

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 24th October 2007.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Joyce Jones (Mayor), Carolyn Cattermoul, Geoff Collett, Geoff Darkins, Ray Dodd, Bryan Grew, Robin Guest, Andrea Mearns and Ken Williams with the Clerk and Finance Officer and Town Centre Manager.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors: Chris Bithell, Tony Cattermoul, Carol Heycocks, Stephanie Hulley, Jack Laing, Phill Lloyd and Sheila Powell.

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

81. HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & WELL-BEING STRATEGY

The Mayor welcomed Sheila Lyons to talk about the draft second Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategy that will be operational in 2008-2011.

Ms. Lyons advised that she works for the Flintshire County Council and Flintshire Local Health Board Partnership in the development and implementation of the Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategy.

Ms. Lyons highlighted the eight key priorities and stressed the need for all agencies to work together to achieve the aims and objectives. In undertaking consultation on the draft strategy, she sought the views of the Town Council on the priorities. She advised that the priorities were informed by reviews of data, feedback from individuals and groups, comments from the Welsh Assembly Government and lessons learnt from the current strategy.

In response to questions from Members, Ms. Lyons advised that the strategy had to be delivered from within existing resources although those priorities requiring additional funding would be highlighted. She advised that the Partnership was currently chaired by the Chief Executive of the Local Health Board but that next year this would change with the Director of Adult Social Care, Flintshire taking on the role. Ms. Lyons stated that other strategies such as those relating to homelessness and drugs would continue alongside and complement the Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategy although she hoped that the details of the various priorities were clear. Reference was made to the needs of young carers and Ms. Lyons indicated that carers had been consulted during the development of the Strategy,

It was agreed that Members would feed any questionnaires back to the Clerk for submission to the Partnership.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Lyons for her attendance.

82. MOLD CYCLEWAY AND SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL TOWN PROJECT

The Mayor welcomed David Blainey, Flintshire County Council to the meeting.

Mr. Blainey advised of the possibility of developing the former railway line between Mold and Saltney as a track for multi-use by cyclists, walkers and horseriders alike but not necessarily just for leisure use. He advised that links to schools and the town centre could be provided as part of the development. Consultants had indicated that there were no major obstacles to such a development although discussions would be needed with landowners.

Mr. Blainey indicated it was possible that funding might be available in the near future and it was therefore necessary for consultation to take place before the end of the calendar year with a view to preparing a detailed scheme in readiness for the submission of a funding bid.

Mr. Blainey advised the Council of pilot 'Sustainable Travel Towns' schemes in English towns that had since 2004 resulted in a 10% reduction in road traffic. He further advised that the Welsh Assembly Government was now looking to have four pilot schemes within Wales and felt that with the principles being closely associated to the Cittaslow goals being pursued in the Town, it would be appropriate for Mold to be considered as one of the pilot towns. He sought the support of the Council to this proposal and to the development of a submission at the appropriate time.

Resolved: It was resolved that the Council supports:

- a) The principle of the cycleway in the Town;
- b) The approach suggested for the preparation of a submission for Mold as a 'Sustainable Travel Town', with Councillors Carolyn Cattermoul, Tony Cattermoul, Geoff Collett, Robin Guest, Andrea Mearns and Ken Williams representing the Town Council in any discussions.

83. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked Members for their support at her Civic Service.

The Mayor advised of her attendance at a charity concert held at Bryn Coch CP School in aid of CLIC Sargent and at the Parkfields Harvest Service. She also advised that the Brownies had been to the Town Hall to view the Council Chamber.

The Mayor advised the Council of the presentation of the Blooming Mold awards that this year was held at the Homebase Store with the company providing refreshments.

84. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th September 2007 be received and approved.

85. MATTERS ARISING

85.1 Minute 66.1.1: Mold Going Carbon Neutral – The Deputy Mayor thanked Councillors Stephanie Hulley and Ken Williams and Richard Spray for their help in enveloping the letters for all Mold residents.

85.2 Minute 70: Flower towers and Barrier baskets – The Deputy Mayor advised that Mr. Mike Wright of Gwernaffield Road, had agreed to again assist in the planting of the towers and baskets.

86. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were considered:

86.1 The Council noted and welcomed the correspondence from Flintshire County Council's Chief Regeneration Officer advising of the healthcheck study to be undertaken in the seven main commercial town centres in the County.

86.2 The Council noted and welcomed the correspondence from Mr. Andy McBeth, Flintshire County Council's Environmental Services Manager regarding the proposal for the mechanical treatment of the residual black sack waste.

86.3 The Council noted the correspondence regarding the exhibition 'Family Search on the Road' to be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, St. David's Park Ewloe.

86.4 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council regarding the summer playschemes.

86.5 The Council noted the correspondence from the County Finance Officer as Administrator to the Clwyd Pension Fund and the requirement for an increase in the Town Council's employer contributions rate with effect from 1st April 2008. The Clerk advised that a further report would be made to the Personnel Committee following the Annual Joint Consultative Meeting (AJCM) with Employers on 8th November.

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

87. ANNUAL RETURN & INTERMEDIATE AUDIT 2006 / 07

The Council noted that the External Audit of the Town Council's accounts for the year 2006/07 had been completed and a clean report received. .

Resolved: It was resolved that the report be approved.

88. ACCOUNTS – HALF YEARLY REVIEW

The Council considered the previously circulated report detailing the position relating to the income and expenditure as at 30th September 2007 and including the Bank Reconciliation, Income, Petty Cash, Expenditure and Summary schedules.

The Council noted the comments within the report relating to specific items of expenditure and income and approved the half-yearly review.

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

89. CITTASLOW MOLD – PROJECT WORKER

The Council noted that approval had been given for the employment of a project worker for Cittaslow Mold. It was also noted that funding was being made available from Cadwyn Clwyd through the EU programme, LEADER+, with match-funding from the Welsh Assembly Government and in-kind support from Cittaslow Mold and the Town Council.

The Council approved the project, running for the period up to 30th June 2008, and the arrangements for the management, co-ordination and administration by Cittaslow Mold and the Town Council.

The Clerk advised the Council that arrangements had also been made for the placement of a Masters Degree student with both the Town Council and Flintshire County Council for a period of four weeks commencing 12th November. The student would be undertaking projects linked to Cittaslow and sustainability and helpful to the Councils as part of her degree course. The costs of the placement would be met jointly with the two Councils each paying £250.

Resolved: That the report and the action taken be approved.

90. CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION – PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The Council was reminded that its suggested motion, of providing closed circuit television (CCTV) within primary schools, was not included for discussion at the Annual Meeting of One Voice Wales.

The Council again considered the matter and felt that it would be appropriate to ask the Welsh Assembly Government to provide ring-fenced funds for the provision of CCTV within all primary schools in Wales. It was noted that some schools had already undertaken this work themselves.

Resolved: It was agreed to press the Welsh Assembly Government to provide ring-fenced funds for the provision of CCTV within all primary schools in Wales.

91. FLINTSHIRE UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Council noted that the Council's representations regarding the access arrangements to the possible housing development off Cilnant / Queens Park had been presented to the UDP Planning Inquiry.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

92. REPORT OF TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

The Town Centre Manager presented a verbal report to the Council.

The Town Centre Manager advised of the short-term arrangements for the letting of the Kwiksave premises and the progress with Currys. He further advised of the proposals for the alteration at the former 'Roberts' Deli' on Wrexham Street and confirmed that it was the warehouse that was closing, not the Shoefayre store itself.

Resolved: It was resolved that the report be noted.

93. NOTICES OF MOTION

93.1 The Council considered the proposal of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Andrea Mearns, and agreed to examine the costs involved in the provision of new Town signs on the main routes into Mold.

93.2 The Council considered the proposal of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Andrea Mearns and agreed to ask the Daniel Owen Community Association if it will open the public toilets in the Centre during the periods when the building is open and if so, to identify the likely costs.

93.3 The Council considered the proposal of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Andrea Mearns and agreed to ask the County Council to consider the provision of free park and ride bus services from County Hall every Saturday.

93.4 The Council considered the proposal of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Andrea Mearns and agreed to ask the County Council to provide signs by the pay machines within the car parks, whenever the free park and ride bus service is in operation, advertising that the service is available.

Resolved: It was resolved that the action identified be taken.

94. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

94.1 LEJ/044003 – Single storey rear extension, 3 Rhodfa Mynydd – no objections.

94.2 PXR/043932 – Partial rebuilding of front boundary wall and re-modelling of lower section garden, 32 Hendy Road – no objections.

94.3 BMK/043960 – Provision of pedestrian access gate, land at Love Lane – the Council felt that the inclusion of a pedestrian gateway within the wall would detract from its aesthetic value and therefore agreed to object to the application.

94.4 KYT/044005 – Erection of a 9.844 metre high flagpole to display red dragon or green flag to display eco-friendly school status, Ysgol Maes Garmon, Conway Street – no objections.

94.5 LEJ/044074 – Erection of a two-storey extension to front, 8 Moel Ganol – no objections.

94.6 KYT/044014 – Provision of covered walkway, The Red Lion, 15 Wrexham Street – no objections.

94.7 LEJ/044032 – Erection of a two-storey side extension, 7 Cilnant – no objections.

94.8 LEJ/044112 – Erection of a rear single storey extension to incorporate a dining room and sun room, 6 Y Dolydd – no objections.

94.9 GZH/043966 – Change of use from retail to family entertainment centre, Unit 6, The Mall, Ambrose Lloyd Centre – the Council considered this matter carefully, but mindful of the comments and complaints made at meetings of the Neighbourhood Forum relating to anti-social behaviour, agreed to object to the application.

94.10 KYT/044041 – Outline, Erection of a 4-bedroom detached dwellinghouse, Badgers Rise, Ffordd Newydd – the Council agreed to object to this application believing that the proposed development would be sited on land identified as being green barrier in the emerging Unitary Development Plan.

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

95. MEETINGS ATTENDED

There were no reports.

96. 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: 24th October 2007
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
	None	

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