

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 27th September 2006.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Bryan Grew (Mayor), Chris Bithell, Tony Cattermoul, Geoff Collett, Geoff Darkins, Ray Dodd, Carol Heycocks, Stephanie Hulley, Joyce Jones, Jack Laing, Sheila Powell and Ken Williams with the Clerk and Finance Officer.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors: Carolyn Cattermoul, Robin Guest, Andrea Mearns and Phill Lloyd.

55. MENTAL HEALTH DAY SERVICES

The Mayor welcomed Susan Lewis, Director and Councillor David Wilkes, Executive Member for Adult Social Care to the meeting to talk about the review of mental health day services with regard to the Ambrose Lloyd Centre.

Mrs. Lewis advised that there are 200 people within the Mold and Buckley areas of Flintshire receiving mental health services from the County Council of which 25 used to attend the Ambrose Lloyd Centre. The need to examine the services provided by the County Council was highlighted by Government Inspectors who were suggesting a model based less on dependency but more to an independent recovery helping people to cope with everyday life.

It was recognised that many people wanted to continue with the services they had received for some time and the processes for consulting with all users were altered and extended in timescale. Following the period of consultation the County Council agreed to change the services although it was recognised that care had to be taken to assist those who would be receiving a new service.

Councillor Wilkes advised that he attended all centres during the period of consultation and had spoken to as many users as he could. He reiterated that the process had been prompted, not by the County Council but following inspections of the service provided. Councillor Wilkes indicated that he believed the majority were now happy with the services provided and happy that they were being challenged to help themselves.

Councillor Wilkes and Mrs. Lewis responded to questions from Members and confirmed that there are drop-in facilities at the Ambrose Lloyd Centre. However, if a more suitable site is identified this facility is likely to be relocated. Members were reminded that the drop-in facilities are in addition to the other nursing and social care services available.

In conclusion Councillor Wilkes advised that he had been assured the consultation and changes had been undertaken at a pace to suit the service users. The

consultation had been full, open and transparent and he believed that many of the users of the Ambrose Lloyd Centre embraced the changes.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Wilkes and Mrs. Lewis for their presentation and the responses given.

56. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor referred to the many events that he had attended since his last report, including amongst others the Mold Carnival, the opening of the Principality Building Society office and the first Farmers Market to be held in the Town.

The Mayor advised of his participation in the British Heart Foundation charity walk and his hosting of the Annual Meeting of the Clwyd Community Chest at Bethesda Chapel.

The Mayor reminded Members of the first Mold Food and Drink Festival to be held during the weekend of 30th September and 1st October. He also advised that the Mold Army Cadets were having a service of dedication for their new Standard on 22nd October and invited Members to the service.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

58. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19th July 2006 be received and approved as a correct record; and
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 26th July 2006 be received and noted.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 1st August 2006 be received and noted.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 30th August 2006 be received and noted.

59. MATTERS ARISING

59.1 Town Council 19th July 2006
Item 43.1 – Dog Litter Bin

Councillor Geoff Collett advised that the dog litter had yet to be provided.

59.2 Town Council 19th July 2006
Item 52.7 – Planning Application Plots 8 & 9 Cwrt Rhyd Galed

Councillor Chris Bithell advised that the planning application had been refused.

59.3 Tourism Committee 26th July 2006

There were no matters arising.

59.4 Planning Committee 1st August 2006

There were no matters arising.

59.5 Planning Committee 30th August 2006

There were no matters arising.

60. CORRESPONDENCE

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

60.1 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council regarding the possible prohibition of alcohol consumption at Bailey Hill and the Formal Park. Members supported the proposal but felt that the number of designated areas for the prohibition of alcohol consumption should be increased. Concern was expressed about the possibility of moving the problems elsewhere but it was felt that the designation of areas within the Town should assist Police in their handling of the problems. It was agreed to ask that the whole of the Maes Bodlonfa recreation area (including Kendricks Field), the grounds of St Mary's Parish Church and Church Hall and childrens' play areas throughout the Town should be included within the designation. PC Colin Colbourn indicated his understanding of the Town Council's response and agreed to speak to his commanding officers to discuss the matter further.

60.2 The Council noted receipt of the Local Government Partnership Scheme Report 2005-2006 and the Adjudication Panel for Wales Annual Report.

60.3 The Council considered the correspondence from Connahs Quay Town Council and agreed to support the request for the re-regulation of bus services in Wales.

60.4 The Council noted receipt of the minutes of the meeting of Flintshire Fairtrade Coalition held on 17th July 2006.

60.5 The Council considered the correspondence from the National Assembly North Wales Regional Committee and agreed that Councillor Ken Williams should represent the Council at the next meeting to be held on Friday 6th October 2006.

60.6 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the removal of an existing hedge and the erection of a boundary wall at Oakfields, Upper Bryn Coch.

60.7 The Council considered the correspondence from One Voice Wales advising of the motions for debate at the Annual General Meeting. Members indicated to the

Mayor, who will be attending the AGM, that they would not support the motions from Caldicot Town Council and Maldwyn Ares Committee.

60.8 The Council noted the One Voice Wales Wrexham/Flint Area Committee bulletin.

60.9 The Council noted the correspondence from FJ Architects regarding the proposed public art at the Homebase development and Councillor Chris Bithell's comments that he had suggested the involvement of the Richard Gwyn School, which is attended by many Mold pupils.

60.10 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council regarding the possible removal of the raised planted areas in front of St David's House, High Street (WH Smiths). The Council was of the view that these areas should be retained but with a better planting scheme. Councillor Sheila Powell indicated that it may be possible for the children from Bryn Gwalia CP School to be involved in the planning and maintenance of the areas.

60.11 The Council noted receipt of the copies of the agenda for the meeting of Flintshire Local Health Board held on 27th September and the minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2006.

60.12 The Council considered the correspondence from One Voice Wales setting out a National Training Strategy for Community and Town Councils in Wales. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to the Personnel Committee to respond.

60.13 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the demolition of the existing buildings and the erection of a three and four storey residential development at the former Morris's Garage, Conway Street. The Council agreed to reiterate its objections to the application and to be represented at the appeal hearing.

60.14 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of the adoption of part of the footpath between Cilnant and Ffordd Bryn Estyn.

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

61. FLINTSHIRE & DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD

The Mayor reiterated that he had presented a cheque for £1000 from the Mold Carnival to the organisers of the Eisteddfod. He also advised Members that raffle tickets were to be distributed for them to sell on behalf of the Eisteddfod and asked that the money be passed to the Clerk.

Resolved: It was resolved that the report be noted.

62. TRAFFIC CALMING / MATCH FUNDING SCHEMES

The Council considered the previously circulated report that detailed requests for assistance from residents in Maes-y-Twr and Gwernaffield Road with a view to

reducing the speed of traffic in their areas. The Council also noted the correspondence from the Chair of Governors at the Alun School regarding the possible installation of flashing electronic speed indicator signs and a reduction in the speed limit to 20mph in the area by the School.

The Clerk advised the Council that the problems at Gwernaffield Road had been highlighted at the Neighbourhood Forum the previous week when the Community Beat Manager, PC Colin Colbourn had agreed to speak to the owners of the quarries from where many of the lorries originated.

Whilst it was noted that the County Council had no provision within its budget for traffic calming measures this year, the involvement of the County Council as Highways Authority and as the organisation that would undertake any agreed works was recognised as essential.

It was agreed that the Planning Committee should meet with representatives of the County Council's Highways Directorate to consider, both the previously identified schemes and those included within the report to Council, agree priorities and make recommendations for works to be undertaken.

Resolved: It was resolved that the matter be referred to the Planning Committee as detailed above, with a view to recommendations being made to the Town Council.

63. 'BEYOND BOUNDARIES, CITIZEN-CENTRED LOCAL SERVICES FOR WALES'

The Council noted the previously circulated document. It was recognised that the Welsh Assembly Government would be consider the detail in due course.

Resolved: It was resolved that the document be received.

64. WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT ACTIVE LIFESTYLES COMMUNITY CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Council considered the previously circulated correspondence.

Councillor Sheila Powell indicated that it might be appropriate for an application for funding to be made from the Club House and Members supported the proposal. It was agreed that Councillor Powell should liaise with the Clerk to prepare a response to the County Council.

Resolved: It was resolved to support an application from the Club House.

65. APPROVAL OF ACTION TAKEN

The Council considered the previously circulated report detailing action that had been taken since the last meeting regarding the payment to the Mold Hotel and Restaurant Association and for the purchase of a Cittaslow banner.

Resolved: It was resolved to approve the action taken by the Clerk in consultation with the Mayor.

66. APPOINTMENT OF A TREE WARDEN

Councillor Jack Laing indicated his reasons for relinquishing the post of Tree Warden and advised the Town Council of the benefits of identifying someone who can continue with the role. It was recognised that the most suitable applicant may not be a Town Councillor and was agreed to seek nominations at the next meeting.

Resolved: It was resolved to:

- a) Record the thanks of the Town Council to Councillor Laing for the work he has undertaken and the dedication he has shown over the years whilst acting in the role of Tree Warden; and
- b) Consider making a nomination at the next meeting.

67. NOTICES OF MOTION

67.1 The Town Council considered the proposal of Councillor Sheila Powell and it was agreed to ask Flintshire County Council to clarify its proposals for a housing stock appraisal, the processes and timescales involved and the involvement, if any, of Town and Community Councils.

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

68. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Council considered those applications previously circulated and one new application:

68.1 PXR/042038 – Erection of a detached dwelling, land to the rear of 4 Ffordd Bryn Estyn – no objections.

68.2 LEJ/041875 – Erection of palisade boundary fence and extension to existing yard area, Stamford Works, Queens Lane, Bromfield Industrial Estate – no objections.

68.3 LEJ/042064 – Erection of a single storey side and rear extension, Pennant, Bryn Coch Crescent – no objections.

68.4 RMH/041935 – Construction of a 50m x 18m skateboard park with 10m high floodlights, land opposite tennis courts, Maes Bodlonfa – The Council agreed to raise no objections and to support the proposal although concern was expressed about the lighting arrangements. The Town Council considered the lighting columns, as detailed, were too high and that they should not exceed in height those columns adjacent to the nearby tennis courts. It was felt that the need for columns of such a height could not be justified and that they would prove to be both intrusive and aesthetically undesirable.

68.5 LEJ/042088 – Demolition of existing single storey to rear and erection of new two storey extension to form utility room, cloaks, family room, office and bedroom to first floor plus internal alterations, Boderw, Ruthin Road – The Town Council agreed to object to this application believing that the proposed extension would, because of its proximity and size, impact upon the neighbouring property.

68.6 LEJ/042116 – Alterations to existing external courtyard to form smoking haven, The Gold Cape, 8 Wrexham Street – no objections.

68.7 DGJ/042079 – Application for certificate of lawfulness, land to rear of 25 Ffordd Argoed – no objections.

68.8 CTB/042084 – Erection of a two storey block for elderly mentally infirm facility on existing nursing home site, Bryn yr Haul House, New Brighton Road – whilst not objecting in principle to the proposed development, the Town Council believes that the design of the new building is not in keeping with the other buildings on site which have tastefully been improved and designed.

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

69. MEETINGS ATTENDED

There were no reports of meetings attended.

70. 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.

71. 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.

72. 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:

a) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service by a Local Youth Organisation” – Alun School Peer Support Project;

b) For “Outstanding Achievements by a Young Person” – Carys Edwards, Bryn Coch Hall Farm, Upper Bryn Coch;

c) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service by an Individual” – Patrick Oliver, 20 Hazel Grove; and

d) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service by a Local Organisation” – Mold Community Hospital Tea Bar.

73. STORAGE FACILITIES

The Council considered the previously circulated report addressing the storage difficulties currently faced by the Town Council.

The Clerk explained the current difficulties regarding storage, particularly at the Cemetery and gave details of the unit at Gas Lane that is currently available. He advised that the cost of renting in the current year would be approximately £1170 although some costs may be necessary in fitting shelving.

Resolved: It was resolved that the report be approved and that arrangements be made for the renting of this unit with effect from a mutually convenient date in October 2006.

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL	DATE: 27th September 2006
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
None		