

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 28th February 2007.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors: Stephanie Hulley and Jack Laing.

122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Phill Lloyd declared an interest in item 10.1 on the agenda.

123. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised of his attendance at the Exhibition of Art by Carol Udale at Clwyd Theatr Cymru, the Mayor of Flint's Charity Dinner, the launch of the new exhibits at the Mold Museum and the Rotary Club's Annual Quiz.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Mearns on the success of the pancake races held in the Town the previous week. He also advised of the success of the open morning when a large number of residents and visitors viewed the Council Chamber.

The Mayor reminded Members of the St David's Day Concert, organised by Councillor Stephanie Hulley, that was due to be held on Friday 2nd March. He hoped that Members would be able to support the event.

124. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 31st January 2007 be received and approved as a correct record subject to the inclusion of the following:

124.1 Minute 114: Youth Mayor – the resolution to read “It was resolved this matter be further discussed with representatives of the Alun School, Ysgol Maes Garmon and Richard Gwyn High School”; and

124.2 Minute 118: Report of Town Centre Manager – the final sentence of the preamble to read “Concern was also expressed about the stocking of items within the Boots store”.

125. MATTERS ARISING

125.1 Item 105 – Flintshire Local Health Board

Councillor Robin Guest advised that he understood the proposals for a new primary health care facility would include the provision of a pharmacy and expressed his concern that this would result in unfavourable trading arrangements for the other pharmacies in the Town. Councillor Phill Lloyd indicated that elsewhere customer loyalty had meant that pharmacies had survived.

125.2 Item 117.2 – Notices of Motion / Skateboard Facilities

The Mayor advised that there had been a meeting with Leisure and Environmental Health officers of the County Council but that unfortunately the Planning representative had been unable to attend. He indicated that the County Council was committed to the development of skateboarding facilities in the Town and that Leisure Officers would review the matter and come back with further proposals in the near future.

125.3 Item 117.3 – Notices of Motion / Cae Bracty Drainage Works

The Clerk advised that there had been no response as yet to the correspondence.

126. CORRESPONDENCE

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

126.1 The Council noted receipt of the copy of One Voice Wales' January edition of "The Voice".

126.2 The Council noted the correspondence from the Chief Constable's Office regarding the use of Police in non-operational roles.

126.3 The Council noted receipt of the Welsh Assembly Government's Strategy for Older People in Wales.

126.4 The Council considered the correspondence and agreed to support the bid for ".cym" to be an internet domain for Welsh identity and expression.

126.5 The Council noted the correspondence from Cymuned regarding the Homes4Locals.com campaign.

126.6 The Council considered the correspondence from Gwernymynydd Community Council regarding the installation of a streetlight on Ruthin Road, on the Town side of the by-pass roundabout. Reference was made to the work of the Cittaslow Mold group in relation to light pollution and it was agreed to seek the advice of the County Council on the need for additional lighting at this location. The Council felt that, if the

County Council supported the need for lighting, careful consideration should be given to its design to prevent light pollution.

126.7 The Council considered the correspondence from One Voice Wales and agreed to nominate Councillor Carol Heycocks and her husband John, for inclusion in a draw for invitation to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 10th July 2007.

126.8 The Council noted receipt of the minutes of the meeting of the Flintshire Local Health Board held on 24th January 2007 and the agenda for the meeting to be held on 28th February 2007.

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

127. FLINTSHIRE & DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD 2007

The Clerk advised that the proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets for the St. David's Day Draw had been given to the Treasurer.

128. LOCAL SERVICE BOARDS / LOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS – CONSULTATION PAPER

Resolved: It was resolved that a group comprising the Deputy Mayor and Councillors Geoff Darkins, Sheila Powell and Ken Williams should meet to prepare a response to the consultation paper.

129. OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Resolved: It was resolved that authority be given for the purchase of a new printer for the Town Hall office.

130. NOTICES OF MOTION

130.1 The Town Council considered the proposal of Councillor Tony Cattermoul and resolved to ask Flintshire County Council's Standards Committee whether it agrees that membership of a Masonic Lodge is incompatible with membership of the County Council's Planning Committee.

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

131. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

131.1 CXB/042746 – Change of use from a ten bedroom hotel block to 4 no. apartments and construction of a pitched roof to existing flat roof, Bryn Awel Hotel – no objections.

131.2 DGJ/041968 – Application for a certificate of lawfulness, Use as a hot food takeaway, Crystal Fast Foods, 83 High Street – no objections.

131.3 DGJ/042549 – Change of use of existing garage to allow public access to art studio for up to 30 days per year, Tyn y Gornel, Gwernaffield Road – no objections in principle but concern was expressed that this application is to allow business use, albeit for a limited time during each year, and therefore, could have an effect upon traffic and parking on Gwernaffield Road.

131.4 GZH/042774 – Change of use from retail to family entertainment centre (retrospective), 6 The Mall, Ambrose Lloyd Centre – the Council agreed to object to this application because of the concerns already raised by local businesses about the congregation of youths outside the premises and that because of the ‘hidden’ location of the premises in The Mall, there is the likelihood that further anti –social behaviour will occur.

131.5 KYT/042784 – Erection of a pre-cast concrete sectional garage, 11 Woodlands Close – no objections.

131.6 LEJ/042822 – Erection of a glazed canopy within existing beer garden, The Gold Cape, 8 Wrexham Street – no objections.

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

132. MEETINGS ATTENDED

132.1 Councillor Ken Williams advised of his attendance at the Welsh Assembly Government’s (WAG) North Wales Regional Committee when the subject had been tourism. He advised that WAG was endeavouring to ensure that the benefits of tourism would be transmitted throughout Wales.

132.2 Councillor Andrea Mearns referred to her attendance, and that of the Deputy Mayor, at the Neighbourhood Forum. She advised that it had been well attended by residents and it was agreed that reminders of the date of the Fora should be given to Members with their Town Council agendas.

Councillor Mearns referred also to her attendance at the recent meeting of Mold 2000 when concerns were raised about the level of business rates. She advised that representatives of the County Council’s Regeneration Department would be attending the next meeting to address the concerns raised.

Councillor Mearns advised of her attendance at the meeting of the Mold Hotel and Restaurant Association and indicated that plans for the next food and drink festival were proceeding. She also advised of her presentation on Cittaslow Mold to Friends of the Earth.

133. 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: 28th February 2007
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
Councillor Phill Lloyd	Notices of Motion	130

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