

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 28th June 2006.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Chris Bithell, Tony Cattermoul, Carolyn Cattermoul, Geoff Collett, Geoff Darkins, Ray Dodd, Robin Guest, Carol Heycocks, Stephanie Hulley, Joyce Jones, Jack Laing, Sheila Powell and Ken Williams with the Clerk and Finance Officer.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors: Bryan Grew (Mayor), and Andrea Mearns.

In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor chaired the meeting.

25. MAYOR' ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were expressed as detailed in the schedule shown at the end of the minutes.

27. LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Mr James Lowe, Licensing Officer Flintshire County Council to the meeting to advise on the operation of the new licensing arrangements.

Mr. Lowe circulated copies of the licensing application and proceeded to give an overview of the process involved in making an application for licence. He advised that as a result of the Licensing Act 2003, Flintshire County Council was now the authority responsible for issuing licences for public entertainment, sporting events and the supply of alcohol.

Whilst public houses are now able to apply for 24 hour licences, Mr Lowe advised that there had not been any such applications in the County. He identified that all licensees should prevent any nuisance occurring as a result of their activities and advised that all applications have to be considered by a range of agencies including planning, pollution control, health and safety and the Police.

Mr. Lowe advised that the Licensing Authority had no discretion in the matter of granting licences if there were no objections. If however, objections were made, the application would be considered by the Licensing Committee before a decision was made.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Lowe advised that licences applied to the premises and any new licensees would be required to comply with the conditions in

force. He acknowledged that some residents, who wished to object to applications or revisions to existing arrangements, could feel intimidated when facing solicitors acting on behalf of applicants but indicated that they could have someone speak on their behalf at the Committee hearing. It was also acknowledged that there was no opportunity for the questioning of statements made on behalf of applicants although appeals can be lodged against any decisions made and a review process which can be called for by a resident if nuisance occurs. Mr. Lowe indicated that he would give further thought to the comments about giving objectors the opportunity to question statements made on behalf of applicants.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Mr. Lowe for his presentation and further comments.

28. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 31st May 2006 be received and approved as a correct record; and
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 6th June 2006 be received and noted.

29. MATTERS ARISING

- 29.1 Town Council 31st May 2006
Item 16.1 – Recycling Trade Waste.

The Clerk advised that no response had yet been received.

30. CORRESPONDENCE

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

7.1 The Council noted receipt of the minutes of the meeting of Flintshire Fairtrade Coalition held on 5th June 2006.

7.2 The Council considered the correspondence from One Voice Wales and agreed that the Mayor should attend the Conference and Annual General Meeting to be held at Llandrindod Wells on Saturday 14th October 2006.

7.3 The Council noted the invitation from Flintshire Local Voluntary Council to its Annual Meeting and also that Councillors Carolyn Cattermoul and Sheila Powell were attending.

7.4 The Council considered the correspondence and agreed that Councillor Ken Williams should attend the meeting of the National Assembly North Wales Regional Committee to be held on Friday 7th July 2006.

7.5 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council regarding the siting of a dog litterbin on Bryn Coch Lane. Whilst it was considered that the appropriate location would be near to the pedestrian entrance to the school by Glan Alun, it was agreed to ask the Headteacher for her views on the problem areas before a response is made.

7.6 The Council noted receipt of the Annual Report 2005/06 of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

7.7 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council and agreed that Councillor Tony Cattermoul and the Clerk should attend the seminar on the Local Planning Guidance Notes and Planning Code of Practice on Monday 10th July 2006.

7.8 The Council considered the correspondence from Somerfield Property Company Ltd refusing permission to locate a dog litterbin on its land at Chester Road because it is in the process of selling the site. It was agreed to recommend the provision of a dog litterbin at the corner of Wood Green and Chester Road. Councillor Stephanie Hulley indicated that neighbouring residents were happy with such provision.

7.9 The Council noted receipt of the minutes of the meeting of Flintshire Local Health Board held on 24th May and the agenda for the meeting to be held on 28th June 2006.

7.10 The Council noted the correspondence from the Chief Planning Services Officer in response to the request for the expeditious processing of planning applications.

Resolved: That the actions set out above be approved.

31. FLINTSHIRE & DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD

The Clerk advised the Council that the Organiser of the Flintshire and District Eisteddfod had responded to the disappointment that there had been a need to move the Proclamation Ceremony to Flint detailing the reasons for such a move.

Resolved: It was resolved that the response be noted.

32. SKATEBOARDING FACILITIES

The Council considered the previously circulated report detailing the proposals for the development of skateboarding facilities at Kendricks Field. A Mold Skaters forum, in conjunction with the County Council and equipment manufacturers, had prepared the scheme.

Councillors Ken Williams and Tony Cattermoul advised the Council that they had seen a presentation of the scheme and were impressed with the responsibility shown by the Skaters Forum towards the project itself and the need to overcome the concerns of neighbouring residents. Members recognised these concerns but also noted the code of conduct that had been prepared by the Skaters Forum to try and

allay the fears of local residents. It was felt that Kendricks Field was the most suitable site for the proposal and that it would be inappropriate to reject the scheme because of what might happen.

It was noted that the proposal would require planning permission and that any concerns about the use of the land for this purpose would be addressed as part of that process. It was also noted that the County Council was hoping to identify funds to undertake the scheme.

Resolved: It was resolved that the Council supports the proposal and the possible funding approach and commends the work of the Skaters Forum.

33. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Council considered the report detailing the applications for financial assistance and agreed to make contributions as follows:

a) Bryn Gwalia Bowling Club	£250.00
b) Mold Super Troopers	£250.00
c) Mold Rugby Club U15's	£250.00

Resolved: It was resolved that the grants detailed above be approved.

34. ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN WALES

The Council considered the previously circulated consultation paper and felt that it would be appropriate for a small group of Councillors to prepare a draft response for its approval.

Resolved: It was resolved that Councillors Chris Bithell, Tony Cattermoul, Geoff Collett and Sheila Powell consider the consultation paper and prepare a response for the next meeting of the Council.

35. OPEN MEETING

The Council considered the arrangements necessary for holding a public meeting.

Resolved: It was resolved that:

- a) A draft Annual Report be prepared for consideration at the next meeting; and
- b) Arrangements be then made to print and circulate the report in readiness for a public meeting to be held in November 2006.

36. NOTICES OF MOTION

The Town Council considered the proposal of Councillor Stephanie Hulley regarding the County Council's review of Mental Health day services.

Resolved: It was resolved to ask:

a) The County Council, in undertaking its review of Mental Health day services, to ensure that the views of all the users of the Day Centre at the Ambrose Lloyd Centre are taken into account; and

b) The appropriate County Officers to attend a meeting of the Town Council to explain the basis of the service review.

37. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

37.1 KCS/041561 – Erection of a porch to front elevation and a single storey kitchen extension to the rear elevation, 73 Ffordd Newydd – no objections.

37.2 KCS/041587 – Single storey extension to the side with conservatory to rear, 37 Broncoed Park – no objections.

37.3 KYT/041600 – Alterations to shopfront, Christopher Hall Estate Agents, 16-18 Chester Street – no objections.

37.4 BMK/041551 – Erection of a single storey extension to east and south elevations, 3 Tan y Graig – no objections.

37.5 PGL/041596 – Erection of a ground floor extension to side, 22 Moldsdale Road – no objections.

37.6 TOC/041369 – Conversion of existing chapel into four self-contained apartments, The Old Chapel, 91 Wrexham Street – the Council agreed to object to this application because there is no parking available for the development.

37.7 RMH/041380 – Erection of an extension and change of upvc windows and doors to wooden to previously approved outbuilding extension, land rear of 30 Wrexham Street – no objections.

37.8 DGJ/041617 – Outline, erection of a dwelling and construction of a new drive to existing dwelling, Greenway, Upper Bryn Coch – the Council agreed to object to this application believing that the proposal would seriously change the nature of the street scene forcing more properties into the area.

37.9 KCS/041554 – Installation of one ATM machine, HSBC Bank, 22 High Street – no objections.

37.10 KYT/041675 – Change of use to parking of 1 no. private hire vehicle, Brook Villa, Clayton Road – no objections.

37.11 KCS/041686 – Erection of conservatory to the rear, 9 Nant-y-Coed – no objections.

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

38. MEETINGS ATTENDED

There were no reports from Members.

39. 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 June 2006
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
Councillor Sheila Powell	Financial Assistance – Mold Super Troopers	33 (B)
Councillor Carolyn Cattermoul	Financial Assistance – Mold Super Troopers	33 (B)
Councillor Ken Williams	Financial Assistance – Mold Rugby Club U15's	33 (C)
Councillor Robin Guest	Planning Applications	37.8