

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:

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

134. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

135. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised of his attendance at the St. David's Day charity concert organised by Councillor Stephanie Hulley and held to raise funds for the Flintshire and District Eisteddfod.

The Mayor referred to his attendance at the civic dinners of the Chairmen of Flintshire County Council and Connahs Quay Town Council together with the Fair Trade Day at Parkfields and the presentation of the prizes to the winners of the Pancake Day races.

The Mayor gave advance notice of a Race Night that he will be hosting on 12th May 2007 in aid of the Eisteddfod. The event will be held at Bryn Coch School.

136. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that:

a) the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28th February 2007 be received and approved as a correct record subject to minute 124.1 referring to St. Richard Gwyn High School; and

b) the minutes of the meeting of the minutes of Citta'slow Mold held on 27th February 2007 be received and noted.

137. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

138. CORRESPONDENCE

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

138.1 The Council considered the correspondence from Daly International (UK) Ltd regarding the installation of a T-Mobile (UK) Ltd radio base station at St. Mary's Church, Mold. It was noted that this correspondence represented consultation prior to the submission of a planning application. The Council was of the provisional view to err on the side of caution with regard to this installation because of the status of St. Mary's Church as a Grade 1 listed building. The Council also questioned whether it was absolutely necessary to provide these antennae in the centre of Town in view of the potential health risks. The Council also questioned whether the provision of an antenna in the style of a flagpole would be acceptable due to its appearance, effectiveness and the health concerns.

138.2 The Council considered the correspondence from the Wales Audit Office and supported the proposals for the extension of the contract of UHY Hacker Young, the external auditor for the foreseeable future.

138.3 The Council welcomed the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising that design work for the Mold Land Drainage System, incorporating Cae Bracty, would commence in the next financial year 2007/08. The Council also noted that the Welsh Assembly Government had been asked to confirm the availability of grant aid to allow construction work to commence in 2008/09.

138.4 The Council noted receipt of the announcement of an 'Environmental Question-Time' for candidates in the Welsh Assembly Elections.

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

138.6 The Council considered the invitation to discuss the Community Recreation Outreach Programme and agreed that Councillors Carolyn Cattermoul and Sheila Powell should attend the informal meeting on Monday 23rd April at County Hall.

138.7 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council regarding the need for additional lighting on Ruthin Road between the by-pass and St. Mary's Park. The Council noted the comments in the correspondence and felt that it could not support the idea of 'bridging the gap' in the provision of lighting in this area between the Town and the community of Gwernymynydd. It was agreed to respond to Gwernymynydd Community Council accordingly.

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

139. FLINTSHIRE & DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD 2007

There was nothing to report.

140. REPORT OF TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

The Council considered the previously circulated report of the Town Centre Manager.

Members supported the views of the Town Centre Manager on the need for the parking strategy to be considered as a whole and opposed the approach that is now being adopted by the County Council. It was felt that introducing individual proposals from the consultant's report, such as the decriminalisation of parking, without addressing the shortage and management of parking within the Town could adversely affect trade and thus hinder the Town's regeneration.

The Council noted that the Executive of Flintshire County Council would be considering the matter in April and agreed to write to the Executive Member responsible for Transportation and Highways expressing the Town Council's opposition to what is suggested and to invite him to a future meeting to discuss the matter further.

Reference was also made to the funds available from Cadwyn Clwyd for the promotion and marketing of the visitmold.com website and it was agreed that this should be processed by the Town Council.

Resolved: It was resolved that the action detailed above be taken and approval given to the promotion and marketing of the visitmold.com website.

141. VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT

The Clerk advised the Council of the opportunity to offer a work placement of one day per week for a period of a few months to Mr. John Skyner who is currently retraining with the Royal National College for the Blind.

Resolved: It was resolved that approval be given to providing a work placement for Mr. John Skyner.

142. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

142.1 GZH/042854 – 93 sq/m extension to garden centre, installation of service yard and garden centre canopies, installation of flues and insertion of warehouse mezzanine, Homebase Ltd, Former Arriva Bus Depot, Chester Road – no objections.

142.2 GZH/042855 – Insertion of Retail gallery, Homebase Ltd, Former Arriva Bus Depot, Chester Road – no objections.

142.3 KSS/042591 – Amended application for the erection of 3 no. dwellings (2 no. dormer bungalows and 1 no. single storey bungalow), land to rear of 32 Hendy Road – no objections.

142.4 DGJ/042717 – Demolition of Unit 1 and erection of new units together with remodelling of existing units to include part change of use to include ancillary trade counter to each unit, Spencer Holding Property Units 1,2,5,6&7, Stephen Gray Road, Bromfield Industrial Estate – no objections.

142.5 DGJ/042870 – Alteration and conversion of existing building, partial demolition and extension to form pub/restaurant, Pen y Bont, Chester Road – no objections.

142.6 APW/042821 – Erection of a single storey rear extension, 10 Is y Coed – no objections.

142.7 RMH/042956 – Proposed erection of 3 no. 2-storey detached houses and associated garages, Former Highway Depot, Denbigh Road – no objections.

142.8 KSS/042911 – Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 29 new apartments, Land at New Street – no objections.

142.9 KSS/042912 – Conservation Area Consent, Demolition of coach depot, Land at New Street – no objections.

142.10 LEJ/042534 – Installation of a cash machine (ATM) and anti ram bollards, 2-3 Daniel Owen Centre (Choices) – no objections to the installation of the cash machine but the Council felt that the anti-ram bollards were not needed and agreed to object to that provision.

142.11 JZB/041695 – Advertisement consent for one static display panel measuring 6m x 3m, Tesco Stores Ltd, Ponterwyl – no objections.

142.12 KYT/042987 – Conversion of existing storage/garage to residential use, Garage at Water Street – the Council felt that there was insufficient space around the garage to allow for its conversion into two dwellings. In addition there was no provision for parking in an area that already suffers from congestion. The Council therefore, agreed to object to the proposal.

142.13 DGJ/042983 – Outline, erection of 5 no. dwellings, land side of Cranfield, Rhydygaled – the Council felt the proposal was an overdevelopment of the site and that the access for this number of dwellings close to the traffic lights would cause difficulties. The Council therefore, agreed to object to the proposal.

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

143. MEETINGS ATTENDED

There were no reports from Members.

144. 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**

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| MOLD TOWN COUNCIL | DATE: 28th March 2007 |
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| MEMBER | ITEM | MINUTE NO. REFERS |
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| Councillor Carol Heycocks | Correspondence | 138.1 |
| Councillor Robin Guest | Planning Applications | 142.8 & 142.9 |