

# **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

## **PRESENT:**

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

## **APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Stephanie Hulley and Tim Maunders.

## **125. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

## **126. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor advised that she had presented cheques to some of the local groups that had been awarded grants from the Town Council. She thanked those Members who had been able to attend the meeting with Barry Harrison the previous week and advised of a Charity Quiz Night being organised by Mold Rotary Club to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

## **127. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009 be received and approved subject to the first sentence of Minute 120 being amended to 'The Council considered the following planning applications'.

b) The minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009 be received and noted.

## **128. MATTERS ARISING**

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128.1 Minute 110.3 Feasibility Study – The Mayor advised that none of the feasibility studies had been approved by the Cadwyn Clwyd Board. Arrangements had been made for a meeting with Cadwyn Clwyd officers to provide further clarification and justification prior to further consideration at an extraordinary meeting of the Cadwyn Board on 24<sup>th</sup> March.

128.2 Minute 118 St. Mary's Church Hall – Councillor Ray Dodd offered to assist in the discussions with representatives of St. Mary's Parish Church.

128.3 Minute 122.1 Noise from Vehicles – The Clerk advised that the Police had queried the need for noise monitoring following the introduction of bollards at the Aldi / McDonald's car park. It was confirmed that the problem was one of a general nature affecting the whole of the Town and as such Police assistance was needed.

### **130. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

130.1 The Council considered the correspondence from Mr. Tudor Owen, 7 Linden Drive and agreed to support the request to Flintshire County Council, Wales and West Utilities and AMEC to ensure the proper restoration of the grass verges in Linden Drive following gas mains replacement.

130.2 The Council was pleased to note the correspondence from Hwyl Wyn Edwards advising of the establishment of a permanent office of the National Eisteddfod in Mold.

130.3 The Council noted receipt of the consultation paper 'Proposals on the Future of Community Health Councils in Wales' and agreed to hold a special meeting to consider its contents.

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

### **131. SKATEBOARDING FACILITIES**

The Council considered the previously circulated report.

In determining how to proceed, the Council considered the comments of the Planning Officer and the formal notification of the decision of the Planning Committee to refuse the application. Members reiterated the comments previously made in relation to the provision of skateboarding facilities at Kendricks Field and felt that an appeal against the decision to refuse planning permission would allow for an independent view to be taken by a Planning Inspector.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the Town Council appeal the decision of the County Council to refuse planning permission for the skateboarding facility at Kendricks Field.

### **132. ALCOHOL CONTROL ZONES – DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACE ORDERS**

The Council considered the previously circulated Guidance on Designated Public Place Orders (DPPOs) received from the County Legal and Democratic Services Officer.

Whilst giving clear guidance on the application of DPPOs, Members felt that it would be helpful to have the views of the Police before making any decision on the identification of areas for inclusion within a DPPO.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that Chief Superintendent Ruth Purdie be invited to a meeting of the Council to advice on the application and enforcement of a DPPO in the Town.

### **133. REORGANISATION OF THE NHS IN WALES**

The Council considered a draft response prepared following the informal meeting with Barry Harrison the previous week and circulated at the meeting.

Members raised additional points for inclusion within the response including the inappropriate responsibilities being adopted by the Minister, a geographical reference within the name of the Local Health Board (LHB), the process of consultation itself and sanctions applicable in the event that the LHB does not perform to the required levels.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that, with the additional comments, the response be made to the Welsh Assembly Government with copies to the Member of Parliament, Assembly Members and the Clwyd Community Health Council.

### **134. LEISURE SERVICES STRATEGY**

The Council considered the previously circulated Leisure Services Strategy.

The Council acknowledged the many challenges facing the County Council in the development of leisure services that meet the needs of the community and the benefits to be gained by providing facilities that assist in improving the health of Flintshire residents.

Members felt that greater emphasis should be given to the opportunities provided by the development of both cycling and walking within the strategy. Concern was also expressed about the reduction in the number of playing fields (Public Open Spaces – Long Term) with the proposed identification of four suitable areas of land for the development of grass playing field complexes and the accessibility difficulties that would result, particularly when there is a desire to improve the opportunities for children to play within their own localities.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to support the Strategy but also to make the comments outlined above.

### **135. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

The Council considered the previously circulated report detailing suggested arrangements for allowing members of the public to make representations at meetings of the Town Council.

In agreeing the arrangements Members felt that it would be appropriate, if members of the public wished to speak, that they be given the opportunity to do so at 6.30pm with the Council meeting itself being delayed until 6.45pm at the latest.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to approve the suggested arrangements, subject to the change in timing, and to review the matter at the end of 12 months.

### **136. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Council considered the planning applications detailed below, together with one new application:

136.1 DGJ/045711 – Amended application, outline erection of 24 no. apartments in two blocks of 2/3 storeys with associated works including car parking and landscaping, Morris Garage, Wrexham Road – no objections.

136.2 KYT/045940 – Alteration of roof and construction of a single storey extension to rear, 2 Pen y Bryn – no objections.

136.3 LEJ/045762 – Erection of 1 no. fascia sign, 1 no. double sided hanging sign and window lettering, Farmers Union of Wales, 8B Chester Street – no objections.

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

### **137. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the report be noted.

### **138. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

138.1 Councillor Ken Williams referred to his attendance at a meeting with the local Police Inspector when information on the current performance of South Flintshire Police was provided. Councillor Williams circulated details of that information to Members and commented on the generally positive trends shown.

138.2 Councillor Carol Heycocks advised of her recent attendance at a meeting with the Mold Air Cadets and indicated that she had thanked them for their contributions in the Town.

138.3 Councillor Joyce Jones advised that she had attended the recent funeral of Mrs. McHugh and passed on the condolences of the Council to the family.

138.4 The Mayor referred to her attendance at meetings of Cittaslow UK, a Parkfields Committee and Mold 2000 when there had been a mixed response from retailers to business this year.

### **139. 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: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
None		

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