

# **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009.

## **PRESENT:**

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

## **APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: Ray Dodd and Stephanie Hulley.

## **39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were expressed as detailed in the schedule at the end of these minutes.

## **40. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor advised of his attendance at the Abbeyfield's Strawberry Tea, Flint Town Mayor's Civic Service and at the opening of the new Doherty's Bistro, Wrexham Street.

The Mayor also referred to his attendance at the rehearsal of the Clwyd Clippers, the annual meeting of the Llwynegrin Singers and the North Wales Cancer Research charity draw.

The Mayor then introduced Rhian Davies and Hannah Phylip of Menter Iaith and presented them with cheques for the Tegeingl and Gŵyl y Ffin Festivals.

## **41. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009 be received and approved subject to an amendment to the wording of Minute 30.2 to read '... the working group ...'; and

b) The minutes of the meeting of the Audit Sub Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 be received and approved.

## **42. MATTERS ARISING**

42.1 Minute 31.1 Draft Flintshire Regeneration Strategy – Councillor Chris Bithell advised of the possible interest from another supermarket in the former Kwiksave site at Chester Road.

42.2 Minute 31.2 Traffic Calming – Councillor Chris Bithell advised that the ‘mobile’ vehicle activated signs had been temporarily installed on Chester Road.

42.3 Minute 31.9 Mold Food and Drink Festival – The Mayor advised that John Les Tomos had intended to come to this meeting but circumstances had changed and he indicated that he would attend a later meeting. It was agreed that the Council needed to maintain links with the Festival Committee and Councillor Bryan Grew indicated his willingness to attend as a volunteer. This was supported.

42.4 Minute 34 Town Hall Entrance Gates – The Mayor indicated that there had been a positive response from the County Council to the request to refurbish the Town Hall gates but no indication whether the gates at Bailey Hill could be similarly refurbished.

### **43. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

43.1 The Council noted receipt of the copy of the Annual Report 2008/09 of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

43.2 The Council noted receipt of the copy of the Annual Report 2008/09 of the Flintshire Record Office.

43.3 The Council considered the correspondence from the Head of Planning and agreed that Councillors Geoff Collett and Geoff Darkins should represent the Council at the Planning Focus Group Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009. It was also agreed that Members should pass any comments on the draft protocol for third party representations to the Councillors prior to the Focus Group meeting.

43.4 The Council noted the correspondence from the Play Development Officer detailing the Summer Playscheme Programme in Mold.

43.5 The Council noted receipt of the report from the County Council detailing the quarterly incident data from the CCTV monitoring office.

43.6 The Council noted receipt of the correspondence regarding the publicising of the consultation arrangements for a draft Community Strategy for Flintshire 2009/19. It was also noted that the Council would be invited to comment in the near future.

43.7 The Council considered the correspondence detailing the training courses available from One Voice Wales during the remainder of this financial year. Councillor Bryan Grew encouraged all Members to participate in the training and it was agreed that Members would be advised the Clerk of the courses they wished to attend. It was also agreed to ask One Voice Wales to ensure that training module 3 be provided in Mold.

43.8 The Council considered the correspondence from the County Council regarding the next stage in the development of a town partnership and the identification of a programme of projects for the Town. It was agreed to nominate Councillors Geoff Collett, Geoff Darkins, Bryan Grew and Andrea Mearns as representatives of the Town Council. It was noted that the first meeting would be held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

43.9 The Council agreed that the Mayor and Councillors Geoff Darkins and Ken Williams should consider the consultation document 'Shaping the future of North Wales Fire and Rescue Service' and respond on behalf of the Council.

43.10 The Council noted that Mold had been awarded equal second prize in the Flintshire Environmental Competitions 2009.

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

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

The Council considered the recommendations from the Audit Sub Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 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 2008/09.

**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.

#### **45. ACCOUNTS 2009 / 10 – QUARTERLY REVIEW**

The Council considered the previously circulated report detailing the position, as at 30th June 2009, 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.

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

The Council considered a verbal report from the Town Centre Manager.

The Town Centre Manager advised that the launch of the new Mold Business Forum had been successful with over 60 people attending. Membership was approaching 20 and was expected to increase still further.

The Council was advised that both the County Council and the Daniel Owen Estates had given approval to the funding of the lighting scheme in the Daniel Owen Precinct. Planning permission was now awaited. The Town Centre Manager advised that the former Threshers unit has been let on a short-term lease.

The recent marketing initiative was now underway with substantial support from the local retailers. It was hoped that a contribution would be forthcoming from the County Council but currently some £1800 had been promised. Reference was made to the possible targeting of coach companies although it was noted that some coaches had recently brought their passengers to the Town.

The Town Centre Manager advised that with regard to the lamppost banners, the County Council's Street Lighting Manager was currently preparing the scale drawings necessary for the planning application. He indicated that there was still some discussion about the locations for the banners.

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

#### **47. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

47.1 LEJ/046401 – Change of use from A1 (paper shop) to A3 (café/gallery), 52 High Street – no objections.

47.2 RMH/046418 – Refurbishment and extension of building for agricultural merchants with equine and pet retail of food, bedding, housing and accessories for animals, The Store, Woodlands Crossing, Bromfield Lane – no objections.

47.3 LEJ/046440 – Installation of 8 no. white light lanterns, Daniel Owen Precinct, High Street – the Council noted that this application had been submitted in the name of Mold Town Council and made no comment.

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

#### **48. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

#### **49. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

49.1 The Mayor referred to his attendance at the launch of the Mold Business Forum and the County Forum. He highlighted the proposed policy of the County Council to allow third party representations at Planning Committee meetings.

49.2 Councillor Bryan Grew also referred to his attendance at the County Forum. He advised the Council that the necessary signs for the countywide order controlling the consumption of alcohol in public places were being prepared. Councillor Grew also referred to the consultation currently underway by the Postal Services Commission (Postcomm) on changes to the Postcode Address File. He advised that One Voice Wales is aware many councils would like to see the old county names removed from the Postcode Address File and asked the Council if it would be willing to write to Postcomm in support of this move. It was agreed to write accordingly.

49.3 Councillor Geoff Collett referred to his attendance at the recent Cittaslow Space and Place group meeting. He advised that the leaflet for the commemorative benches was now available. Councillor Collett also referred to the progress being made on enhancing the potential of Bailey Hill with a trail and leaflet.

49.5 Councillor Carol Heycocks advised that she had attended the recent celebrations to recognise the contribution of Ysgol Delyn, which had now closed, to the education of those with special needs.

49.6 Councillor Andrea Mearns advised of her attendance at the funeral of Graham Kidd, Cittaslow UK. She referred also to the Wales Waste Strategy meeting, highlighting the need to remove waste food from the waste stream and to reduce the number of black bags used by householders. Councillor Mearns referred to her attendance at the Bryn Gwalia Communities First AGM and advised that Karen Hodgkinson had been elected Chair. Councillor Mearns advised the Council of her visit, together with other Cittaslow members, to Middlewich to provide first impressions of the Town. She told of the generally quiet appearance of Middlewich which emphasized the importance of the market to Mold on Saturdays.

49.7 Councillor Ken Williams advised of his attendance at the recent meeting of Mold 2000 when Dave Faulkner, the County Council's Head of Highways and Transportation, had spoken on car parking. Mr Faulkner had indicated that the promised car parking strategy was due to be published in September 2009. Councillor Williams advised that Mold 2000 wished to hold a quiz with the proceeds going towards the improvement of the Christmas lights and he asked the Council to provide the Jubilee Room free of charge for the quiz. It was agreed that there would be no charge for the use of the Jubilee Room for the quiz in September.

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

## 50. 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
Councillor Robin Guest	Planning Applications	47.1