with the policies relating to the conservation area.

156.4 APW/043057 – Erection of a single storey extension and alterations, 5 Parc Plas Aney – no objections.

156.5 KYT/042935 – Change of use to A3 restaurant/take-away, 30 Wrexham Street – no objections subject to the imposition of a S106 agreement (on 28 Wrexham Street) restricting the future use of 28 Wrexham Street to retail.

156.6 SXJ/042790 – Change of use from retail shop to residential use, 45 Wrexham Street – no objections.

156.7 KYT/043096 – Conversion of house into 2 no. flats and conversion of garage into lounge, 9 Gordon Terrace, King Street – the Council agreed to object to this application believing that the end of terrace property is too small for conversion into two flats. It is considered that this type of property in its existing state provides an opportunity for first time buyers and should therefore, not be altered.

156.8 LEJ/043110 – Erection of fascia and freestanding signage, Somerfield Stores, Ambrose Lloyd Centre – no objections.

156.9 LEJ/043122 – Single storey extension to rear, 6 Linden Drive – no objections although it was noticed that the guttering along the side of the extension protrudes over the public footpath.

156.10 LEJ/043065 – Change of use from A2 use to D1 use – dental practice, 91 High Street – no objections.

156.11 LEJ/043170 – Rear semi-enclosed gazebo with new paving to existing raised patio and 900mm high perimeter fence, Boars Head Inn, 17 Chester Street – no objections although the Council considered it to be inappropriate to install outside heaters which would waste fuel and have an adverse effect upon the environment.

156.12 KSS/042911 – Amended application (reduced number of apartments), Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 27 new apartments, land at New Street – no objections.

(Note: The Clerk left the meeting during discussion on item 156.9.)

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

157. MEETINGS ATTENDED

157.1 The Mayor referred to his attendance at the regional meeting of One Voice Wales and indicated that the Area Organiser would be producing a report for circulation.

157.2 Councillor Carol Heycocks referred to her attendance with Councillor Andrea Mearns at a meeting with the proprietor of the Amusement Shop, 6 The Mall, Ambrose Lloyd Centre. She advised of her understanding that, many of the concerns previously raised, were now no longer issues of concern although she noted that the planning application for the change of use had been refused.

157.3 Councillor Sheila Powell referred to her attendance with Councillor Carolyn Cattermoul at the meeting held to discuss the possible funding contributions for the Gyminis / Sportstart classes organised throughout the County. It was agreed that this matter should be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

158. 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.

159. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved: It was resolved that the public and the press be excluded from the meeting in order to allow discussion on confidential matters.

160. SID MATTHEWS COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Council considered the previously circulated report from the panel appointed to consider nominations for the Sid Matthews Community Awards 2006.

Resolved: It was resolved that the report be approved and that the following awards be given:

160.1 For "Outstanding Voluntary Service by a Local Youth Organisation" – 1378 (Mold) ATC Squadron.

160.2 For "Outstanding Achievements by a Young Person" – Cadet Warrant Officer Geraint Kingman.

160.3 For "Outstanding Voluntary Service by an Individual" – John Roger Williams.

160.4 For "Outstanding Voluntary Service by a Local Organisation" – The Employees of Synthite.

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL	DATE: 25th April 2007
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
Clerk & Finance Officer	Planning Applications	156.9

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