

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 17th December 2008.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Andrea Mearns (Mayor), Chris Bithell, Tony Cattermoul, Carolyn Cattermoul, Ray Dodd, Carol Heycocks, Tim Maunders and Ken Williams with the Clerk and Finance Officer and Town Centre Manager.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Geoff Collett, Ken Corbett, Geoff Darkins, Bryan Grew, Robin Guest and Joyce Jones.

103. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

104. PLANNING APPLICATION 045598 - ERECTION OF TWO NEW RETAIL UNITS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS, LAND AT DENBIGH ROAD AND MILFORD STREET, MOLD CH7 1LB

The Mayor welcomed Emyr Williams and Paul Temple from Liberty Properties plc, Tim Price from Savills and Chris Hawley from Lidl UK to the meeting to outline their proposed development on land at Denbigh Road and Milford Street.

Mr. Williams outlined the background to the planning applications and advised that the first application for two retail units had been referred to the Welsh Assembly for determination. The second application (ref: 045598) has been amended to one retail unit and is due to be considered by the County Council in the New Year.

Mr. Temple commented on the detail of the application and made reference to the amendments to the planning application to accommodate the views of local residents and concerns expressed about the proposals. He also commented that the former Kwiksave site was not available for consideration due to the imposition of a restrictive covenant preventing the sale of food from the site and that the proposed site satisfied the sequential planning policy.

Mr. Hawley advised that Lidl had been looking for a site within Mold for a number of year and that their stores only served the local catchment area.

In response to questions Mr. Williams indicated that if the appeal to the Welsh Assembly were successful, he would proceed with the application for two retail units.

Whilst Members questioned the need for the store, the primary concern expressed related to its proposed location being outside the defined boundary of the Town Centre and the resultant impact upon the centre itself.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Williams and his colleagues for their presentation.

105. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

105.1 KYT/045615 – Part retrospective application for the conversion of listed structure to create 2 no. two-bedroomed town houses, land to rear of 12-14 Chester Street – no objections.

105.2 DGJ/045767 – Subdivision of dwelling into 3 no. self-contained flats, demolition of lean-to annex, construction of new stair-tower and elevational amendments, Trefalyn, Ruthin Road – no objections.

105.3 TGE/045782 – Erection of an internally illuminated pole sign, Howard Basford Ltd, Gas Lane – no objections.

105.4 PXR/045785 – Erection of a two-storey extension to rear of dwelling, 31 Bryn Awelon – no objections.

105.5 KYT/045708 – Retrospective application for the siting of container at rear of commercial premises, The Centre, Unit 3 Argoed Depot, Chester Road – the Council agreed to object to this application believing that if storage is required on an ongoing basis, a permanent structure, not a container, should be provided.

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

106. FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Council considered the previously circulated report of the Town Centre Manager.

The Town Centre Manager sought the support of the Town Council, in partnership with Cittaslow Mold, Flintshire County Council and Cadwyn Clwyd in the seeking of funding for three feasibility studies:

a) to explore the potential development of Daniel Owen Square into a multi-use public facility and the potential for developing a County Showground in the Mold area;

b) to explore the potential of Bailey Hill as a unique attraction within Mold and opportunities to enhance the Mold “brand” as unique, different and attractive place to work, reside and visit.

c) to explore the development of a sustainable retail hub within Mold Town Centre to meet the needs of resident, visitors and producers themselves, the provision of a community supported agriculture scheme, the introduction of a community garden scheme and the links and opportunities presented by Mold Food Festival and the need to ensure its longer term viability.

Resolved: It was resolved that the Town Council gives in principle support to the project and that further reports be received detailing the likely funding requirements when known.

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL	DATE: 17th December 2008
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
None		

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