

## **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillors: Chris Bithell, Tony Cattermoul and Ken Williams.

### **74. SID MATTHEWS' COMMUNITY AWARDS**

The Mayor referred to his pleasure in having the honour of presenting the Community Awards and gave details of the community work undertaken by and the achievements of this year's Award winners. The Mayor then presented the "Sid Matthews Community Awards 2006" to:

74.1 For "Outstanding Voluntary Service by a Local Youth Organisation" – Alun School Peer Support Project;

74.2 For "Outstanding Achievements by a Young Person" – Carys Edwards, Cae Broch, Upper Bryn Coch Lane;

74.3 For "Outstanding Voluntary Service by an Individual" – Patrick Oliver, 20 Hazel Grove; and

74.4 For "Outstanding Voluntary Service by a Local Organisation" – Mold Community Hospital Tea Bar.

### **75. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor referred to

### **76. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

### **77. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006 be received and approved as a correct record; and

b) The minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2006 be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

## **78. MATTERS ARISING**

78.1 Town Council 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006  
Item 60.1 – Alcohol Free Zones

The Clerk reported on the response from the Leisure Services Manager indicating support for an extension to the proposed area to include the whole of the Maes Bodlonfa recreation area and St. Mary's Parish Church grounds. The Leisure Services Manager indicated that he was less comfortable with extending the zone to cover all children's play areas in the Town but would await the response of the Police before reporting to the County Council Executive.

78.2 Town Council 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006  
Item 64 – Active Lifestyles Community Action Programme

Councillor Sheila Powell advised that the application for funding for the Club House had missed the deadline for consideration by the County Council.

## **79. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

79.1 The Council noted receipt of the copies of 'The Voice' the official newsletter of One Voice Wales.

79.2 The Council considered the correspondence from the North Wales Police Authority and agreed that the Town Council should be represented at the presentation to be held at 7.00pm on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at the Beaufort Park Hotel detailing the Chief Constables proposals for closing the gap in protective services, by Councillors Carolyn Cattermoul, Carol Heycocks and Ken Williams. The Council agreed that in the event that Councillor Ken Williams was unable to go to the presentation, Councillor Robin Guest should attend.

79.3 The Council considered the correspondence from Dr. C.O. Jones regarding the possible erection of a statue within the Town commemorating Dafydd II ap Llywelyn. It was agreed to ask Dr. Jones to attend the next meeting of the Council to set out his reasons for the request and provide details of the historical connections with the Town.

79.4 The Council noted the correspondence from the Director of Adult Social Care, Flintshire County Council in response to questions raised at the last meeting of the Council.

79.5 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council regarding the provision of a tree to replace that taken down at the entrance of the New Street car park. The Council felt that it would be inappropriate to plant a tree in

the location suggested due to the loss of car parking and the impact upon the coverage provided by the closed circuit television camera. It was therefore, agreed to reject the suggestion.

The Council felt, whilst it regretted the need to fell the original tree at the entrance to the car park, it might now not be necessary to replace it on a like for like basis and that a better arrangement would be to increase and improve planting throughout the car park. It was therefore, also agreed to ask the County Council to prepare a detailed, imaginative and enhanced planting plan for the car park as a whole. It was felt that it would be possible to provide more manageable shrubs and smaller trees within the car park and that this would improve the overall appearance and environment of the site.

79.6 The Council considered the Draft Guidance on the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and agreed to refer the document to the Tourism Committee for a response.

79.7 The Council noted receipt of the minutes of the meeting of the Flintshire Local Health Board held on 27<sup>th</sup> September and the agenda for the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

79.8 The Council noted receipt of the correspondence from Flintshire County Council setting out the advice given in relation to planning site meetings.

79.9 The Council noted receipt of the correspondence regarding the next meeting of the National Assembly North Wales Regional Committee to be held at Connahs Quay on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2006. It was agreed that any Member wishing to attend should contact the Clerk.

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

## **80. MOLD AND CITTASLOW**

The Council considered the previously circulated report together with the information provided at the meeting by Councillor Andrea Mearns relating to the Food and Drink Festival, Mold Food Town and Cittaslow.

Councillor Mearns thanked everyone who had participated in the Cittaslow application and referred to the increased profile of the Town that has resulted from the various initiatives over the past months.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) A Cittaslow Mold group be established as a dedicated sub-committee of the Town Council with the following Members: Councillors Geoff Collett, Ray Dodd, Robin Guest, Carol Heycocks, Sheila Powell and Andrea Mearns;
- b) Cittaslow Mold be given the powers to co-opt any interested individual, representing a local group or otherwise, onto the group with voting rights;

c) Minutes of Cittaslow Mold be submitted to the Town Council at its subsequent meeting; and

d) That Councillor Andrea Mearns be nominated as the representative to the Board of Cittaslow UK.

#### **81. ACCOUNTS 2006 / 07 – HALF-YEARLY REVIEW**

The Town Council considered the previously circulated report detailing the position relating to the income and expenditure as at 30th September 2006 and including the Bank Reconciliation, Income, Petty Cash, Expenditure and Summary schedules.

It was noted that the amounts of some of the items of estimated expenditure shown had been amended to reflect decisions taken by the Council since the budget had been originally agreed in January 2006.

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

#### **82. ANNUAL RETURN & INTERMEDIATE AUDIT 2005 / 06**

The Council noted that the External Audit of the Town Council's accounts for the year 2005/06 had been completed and a clean report received.

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

#### **83. APPOINTMENT OF A TREE WARDEN**

The Council considered the previously circulated report and noted that Mr. David Powell would be prepared to volunteer to accept the position of Tree Warden.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

a) Mr. David Powell be appointed as Mold's Tree Warden; and

b) Councillor Jack Laing be formally thanked for his time and dedication to the requirements of the post of Tree Warden over recent years.

#### **84. DESIGNED FOR FLINT – A COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

The Council considered the document regarding the proposed arrangements for the modernisation of primary and community health services within Flint. Members felt that it would be inappropriate to comment on the modernisation of services within any area other than Mold.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to note receipt of the document.

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

The Council considered the previously circulated report of the Town Centre Manager covering the period January – September 2006.

The Town Centre Manager commented upon an earlier item and indicated that the appearance of the New Street car park was detrimentally affected by the siting of the recycling igloos towards the entrance. He also commented upon the lack of action by the County Council with regard to the car parking strategy and to the need to improve the parking arrangements in the Town.

Reference was made specifically to the vacant units in the High Street and the Town Centre Manager advised that any developments were unlikely until the New Year.

The Town Centre Manager advised that the business web site "VisitMold.com" was now live and translations into Welsh, Dutch and German were due to commence during the week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> October.

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

## **86. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

86.1 LEJ/042110 – Erection of a conservatory to rear of property, 3 Maes y Twr, Nercwys Road – no objections.

86.2 LAB/042177 – Erection of internally illuminated flexbox signage and 6 no. non illuminated poster frames, Homebase, Chester Road – no objections although it is asked that the signage be illuminated only during the opening hours of the store.

86.3 LAB/042178 – Erection of internally illuminated aluminium letters, Homebase, Chester Road – no objections although it is asked that the signage be illuminated only during the opening hours of the store.

86.4 LAB/042179 – Erection of an internally illuminated totem sign, Homebase, Chester Road – no objections although it is asked that the signage be illuminated only during the opening hours of the store.

86.5 RMH/042134 – Erection of light industrial / business units, land at Broncoed Business Park, Nercwys Road – no objections.

86.6 KSS/041650 – Erection of 8 no. two-bedroom dwellings, land adjacent to 144 Chester Road – no objections. The Council however expressed concern about the possibility of flooding and agreed to ask that the applicant ensure this matter is addressed.

86.7 PXR/042190 – Erection of a conservatory to the rear, 9 Chestnut Road – no objections.

86.8 SXJ/042108 – Remodelling kitchen and window replacement, Glanrafon Training Centre, Glanrafon Road – no objections.

86.9 SXJ/042271 – Erection of two storey side extension, Eirianell, Gwernaffield Road – no objections. The Council referred to the unique nature of this property and asked planners to ensure that any development is undertaken in a manner sympathetic to the existing design. The Council indicated that it might be appropriate for the few dwellings of this style in Gwernaffield Road to be designated as listed buildings.

86.10 LEJ/042279 – Erection of a single storey extension to the side and a single storey extension to the rear, 11 Meadowside – no objections.

86.11 LEJ/042307 – Erection of a single storey detached garage, 1 Alwyn Close – no objections.

86.12 SXJ/042246 – Renewal of application 040287 – change of use to private hire taxi operators, 4 Ffordd Pennant – no objections.

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

## **87. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

87.1 The Council received a report, circulated at the meeting, from Councillor Ken Williams who had attended a recent meeting of the National Assembly North Wales Regional Committee on renewable energy and energy efficiency.

87.2 The Mayor referred to his attendance at the Annual Meeting of One Voice Wales, which had a theme of community safety. He also referred to the desire to increase membership with current subscriptions only covering 40% of expenditure.

87.3 Councillor Sheila Powell referred to her attendance at the recent Local Health Board's Mold Estate Project Group. She advised consideration is being given to the development of a centre from which primary health care services can be delivered and that sites within the Town were being assessed for this proposal.

## **88. 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: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
None		

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