

## MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday  
29th November 2006.

### PRESENT:

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

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors: Tony Cattermoul, Carolyn Cattermoul, Geoff Darkins, and Stephanie  
Hulley.

### 89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robin Guest declared an interest in item 8.3.

### 90. PROPOSAL TO ERECT STATUE

The Mayor welcomed Dr. Craig Owen Jones to the meeting and invited him to  
elaborate upon his suggestion for the erection of a statue within the Town  
commemorating Dafyd 11 ap Llywelyn.

Dr. Jones presented the Council with a background history relating to Dafydd, from  
his birth at Coleshill, Flint to his siege of Mold in 1245 and his death the following  
year. Dr. Jones described Dafydd as an able warrior and accomplished statesman.

Members questioned Dr. Jones on the appropriateness of siting a statue in Mold and also referred to possible alternative forms of commemoration.

Reference was made to the funds provided by St. Modwen Developments for the provision of public art and available for use in the Town and it was suggested that this proposal be considered by the Working Group established to review the matter. The provision of funds followed the development of the Daniel Owen Precinct by the company.

Resolved: It was resolved that this proposal be considered, alongside other options for the provision of public art in Mold, by the Working Group comprising representatives of the County and Town Councils and St. Modwen Developments.

#### 91. POLICING POWERS

The Mayor welcomed PC Colin Coulbourn to the meeting to comment upon the paper 'Guidance Notes: Dispersal of Groups' that had been previously circulated.

PC Coulbourn spoke of the difficulties currently experienced within Town and advised the Council that the short term powers provided by the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 would, in his view, assist the Police to deal with the issues. Whilst requiring the support of the local council, authorisation to implement any order within a clearly defined area is required from the local Police Superintendent.

Resolved: It was resolved to support the call for the implementation of the powers of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 and to seek the necessary authorisation from the Police Superintendent.

#### 92. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked his Deputy, Councillor Joyce Jones, for her assistance the previous evening when the Christmas lights were switched on.

He referred to his attendance at the handover of monies to North West Cancer Research, the Caerwys Civic Service and the RNLI charity coffee morning. The Mayor thanked Members for their support at the Remembrance Day parade and advised of the reception held for Mold Rotary Club to celebrate its 70th anniversary.

The Mayor referred to the sad death of Councillor Derek Darlington, Leader of Flintshire County Council and advised that he would write to Mrs. Darlington expressing the sympathy of the Town Council.

#### 93. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that:

a) The minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 18th

October 2006 be received and approved as a correct record;

b) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25th October 2006 be received and approved as a correct record;

c) The minutes of the meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 16 November 2006 be received and noted; and

d) The minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee held on 16th November 2006 be received and noted subject to the day of the meeting being altered to read 'Thursday'.

#### 94. MATTERS ARISING

##### 94.1 Town Council 25th October 2006

Item 79.9 – National Assembly North Wales Regional Committee

Councillor Chris Bithell advised that he had attended the meeting.

94.2 Town Council 25th October 2006

Item 80 – Mold and Cittaslow

Councillor Chris Bithell advised that he was also willing to volunteer to join the Cittaslow Mold sub-committee. This was accepted by the Council.

## 95. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence, including one additional item, were considered:

95.1 The Council noted receipt of the copies of minutes of the meetings of the Flintshire Fairtrade Coalition held on 25th September and 23rd October 2006.

95.2 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising that the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the demolition of existing building and erection of residential development at Morris's Garage, Conway Street had been withdrawn.

95.3 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of an appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the outline erection of a detached dwelling at Greenway, Upper Bryn Coch.

95.4 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of an appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the change of use of existing semi-detached dwelling to 2 no. flats, 5 Maes Bodlonfa.

95.5 The Council noted receipt of the copy of the Clwyd Community Health Council's Annual Report 2005-2006.

95.6 The Council considered the correspondence from One Voice Wales and agreed that the Mayor should attend the meeting regarding the establishment of a Larger Local Councils Committee on 11th January 2007.

95.7 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council

advising of its duty to prepare a 'Rights of Way Improvement Plan'. It was agreed that Councillor Sheila Powell should represent the Council on the focus groups that will facilitate the preparation of the Plan.

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

#### 96. FLINTSHIRE & DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD 2007

The Mayor advised that there was nothing further to report at this stage.

#### 97. FLINTSHIRE UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Town Council considered the previously circulated report detailing the responses of the County Council to the comments of the Town Council on the

Unitary Development Plan (UDP) and changes made as a result of the initial consultation process.

The Council considered each response individually and subsequently reviewed the proposed changes shown in appendix 3 to the report.

The Council agreed that the following comments should be made to the County Council:

#### Representation Comments

01338 Conditional Withdrawal

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01340 This objection should remain

01341 Conditional Withdrawal

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01349 Conditional Withdrawal. However, the Town Council is concerned that the County Council planning officers should be aware of the urgent need to identify further burial provision within the Town. There is, currently only sufficient vacant plots in Mold Cemetery for three years of burials.

Proposed Changes

Document

No observations

Resolved: It was resolved that the above comments be forwarded to the Chief  
Planning Services Officer.



## 98. TRAFFIC CALMING / HIGHWAY SCHEMES

The Town Council considered the previously circulated report regarding the options for schemes of traffic calming or highway works for implementation in the current year.

The Clerk advised that there had been no indication from the County Council regarding the priority being given to the location of 'Vehicle Activated Signs'. The Council noted the recommendations from the Members of the Planning Committee and whilst acknowledging the comments of the Clerk agreed to the provision of a 'Vehicle Activated Sign' on Gwernaffield Road. It was also noted that the County Council would not install signs, even if others covered the cost of installation, if the location did not fall within the agreed selection criteria and the County Council's priorities.

In relation to the provision of dropped kerbs to assist the disabled, Members felt that the list provided by the County Council did not address the issues raised at the meeting between County Officers and Members of the Planning Committee. It had been agreed that consideration should be given to a list of kerbs initially allowing access to the Town Centre and the list provided merely reflected the aspirations of Mold County Councillors. In addition, Members were advised that the Executive Member had implied that funding would also be available from the County Council for such an initiative, this being contrary to earlier advice. It was therefore, agreed to seek further advice from the County Council on the locations for the provision of dropped kerbs and on the possibility of match funding.

Resolved: It was resolved the County Council be advised that:

a) the Town Council supported and agreed to fund the provision of a 'Vehicle

Activated Sign' on Gwernaffield Road and wished the County Council to

undertake such works this financial year; and

b) the County Council be asked to identify the priority Town Centre locations

for the provision of dropped kerbs and clarify if match funding is available.

## 99. NOTICES OF MOTION

99.1 The Council considered the proposal of Councillor Andrea Mearns and supported, in principle the co-option of a Youth Mayor to the Town Council. It was agreed advice should be sought from One Voice Wales on the legal issues involved and that a further report should be made detailing the possible methods of selecting a Youth Mayor.

99.2 The Council considered the proposal of Councillor Carol Heycocks to support Mrs. G. Edwards, 19 Highfield Villas in requesting that pupils and staff do not use any unauthorised access from Highfield Villas to the Alun and Maes Garmon Schools and for the fence to be repaired. The Council was advised of the actions taken by the Schools to prevent the practice. It was agreed to write to the Headteachers seeking their support and thanking them for the action taken to date.

99.3 The Council considered the proposal of Councillor Stephanie Hulley and agreed to ask Flintshire County Council to consider the provision of a floral display within the new roundabout at Chester Road / Chester Street.

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

#### 100. REPORT OF TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

In the absence of the Town Centre Manager, the Clerk commented upon the current situation regarding vacant retail units in the Town.

Reference was made to the previous evening's switch on of the Christmas lights and it was agreed to write to the owners of the new café in Wrexham Street thanking them for their participation.

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

#### 101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

101.1 LEJ/042324 – Pavement café area to front, Wetherspoons, 8 Wrexham Street – the Council agreed to object to the application believing there to be insufficient space outside the premises for such a proposal and that there would be disruption to pedestrian flows.

101.2 SXJ/042343 – Retrospective application for single storey PVC-u conservatory to rear elevation, 11 Moldsdale Road – no objections.

101.3 RMH/042174 – Erection of a dormer bungalow with integral garage, Garden plot to rear Ruardean, Upper Bryn Coch – no objections.

101.4 LEJ/042403 – Erection of palisade boundary fence and extension to existing yard area, Stamford Works, Queens Lane – no objections.

101.5 LAB/042366 – Conversion into a 3 bedroom residential dwelling, Former Nursery, Bryn Coch Hall Farm, Upper Bryn Coch – no objections.

101.6 SXJ/042399 – Erection of a single storey attached garage with flat roof, Oaklea, Bryn Coch Lane – no objections.

101.7 SXJ/042423 – Erection of a single storey front/side extension, 28 Ffordd Trem y Foel – no objections.

101.8 KYT/042414 – Single storey extension to rear, 55 Elm Drive – no objections.

101.9 GZH/042402 – Erection of showcase and display of timber products including the temporary accommodation of low level summerhouses, pergolas etc, Arthur Owen Removals (Former Sureways), Bromfield Industrial Estate – no objections.

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101.10 RMH/042424 – Erection of two detached dwellings in lieu of larger single dwelling previously approved under reference 036778, Plots 8 & 9, Cwrt Rhyd Galed – the Council considered the proposed properties were too large for the plots and that they represented an over-development of the site. The Council therefore, agreed to object to this application.

101.11 Erection of 2 and 3 storey apartment blocks, Bromfield Timber & Joinery, Queens Lane, Bromfield Industrial Estate (Amended layout received) – the Council agreed to object to this application considering the proposal, which is 3 & 4 storey not 2 & 3 storey, to be an over-development of the site, not in-keeping with the existing properties and likely to present an intrusion of privacy. The Council also was of the view that the proposal could cause significant highway difficulties within the area.

Note: Councillor Chris Bithell abstained from voting on this application due to his membership of the County Council's Planning Committee.

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

## 102. MEETINGS ATTENDED

102.1 Councillor Carol Heycocks referred to her attendance at the recent meeting with the North Wales Police Authority. She advised of the comments of the Chief Constable regarding a shortfall in the Police budget and the need to lose a large number of staff. Councillor Heycocks also referred to comments from HM Government advising of large investments in policing.

102.2 Councillor Sheila Powell referred to her attendance at a further meeting of the Local Health Board's Mold Estate Project Group. She advised that detailed consideration is being given to the development of a site within the Town for a centre from which primary health care services can be delivered. Reference was made to sites that include Preswylfa and Love Lane car park. Members felt that it would be appropriate to invite a representative from the Local Health Board to the next meeting of the Council to advise on the proposals.

102.3 Councillor Andrea Mearns referred to her attendance at the meeting of Mold 2000 when the siting of a defibrillator in the Town Centre was discussed.

102.4 Councillor Andrea Mearns referred to her attendance at the meeting of the Mold Hotel and Restaurant Association and to the contribution of monies to the Eisteddfod 2007 from the gala dinner. Reference was also made to the possible staging of a pancake race within the Town on Shrove Tuesday next year.

## 103. 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.

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SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS

IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S

CODE OF CONDUCT

MOLDTOWNCOUNCILDATE: 29thNovember2006

MEMBER ITEM MINUTE NO. REFERS

Councillor Correspondence relating to a planning appeal. 95.3

Robin Guest

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