

# **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008.

## **PRESENT:**

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

## **APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: Ken Corbett and Sheila Powell

## **44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **45. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor advised the Council of her engagements since the last meeting. These included the Civic Services of the Mayors of Flint and Holywell and the Chairman of the County Council.

The Mayor referred to presentation of the Dame Sheila McKechnie Award to Deeside College and the Police Cadets' Evening when the Mold Cadet was confirmed as Nathan Wolfe. She also advised of her attendance at a Deeside Probus meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Llwynegrin Singers and the International Musical Eisteddfod.

## **46. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be received and approved;
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council Cemetery Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2008 be noted; and
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Audit Sub Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008 be received and approved.

## **47. MATTERS ARISING**

Mold Town Council – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008

47.1 Minute 37.3 'Environmental Competitions' – The Clerk advised that Mold had won the competition for the Best Kept Town in Flintshire. He confirmed that the

presentation evening would be held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at Deeside College, although no details of times were currently available.

47.2 Minute 42.6 'Cittaslow Mold' – Councillor Geoff Collett advised that further consultation had taken place at the Mold Carnival and a number of additional sites had been identified for the siting of benches within the Town.

Cemetery Committee - 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2008

42.3 Minute 4 'Cemetery Extension' – The Clerk advised that a meeting had been held with County Council Officers regarding the options for a footpath along Gas Lane and a detailed response was awaited.

42.4 Minute 5 'Tree Report' – It was agreed to defer works to the leylandii screen until the matter of the footpath had been determined.

## **48. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

48.1 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising that whilst the sites at West View / Bryn Garmon and Hillside Crescent have been identified as in need of attention, the programme for the current year had been already been set and consideration could only be given if funds became available. The County further advised that if funds do not become available in the current financial year, the works would be a priority for 2009/10.

48.2 The Council considered the correspondence from the Post Office and agreed that Councillor Geoff Darkins should attend the consultation forum on 18<sup>th</sup> August at Llysfasi College. It was agreed that the Clerk should circulate the details of the affected post offices to all councillors once it became available on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

48.3 The Council considered the correspondence from the Welsh Assembly Government advising of a review of the electoral arrangements in each of the 22 principal councils in Wales. It was agreed that the Clerk should respond reiterating the Council's view that the boundary between the Broncoed and South Wards should be realigned, as previously agreed, to ensure that all properties on the Preswylfa estate and on the northern side of Ruthin Road are within the South Ward.

48.4 The Council noted the information about the summer playschemes to be held in the Town between 21<sup>st</sup> July and 22<sup>nd</sup> August at Victoria Road, Parkfields play area and Ysgol Maes Garmon.

48.5 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising that the Order banning alcohol from Maes Bodlonfa Recreation Ground and Bailey Hill had taken effect from 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

48.6 The Council considered the correspondence from Mr. A. Patterson, 1 Garmon Villas, Gwernaffield Road regarding speeding traffic. The Mayor reminded Members of the action previously taken by the Town Council including, requests to both the County Council and to Groundworks for a footpath and inclusion within the bid for the

sustainable travel town pilot scheme. The Clerk advised that the solar unit for the vehicle activated sign had been delayed. The Council agreed to pursue the matter of the footpath with the County Council and to ask that it attempts to bring an early conclusion to the matter of the delayed solar unit. Councillor Joyce Jones advised that she would raise the matter at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Forum. It was also agreed to seek the support of Gwernaffield Community Council to the request for the footpath.

48.7 The Council considered the correspondence and agreed to join the Mold Hotel and Restaurant Association.

48.8 It was agreed to deal with this matter at the end of the meeting following consideration of the exclusion of the public and press.

48.9 The Council noted that the next Neighbourhood Forum would be held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008 in the Jubilee Room.

48.10 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council regarding the numbering of houses on Ruthin Road. With the majority of residents being in favour of the properties being numbered, the Council felt that the County Council should proceed with the proposal. It was noted that the Council had previously agreed to seek the numbering of homes in Upper Bryn Coch and Gwernaffield Road.

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

#### **49. AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Council considered the recommendations from the Audit Sub Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008 and agreed to approve:

- a) The recommendations of the Audit Sub Committee relating to Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Annual Investment Strategy, Internal Financial Controls and Risk Assessments; and
- b) The Annual Return and Statement of Assurances for the external audit of the Town Council Accounts 2007/08.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the recommendations of the Audit Sub Committee Council be approved and that the Mayor signs the Annual Return and Statement of Assurances.

#### **50. ACCOUNTS 2008 / 09 – QUARTERLY REVIEW**

The Council considered the previously circulated report detailing the position, as at 30th June 2008, relating to the income and expenditure of the Town Council in the current year.

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

## 51. TIDY TOWNS PROJECT

The Council considered the report that was circulated at the meeting and noted that 'Tidy Towns' is a Welsh Assembly Government three year initiative that, within Flintshire, would focus on three main areas of activity:

- a) support for projects in the main towns in Flintshire;
- b) support for projects along the main rivers in Flintshire; and
- c) a small element to support community activities outside of these main areas.

The main area of activity is intended to involve a 'bottom-up' approach in tackling areas of blight in the town centres, housing estates and green spaces. Local partnerships, town councils, Groundwork and Keep Wales Tidy will be involved in the delivery of this work.

The Council noted that the first phase of works has to be organised and completed within a short timescale for completion by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 and that there will be liaison with the Bryn Gwalia Communities First and Cittaslow Mold to identify schemes for implementation in Mold. In years 2 and 3, a different approach will be adopted working with the partnerships that are involved in the development and delivery of the action plans in the Towns. It is intended that these partnerships will oversee the delivery of 'Tidy Towns' in their respective areas, set their priorities and work together to implement projects. It is during the second and third years of the initiative that the Town Council will have the opportunity to be more directly involved through the partnership arrangement.

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

## 52. NOTICES OF MOTION

52.1 On the proposal of Councillor Carol Heycocks it was agreed to liaise with Welsh Water and the County Council to determine the current situation regarding the scheme of improvements to the drainage system affecting Cae Bracty and other areas in Mold.

52.2 On the proposal of Councillor Carol Heycocks it was agreed to ask Flintshire County Council to relocate the sign pointing to the Bromfield Industrial Estate from its current position to further along Wrexham Road and closer to the roundabout with the by-pass.

52.3 The Council considered the proposal of Councillor Carol Heycocks regarding the adoption of 'stencil style' dog fouling signage on the pavements but agreed to take no action.

52.4 The Council considered the proposal of Councillor Carol Heycocks urging David Hanson MP him to lobby Members of Parliament for a boycott on all firm with links to Zimbabwe but agreed to defer the matter until September.

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

## **53. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Town Council considered the following applications:

53.1 KYT/044879 – Amended plans, 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.

53.2 SB/DS/045114 – Carry out pruning, Preswylfa, Hendy Road – no objections.

53.3 SB/DS/045143 – Fell 1 no. sycamore, Preswylfa, Hendy Road – no objections, but the Council asks that the applicant plants a new tree elsewhere within the grounds of Preswylfa.

53.4 ECH/045180 – Demolition of existing hotel buildings and the erection of 24 No. apartments, Bryn Awel Hotel, Denbigh Road – no objections in principle to this proposal provided that sympathetic consideration is given to the buildings proximity to the conservation area and the historical site of Bailey Hill. The Council has concerns about the drainage arrangements due to the existing problems faced by residents of Henffordd adjoining the application site. Concerns were also raised about the effect on the neighbouring property (sharing a party wall) and the need to ensure privacy.

53.5 CZR/045218 – Erection of side extension, 2 The Close – no objections.

53.6 GZH/045156 – Erection of new office building with associated car park and secure vehicle compound, Land to the west of G C Hahn, Maes Gwern, Mold Business Park – no objections.

53.7 LEJ/045231 – Erection of a single storey extension to rear of the property to create a new kitchen/diner, loft conversion, rebuild existing garage and replace existing flat roof with a double pitched roof, Mayfield, Woodlands Road – no objections.

53.8 PGL/045139 – Reserved matters application – residential development, Former Broncoed Works Site, Wrexham Road – no comments.

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

## **54. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

54.1 Councillor Carol Heycocks referred to the recent clean up at the Bromfield Park estate.

54.2 Councillor Geoff Collett referred to the recent meeting of the Cittaslow Mold group, 'Space and Place' when proposals for a trail at Bailey Hill were discussed. He also referred to the main meeting of Cittaslow Mold when there were reports from all the groups.

54.3 The Mayor advised of her attendance at the meeting of the Hotel and Restaurant Association when the Food Festival arrangements were discussed. The Mayor sought volunteers to help at the Festival and there was a positive response from all Members. The Mayor also referred to a meeting at Parkfields when those present were assured that the problems with the Bubblegum Club had been resolved.

**55. 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.

**56. 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.

**57. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Council considered the Correspondence has been received from the Energy Advice Centre seeking the support of the Town Council to the establishment of a partnership with a Flint based company for the installation of loft and / or cavity wall insulation in the homes in Mold.

The Mayor and a number of Members highlighted concerns about endorsing one individual company even though the company had undertaken substantial work of a satisfactory nature.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that further guidance be sought on this matter.

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

<b>MOLD TOWN COUNCIL</b>	<b>DATE: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
	None	