

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 30th April 2008.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: Geoff Collett and Phill Lloyd,

151. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

152. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised of her attendance at the St. George's Day Service and Parade and at the Mold Town Concert Band's practice when she was able to present them with a 'Mayor's Cup'.

The Mayor advised that this would be the last meeting of the Council to be attended by Councillor Jack Laing. The Mayor referred to the dedication shown by Councillor Laing in his role as councillor and to his service as Mayor of Mold on two occasions. The Mayor invited Councillor Laing to the Annual Meeting of the Council when his service would be formally recognised. The Mayor also referred to the retirement of Councillor Phill Lloyd and thanked him for all he has done.

153. POLICING MATTERS

The Mayor welcomed PC Anthony Butlin and CPSO Lynne Turner to the meeting.

In response to concerns raised by a number of Members about indiscriminate parking throughout the Town, PC Butlin advised that the action he would take depended upon whether the vehicle was causing an obstruction. He indicated that a number of parking tickets had been issued recently and this included drivers with a disabled badge who were causing obstructions close to the High Street / Earl Road junction. PC Butlin indicated that he and his colleagues would be vigilant in matters of poor and illegal parking. Reference was also made to the difficulties experienced with parents parking close to the schools. CPSO Turner advised that plans were afoot for a 'Walk to School Day' to be held on 20th May when the Tesco car park would be used for the early morning period.

CPSO Turner advised that the ban on the consumption of alcohol within designated areas of the Town centre was not yet in force although she indicated that the byelaw

could result in moving the problem elsewhere in the Town. Members advised that there were complaints of underage drinking close to the River Alyn and also on Bailey Hill and the Ffordd Dolgoed / Ruthin Road footpath in recent days. CPSO Turner advised that the Police were planning an operation to target underage drinkers in a number of locations.

Reference was made to concerns about speeding vehicles, licensing hours, mounted police, litter and the drugs situation within the Town. PC Butlin and CPSO Turner responded to all issues posed by Members indicating that they are taking a proactive approach to concerns raised.

The Mayor and Members thanked the Officers for the work they undertake and for dealing with many of the issues raised by the public with Members.

154. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th March 2008 be received and approved.

155. MATTERS ARISING

155.1 Minute 141.2 'Sustainable Travel Town' status – Councillor Andrea Mearns circulated a letter seeking the support and input of Members to the development of a bid for 'sustainable travel town status'. Councillor Mearns reminded Members that the report should be finalised in early June such that their feedback should be forwarded to the Clerk during the month of May.

155.2 Minute 142.7 'Police Cadets' – The Clerk advised Inspector Alun Oldfield wished to talk to the Council about the activities the Police Cadets can be involved with and that arrangements would be made for this in due course.

156. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence, including three new items, were considered:

156.1 The Council noted the correspondence from residents in Ffordd Dolgoed objecting to the siting of a dog litter bin at the top of their cul-de-sac. Councillor Robin Guest reported upon his discussions with the resident who made the original request and those with the residents in Ffordd Dolgoed. There currently appeared to be little need for this provision and it was therefore agreed to take no further action.

156.2 The Council noted receipt of the correspondence from Mark Isherwood AM regarding the recent issues of recycling and bottle deposits previously raised by the Council.

156.3 The Council considered the application for financial assistance from Cymdeithas Gŵyl Tegeingl towards the costs of staging the Arts / Folk Festival to be held in Mold on the weekend of 15-17 August 2008. The Council noted that the event was to be the first of its kind in Mold reflecting the rich art and folk culture that has developed and survived here for centuries. The Clerk reported upon the need to establish and launch the event and hence the desire for the application for financial

assistance to be considered at this time. The Council agreed to award a grant of £250 in support of the Young Musicians Award or similar.

156.4 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of its hope to introduce a small programme of cleaning chewing gum from pavements later in the year.

156.5 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising that it is willing to provide a litter bin in the area of The Mall, off Wrexham Street.

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

157. FINAL ACCOUNTS

The Council considered the previously circulated report setting out the accounts of the Town Council for the year 2007/08 which included:

- a) Summary Income and Expenditure Account;
- b) Balance sheet;
- c) Details of the Expenditure incurred within the year 2007/08;
- d) Bank and Cash Reconciliation for the year; and
- e) The final 2007/08 quarterly analyses of petty cash expenditure and income.

In noting the comments within the report, the Council recognised the costs carried forward to the current year, the amount of burial fees to be written off and the funds held for specific activities.

Resolved: It was resolved that the accounts be approved for audit.

158. NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

The Council considered the previously circulated report and enclosed draft Code of Conduct.

Resolved: It was resolved that the new model Code of Conduct be adopted and that the sum of £10 be prescribed as the value above which gifts and hospitality must be registered.

159. MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ARTWORK

The Council considered the previously circulated report regarding the maintenance of the public artwork to be provided in the Daniel Owen Precinct. In acknowledging that many matters about the nature of the artwork are yet to be resolved, the Council agreed that it would be appropriate to give its agreement, in principle, to the maintenance.

Resolved: It was resolved that the Council agrees, in principle, to maintaining the public artwork to be provided in the Daniel Owen Precinct.

160. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Council was pleased to note that members of Mold 2000 have agreed to support an extension to the display of Christmas lights in the Town Centre. The Clerk advised that to date, pledges of £650 had been made. It was also noted that arrangements are being made to identify the possible displays and locations that can be utilised for this extension to the lights.

Resolved: It was resolved the report be noted.

161. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

The Council noted that Mr. Dave Hill has been appointed to the post of Town Centre Manager and that he was expected to commence his duties on 1st June 2008.

Resolved: It was resolved the report be noted.

162. NOTICES OF MOTION

162.1 On the proposal of Councillor Robin Guest, it was agreed to ask Flintshire County Council to erect a dog litter bin in Hendy Road at the junction of the rear of 39 Greenside with the wall of Preswylfa.

162.2 On the proposal of Councillor Robin Guest it was agreed to ask North Wales Police to support a request to Flintshire County Council for the painting of direction signs on Chester Road at the approach to the Tesco roundabout.

162.3 On the proposal of Councillor Andrea Mearns and at the request of three businesses in the Indoor Market, via Mold 2000, it was agreed to seek the addition of new directional signs to the Indoor Market on the existing finger post signs in and around the Daniel Owen Square. It was also agreed to seek the provision of a projecting nameboard sign on the wall of the Indoor Market.

162.4 On the proposal of Councillor Andrea Mearns and at the request of Bryn Gwalia Communities First Partnership Board, it was agreed to ask Flintshire County Council to put a new dog litter bin on the wide grass verge in front of 37 – 55 Hawthorn Avenue, next to the existing litter bin together with a sign advising of the penalties of allowing dogs to foul is also sought.

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

163. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Council considered the following applications, including four new applications:

163.1 KYT/044712 – Change of use to children's indoor play and party centre, Unit 7, Bromfield Industrial Estate, Stephen Gray Road – no objections.

163.2 LEJ/044345 – Amended application, Lowering of garden to provide off street parking area for two vehicles, 3 Marlow Terrace – no objections.

163.3 KYT/044806 – Erection of single storey extension, Poplar Cottage, Milford Street – no objections.

163.4 KYT/044707 – Erection of a two storey extension to create new garage with bedroom and study above, 48 Bryn Garmon – no objections.

163.5 PGL/044838 – Erection of two new retail units and associated works, Land at Denbigh Road & Milford Street. The Council noted that this application had been received since the publication of the agenda and in view of the scale of the proposal agreed to consider the matter at the next meeting of the Council to be held on 28th May 2008.

163.6 PXR/044773 – Children's indoor adventure playcentre with café, Unit 7, Bromfield Industrial Estate, Stephen Gray Road – no objections.

163.7 LEJ/044761 – Extension of existing porch at rear of property, addition of mono-pitch roof extending back across kitchen and carport with appropriate supporting walls, pillars and posts, replacing facing brick around kitchen with imperial to match house, erection of conservatory to rear and replace doors and windows, 7 The Close – no objections.

163.8 KYT/044879 – Removal of existing single storey side extension and garages and replace with two storey side extension and garage and erection of a balcony to the rear, 51 Bryn Awelon – no objections.

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

164. MEETINGS ATTENDED

164.1 Councillor Stephanie Hulley reported on her attendance at the Annual Meeting of Mold Town Concert Band referring to the possibility of a 10th Anniversary concert being held later this year. Reference was also made to her attendance at the Abbeyfield coffee morning and meetings of the St. David's School governing body.

164.2 Councillor Ken Williams reported on his attendance at the recent meeting with the Divisional Inspector of Police when the past years crime statistics were reported.

164.3 Councillor Sheila Powell reported on her attendance at the recent meeting of the Estates Group of Flintshire Local Health Board when it was advised that further reviews of sites for the primary health care facility are being undertaken. This follows the withdrawal of support from another doctor within the Town.

164.4 Councillor Mearns reported on her attendance at a recent Cittaslow Mold group meeting at which Harvey Mitchell of Flintshire County Council gave his support to increasing public toilet and signage provision within the Town. Councillor Mearns advised that details were to be provided to Mr. Mitchell with a view to improving the situation.

165. 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.

166. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved: It was resolved that the public and press be excluded from the meeting in order to allow discussion on confidential matters.

167. SID MATTHEWS COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Council considered the previously circulated report from the panel appointed to consider nominations for the Sid Matthews Community Awards 2006.

Resolved: It was resolved that the report be approved and that the following awards be given:

- a) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service / Achievements by a Local Youth Organisation” – The Bryn Coch Indoor Athletics Team – for its success in both local and regional competitions over the past six years;
- b) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service / Achievements by a Young Person” – Lisa Edwards – for her work with a local charity assisting special needs children and the families and with other local voluntary groups;
- c) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service by an Individual” – Nan Bryan, 24 Hazel Grove – for her commitment and contribution to the community of Bryn Gwalia over many years; and
- d) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service by a Local Organisation” – The Parkfields Lunch Club – for the provision of a valued service to the pensioners of Mold.

SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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Councillor Andrea Mearns	Sid Matthews Community Awards	167