

# **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

## **PRESENT:**

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

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

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

## **28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **29. POLICING MATTERS**

The Mayor welcomed Sergeant Lisa Sturridge and PC Colin Coulborn to the meeting.

Members raised concerns about the parking of vehicles on pavements and Councillor Jack Laing provided a number of photographs identifying the extent of the problem. The illegal parking on yellow lines in the Town Centre and problems caused when goods delivered to the shops were also highlighted.

PC Coulborn advised the causing of an unnecessary obstruction was an offence and that he would give the matter some attention. PC Coulborn retained the photographs provided.

Reference was also made to the riding of motorcycles and the nuisance caused. PC Coulborn indicated that if the owners of the land had given permission no offence was being committed. However, he further advised that members of the public should contact him if the situation recurred.

In response to questions, PC Coulborn advised that the dispersal order had appeared to have had the desired effect although there had been an element of moving the problems elsewhere. He indicated that there had been a reduction in the number of incidents occurring in the dispersal order area and that he would remain alert to the matters arising elsewhere in Mold.

Reference was made to the issue of 'boy-racers' and large lorries in the Woodlands Road / Bromfield Lane area. Sergeant Sturridge advised that the Police can deal with the issue of vehicles causing excessive noise and PC Coulborn advised that he would investigate the matters raised.

The Mayor thanked Sergeant Sturridge and PC Coulborn for their attendance and responses to the matters raised.

### **30. EISTEDDFOD BANNERS**

The Mayor welcomed Gwawr Cordiner from the Flintshire Language Initiative.

Mrs. Cordiner introduced herself as the new Chief Officer and outlined the role of the organisation. She advised that funding of £1800 had been obtained from the Welsh Arts Council towards a banner project with the Mold primary schools to promote the Welsh language and the Eisteddfod. Mrs. Cordiner was seeking the support of the Council to the placement of the banners in the Christmas tree brackets and a possible contribution towards the project that would be taking place during the last two weeks of the school term.

In acknowledging that the brackets are in the ownership of the individual retailers, the Council gave its wholehearted support to the project. It agreed to consider the provision of financial support later in the meeting during discussion on other financial applications.

Mrs. Cordiner advised that the Council could receive assistance towards the adoption of an achievable Welsh Language Scheme and indicated that it would be seen as a good gesture in readiness for the Eisteddfod.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The Council supports the banner project and considers the provision of financial aid later in the meeting; and
- b) The adoption of a Welsh Language Scheme be pursued and that the matter be considered by Councillors Chris Bithell, Bryan Grew and Sheila Powell at the earliest possible opportunity.

### **31. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor advised of her attendance at the ceremony for the awarding of certificates to volunteers in the area and commented upon the valuable amount of work they undertake. She also advised of her attendance at the Clwyd Gate Restaurant for their 'Italian Evening'.

### **32. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Cittàslow Mold Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007 be received and noted; and
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2007 be received and approved.

### **33. MATTERS ARISING**

Mold Town Council – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2007

33.1 Minute 17.1: Public Telephone kiosk, Chester Road – The Clerk advised that BT had responded advising that every consideration would be given to the concerns expressed and that the Town Council would be advised of their deliberations.

33.2 Minute 17.2: Provision of Litter Bin - The Clerk agreed to chase this matter with Flintshire County Council.

33.3 Minute 18.8: Bryn Gwalia Communities First Partnership Board – The Deputy Mayor advised that the Town Council had not necessarily been asked to nominate to the Board and consequently no nomination was made.

33.4 Minute 24.3: Window Cleaning at Mold Library – The Clerk advised the Council of the positive response from the Assistant Director and of the difficulties encountered with the Perspex windows on the ground floor that have been scratched and are therefore, difficult to clean.

### **34. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

34.1 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of an appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the erection of three dwellings on the land to the rear of 32 Hendy Road.

34.2 The Council considered the correspondence from Cadet Warrant Officer Geraint Griffiths and agreed to the provision of Town Council plaques for presentation during the International Air Cadet Exchange in Australia.

34.3 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council's Head of Engineering Services regarding the traffic management issues at Llys y Ddol and the land adjacent to Cambrian Villas.

34.4 The Council considered the correspondence from One Voice Wales and Councillors Sheila Powell and Ken Williams offered their services as volunteers for a period during the week of the Eisteddfod.

34.5 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council and agreed to support the proposed relocation of the Reference and Information Centre from Library Headquarters to the gallery area in Mold Library.

34.6 The Council noted receipt of the minutes of the meeting of Flintshire Local Health Board held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May and the agenda for the meeting to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

34.7 The Council noted the article circulated by the County Legal and Democratic Services Officer.

34.8 The Council considered the correspondence from One Voice Wales and agreed that Councillor Bryan Grew, the Council's representative on One Voice Wales, should attend the Conference and Annual General Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2007. It was also noted that Member Councils could submit up to a maximum of two motions for debate and it was agreed to consider this matter at the next meeting.

34.9 The Council noted receipt of the minutes of the meeting of Flintshire Fairtrade Coalition held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

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

### **35. FLINTSHIRE & DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD 2007**

The Deputy Mayor queried whether the Council could have a presence within the Flintshire County Council pavilion at the Eisteddfod. The Clerk advised of the comments of the Tourism Manager at the recent meeting of the Tourism Committee when he indicated that there would be reference to Cittaslow Mold and advised of the difficulties of inviting all Town and Community Councils in the County to have a presence.

It was agreed to raise this with the County Council, Selwyn Evans and, if necessary, One Voice Wales with a view to having a display on the Eisteddfod field. It was noted that there is provision within the budget for office equipment that will allow for the purchase of a display board.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to pursue a presence on the Eisteddfod field as detailed above.

### **36. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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

a) Cambria Band	£250.00
b) 1378 (Mold) Squadron ATC	£600.00

The Council agreed not to give grants to the Benefit Advice Shop and DEECAT. The Council was advised that the Mold Super Troopers had been given the equipment for which a grant had been sought. It was therefore, agreed to ask the group what other equipment was needed and to consider any other request at the next meeting.

The Council also considered the request from Gwawr Cordiner for assistance towards the provision of banners in the Town, outlined previously in the meeting, and agreed to award a grant of £250 to the Flintshire Welsh Language Initiative.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the grants detailed above be approved and that a further application be considered at the next meeting from Mold Super Troopers if necessary.

### **37. SKATEBOARDING FACILITIES**

The Council considered the report circulated at the meeting giving details of further proposals from the County Council's Leisure Services Manager. It was noted that these proposals provide for a slightly smaller scheme, approximately 20% smaller than the previous proposal, with seven pieces of equipment rather than the original twelve in two possible layouts.

The likely views of the County Council's Planning Officer were noted as unlikely to change from those submitted at the time of the original planning application, with the belief that the Kendricks Field site should be retained for informal recreational use only. It was also noted that the County Council's Environmental Health Officer had yet to fully assess and analyse the proposals although he had indicated that they might be more acceptable, possibly with the provision of some acoustic barriers to further reduce any noise nuisance.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to:

- a) Support the proposal shown as 'Layout No.2' subject to there being no objections from the Environmental Health Officer; and
- b) Approve the submission of a planning application from the Town Council based on this proposal.

Note: Councillor Chris Bithell abstained from voting on this item due to being a member of the County Council's Planning Committee.

### **38. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

The Council considered the previously circulated correspondence from One Voice Wales setting out guidance to local councils for the preparation of a complaints procedure. If the Council is happy with the framework, a formal procedure can be prepared for publication and display at the office and on the Town Council's website.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to prepare a formal complaints procedure based upon the framework set out by One Voice Wales.

### **39. REPORT OF TOWN CENTRE MANAGER**

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

The Town Centre Manager advised that the economic survey had been completed and would be presented to a variety of groups in due course. He outlined the current position regarding the vacant shops within the Town and advised that probate was still to be finalised in respect of Harley's Garage.

The Town Centre Manager advised that he had now assumed control of the management of the visitmold.com website and that subject to resolving the mapping, the project was now complete. The marketing of the website was ongoing.

Members referred to the parking problems in the Town and in particular to the difficulties encountered when deliveries were being made to some shops. It was agreed that the Town Centre Manager should discuss this matter with the retailers and the County Highways Officers.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the report be noted and the action identified be taken.

#### **40. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

40.1 PXR/043387 – Construction of trim rail, Mold Campus Recreation Area, Wrexham Road – no objections.

40.2 JZB/043358 – Replacement of existing garage with two-storey side extension, 8 Llys y Nant – no objections.

40.3 SB/DS/043383 – Fell 1 No. horse chestnut, prune 1 No. lime and remove limb on sycamore, Bromfield Lane and The Firs – no objections.

40.4 KCS/043475 – Renewal of existing planning permission ref: 033920 to allow the erection of a double garage and store, formation of a vehicular access and erection of a conservatory, Greentops, Bryn Coch Lane – no objections.

40.5 PXR/043472 – Erection of a first floor rear extension above existing ground floor kitchen and dining room extension, 1 Cae Hir – no objections.

40.6 CTB/043417- Regeneration of site for 22 No. apartments, 2 No. offices and covered parking area, land side of Glanrafon Road – no objections.

40.7 TGE/043494 – Single storey rear extension to form two bedrooms, 19 Ffordd Pentre – no objections subject to there being no adverse effect upon the neighbouring properties.

40.8 ECH/043485 – Change of use of outbuilding from annex to residential accommodation to let, 4 Hill Grove, Pwll Glas – The Council agreed to object to this application because of the lack of parking facilities and the difficult access arrangements.

40.9 BMK/043525 – Erection of a detached garage for storing equipment and resources, Parkfields Community Centre, Ash Grove – no objections.

40.10 KYT/043555 – Erection of smokers shelter to the rear of the club with timber decking base, Ex-Servicemen's Club, 77 Wrexham Street – The Council noted that this application had been submitted in retrospect but agreed to object to the application because of the detrimental effect of noise, emanating from the structure, upon the neighbouring residents of Chapel Street.

40.11 LEJ/042970 – Outline application, Erection of a dwelling, Clwyd, Gwernaffield Road (This application has an amended block plan) – The Council agreed to object to this application because of the proposed loss of a tree, the inadequate existing drainage system and the additional traffic that will be created in a narrow cul-de-sac.

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

Note: The Mayor and Deputy Mayor declared an interest in item 40.9 and the Past Mayor, Councillor Bryan Grew, took the Chair for the discussion on that item.

#### **41. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

41.1 Councillor Chris Bithell referred to his attendance with other Members at the Annual Meeting of the Daniel Owen Community Association. He advised that the Association had thanked the Council for their contribution towards the costs involved in running the Centre.

41.2 Councillor Sheila Powell referred to her attendance at a recent meeting of the Flintshire Local Health Board's Project Steering Group. She advised that the provision of a new primary health care facility would be proceeding even though Pendre Surgery had withdrawn its support.

41.3 The Deputy Mayor referred to her attendance at a meeting of the Hotel and Restaurant Association and at the Annual Meetings of Bryn Gwalia Communities First and Parkfields. The Deputy Mayor also advised of her attendance at the Mold 2000 meeting and the quiz held when over £600 was raised for the Eisteddfod. The Deputy Mayor also referred to her attendance at a meeting to discuss sustainable tourism in the Clwydian Range.

#### **42. 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**

<b>MOLD TOWN COUNCIL</b>	<b>DATE: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
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