

# MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

## PRESENT:

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

## APOLOGIES:

Councillor Carolyn Cattermoul

## 89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

## 90. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised the Council of her attendance at a variety of functions during the month. The functions included, amongst others, the Mold Branch of the North West Cancer Research when a cheque for £33,000 was handed over to the charity and the 'Your Champions' Awards Ceremony when local business woman, Sheila Roberts was presented with an award. Reference was also made to the Remembrance Day Service and Parade and the two minutes silence held at the Town Hall.

The Mayor thanked those involved in the 'Switch On' of the Christmas lights and Councillor Tim Maunders presented a contribution of £400 from the Funfair owners towards the improvement of the Christmas lights next year.

The Mayor read out a letter from Cledwyn Ashford thanking the Council for its support over the past years during his time as Headteacher. A card, sending the Council's best wishes to Cledwyn for his retirement, was circulated for Members to sign.

## 91. MINUTES

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008 be received and approved;
- b) The minutes of the special meeting of the Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008 and circulated at the meeting be received and approved subject to the inclusion of a note in Minute 88 confirming that Councillor Chris Bithell did not vote on the planning application.

## **92. MATTERS ARISING**

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92.1 Minute 81 Local Health Board Estates Project – Councillor Bryan Grew reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Project Group and advised the Council of the progress being made to use the site of the former depot at Glanrafon Road for the development of the new primary health care facility for two of the Mold practices. Whilst noting that the proposals were not as originally intended, in that not all the doctors' practices were to be located in the new facility, the Council welcomed the news and supported the development at this location. The Council also agreed to ask the local and regional Assembly Members to support the proposal when submitted to the National Assembly for funding in 2009.

**Resolved:** That the actions set out above be approved.

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92.2 Minute 88 Retail Planning Application, Denbigh Road – Councillor Chris Bithell advised that the application had been considered at the meeting of the County Council's Planning Committee that afternoon and had been deferred for further clarification on the need and site availability.

## **93. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR**

The Council noted the resignation of Councillor Sheila Powell and agreed that the vacancy should be advertised in January 2009. The Mayor paid tribute to the work undertaken by Councillor Powell and her commitment to helping her local community.

**Resolved:** That the resignation be noted and the vacancy advertised in January 2009.

## **94. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

94.1 The Council noted receipt of the correspondence relating to the 'Keep Well this Winter Campaign 2008/09'.

94.2 The Council noted receipt of the correspondence detailing the results of a review of this year's election results for Town and Community Councils.

94.3 The Council considered the correspondence regarding the improvement of the play area at Maes Bodlonfa. The Council welcomed the news that the play area is to be improved but was unable to commit any funds to supplement the equipment to be placed on site. It was however, agreed to review this matter when the budget for 2009/10 is to be considered in January 2009.

94.4 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council in relation to roller shutters and 'A' boards in the Town and agreed to share the contents with Mold 2000.

94.5 The Council noted the correspondence from David Hanson MP in relation to the recent discussions held about the drainage issues affecting Mold and in particular Cae Bracty.

94.6 The Council noted the correspondence from the Alun School regarding the proposed Community Week to be held during 29<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009. It was agreed that Members would feed information on likely schemes of work to the Clerk within a two week period in order that this can then be fed back to the School before Christmas 2008.

94.7 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of suggested alterations to the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way. It was noted that, whilst pathways in Lon Cae Del and Linden Drive were diverted by the Welsh Office in 1967, the Definitive Map was subsequently incorrectly drawn. The Council agreed to support the proposed amendments to the Definitive Map.

94.8 The Council noted receipt of the Annual Report of the Clwyd Community Health Council 2007-08.

94.9 The Council considered the correspondence seeking views on the existing and future arrangements for the monitoring of the CCTV cameras. Members felt that it was difficult to respond to the correspondence without details of the service levels and costs involved. It was however, agreed that effective monitoring of the CCTV cameras was needed but that if the Town Councils in Flintshire are required to fund this monitoring, a range of options and levels of service need to be identified and circulated for consideration.

94.10 The Council noted the correspondence from the National Assembly for Wales regarding the review into the financial support provided for Assembly Members.

94.11 The Council noted receipt of the Annual Report of the Adjudication Panel for Wales 2007/08.

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

## **95. MOLD INSULATION PROJECT**

The Council noted the previously circulated details providing an outline of a project to provide a discounted loft and cavity wall insulation project for residents of Mold by the Energy Advice Centre North Wales.

The Council felt that the project could provide benefits for residents and agreed to support the arrangement outlined.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the project be supported.

## **96. YOUTH MAYOR / COUNCIL**

The Clerk advised the Council of discussions held by the Mayor and a member of staff at the Alun School when it was suggested that a small group of students could become involved in debate with the Town Council.

Members agreed to support this approach with students from the Alun School with the hope that this could lead to the involvement of other schools in the Town, both primary and secondary.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that initial discussions be held with representatives of the Alun School.

## **97. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME**

The Council noted that all public sector organisations must adopt a new Freedom of Information publication scheme from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 and that a new model scheme had been agreed. An outline of the model scheme had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Clerk advised that the new scheme closely followed the previous model and he indicated that he understood extra time was being allowed for the adoption because of the late circulation of the details. The Council agreed to adopt the model scheme with the Clerk completing the template and reporting back to Council in January 2009.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the model scheme be adopted and that a further report be received in January 2009.

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

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

The Town Centre Manager referred to the footfall counts indicating the Mold seemed to be 'holding its own' at present.

Reference was also made to the progress being made to have a nativity scene within the window of the former Curry's shop, and he invited Members to join in the dedication on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

He also reminded Members of the proposals for a 'Mold Spring Clean' to be held in April 2009 and invited anyone with an interest to get involved.

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

## **99. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Town Council considered the following applications, including one new application:

99.1 KYT/045689 – Change of use of section of first floor from retail/storage space to coffee shop, Clays of Chester, 9 Wrexham Street – no objections.

99.2 KYT/045616 – Outline, erection of a detached dormer bungalow with shared garage facility together with new vehicular access, Land side of Stonecroft, Nercwys Road – no objections.

99.3 KCS/045650 – Substitution of house types at current housing development consisting of 2-storey 1, 2 and 3 bedroom mews and 2-storey 3 bedroom detached dwellings, Morris Homes Site Soughton Park, Denbigh Road – no objections.

99.4 KCS/045635 – Outline – regeneration of site for 18 no. apartments including ancillary amenity space and parking areas, Land side of Glanrafon Road – no objections.

99.5 CZR/045688 – Erection of a two storey rear extension, 61 Parc Hendy – no objections.

99.6 ADW/045578 – Change of use for the operation of a taxi business from the premises, Bryn Awel Hotel, Denbigh Road – no objections subject to the operation only being approved for the period up to the start of any development of the Bryn Awel Hotel site.

99.7 DGJ/045711 – 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 subject to the issues of flooding being resolved to the satisfaction of the Environment Agency.

99.8 LEJ/045743 – Change of use from A1 (electrical shop) to A3 (restaurant/café bar) and the internal and external changes to facilitate this. Externally, the replacement of a 10' flat roof with a pitched roof that will make the entire room uniform and allow for additional headroom on the first floor. The addition of an external door to the rear of the building. Grosvenor Street – no objections.

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

## **100. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

## **101. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

101.1 Councillor Joyce Jones advised of her attendance and that of Councillor Geoff Darkins at a recent meeting of the Alyn Works Liaison Committee. Councillor Jones advised of the donations made by the staff's charity and left a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting and the donations made with the Clerk.

101.2 Councillor Geoff Collett advised of a recent meeting of the Cittaslow Mold Space and Place Group and the progress with the Bailey Hill trail. He also referred to the preparation of sponsorship forms for the provision of benches.

101.3 Councillor Carol Heycocks referred to a recent meeting of the governors of Ysgol Delyn and advised that whilst they would miss Mold, they were looking forward to the move to the new school.

101.4 Councillor Ken Williams advised of his attendance at the meeting of community representatives and the local Police Inspector. Councillor Williams informed the Council that he had raised the matter of people drinking within the Daniel Owen Square but was advised that no specific complaints had been made. Councillor Williams also referred to the improving crime figures.

101.5 The Mayor referred to her attendance at St. Mary's Church for the start of the Virgin Art exhibition for amateur artists. The Mayor also referred to a meeting about the pilot sustainable travel towns and indicated that she was due to meet shortly with the Chief Highways and Transportation Engineer. Reference was also made to a Cittaslow Mold meeting relating to the identification of funding schemes and to the development of the community garden at the Club House.

## 102. 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: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
None		