

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 28th April 2010.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Tony Cattermoul (Mayor), Chris Bithell, Carolyn Cattermoul, Ken Corbett, Ray Dodd, 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: Geoff Collett, Geoff Darkins, Stephanie Hulley and Brian Lloyd.

140. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

141. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor referred to his attendance at the Annual Spring Show performed by Buzz-Ah, the Lord Lieutenant's Annual Poppy Awards Ceremony and the opening of the 'Bovril Railway Footpath'.

The Mayor also referred to Mold Spring Clean which had taken place the previous week and he thanked all those who had participated in and those who had organised the event.

The Mayor reminded Members of the 'Community Picnic' due to be held at Bailey Hill and advised that he would be undertaking the official opening of the heritage trail.

142. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 31st March 2010 be received and approved; and
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 6th April 2010 be received and noted.

143. MATTERS ARISING

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143.1 Minute 128.1 Crossing at Hall View – The Clerk advised that the request for assistance with the provision of a crossing had been submitted to Lidl.

143.2 Minute 128.3 Review of Electoral Arrangements – The Deputy Mayor advised that the County Council had rejected the proposals submitted by the Electoral Commission and asked that they be reconsidered.

143.3 Minute 128.4 Mold Food & Drink Festival – Councillor Bryan Grew advised that the County Council had resolved the issue of parking for traders and retailers allowing the use of the whole of the long stay area of the New Street car park during the period of the Food & Drink Festival.

143.4 Minute 129.6 Planning Application for housing off Ruthin Road – Councillor Robin Guest advised that the application had been deferred for further consideration. The Clerk advised that the Town Council could attend the Planning Committee and speak alongside any resident who also wished to speak.

143.5 Minute 133 Planning Application 047039, Former Bromfield Timber Site – The Deputy Mayor advised Members of the outcome of a residents meeting when it had been agreed to object to the planning application.

144. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were considered including three additional items circulated at the meeting:

144.1 The Council considered the correspondence from Howard White, Flintshire Ramblers advising of the proposal to include the stepping stones across the River Alyn within the definitive map for footpaths. It was noted that evidence is required to show that the public have used the stones without obstruction for an uninterrupted period of 20 years. It was also noted that this evidence could be in the form of written submissions from Member.

144.2 The Council noted the correspondence advising of the restructuring and establishment of the one Community Health Council in North Wales – the Betsi Cadwaladr Community Health Council.

144.3 The Council noted the correspondence rejecting the Council's request for warning signs on Wrexham Road.

144.4 The Council noted that the quarterly CCTV monitoring statistics would be available at the Town Hall office.

144.5 The Council noted the information about the project being undertaken by the Institute of Welsh Affairs for the newly appointed Older People's Commissioner for Wales exploring attitudes to ageing and how they might shape appropriate policy responses. It was also noted that a couple of groups from Mold would be participating in the study which due to take place during May 2010 with the final report due for presentation in October 2010.

144.6 The Council noted the correspondence advising of a community project to create an external mosaic outside the main entrance to the Darby & Joan Hall, Grosvenor Street. It was agreed that Members with suggestions for the design of the mosaic, based on Mold's heritage, should advise the Clerk.

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

145. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2010/11

Resolved: It was unanimously resolved that Councillor Chris Bithell be elected Mayor for the forthcoming year 2010/11.

146. SKATEBOARDING FACILITIES

The Council considered the previously circulated report detailing proposals for the development of a skateboard park / wheeled play area at Maes Bodlonfa recreation ground.

In supporting the proposal, the Council felt that lighting should be provided to allow use throughout the year, subject to the use of a time-switch to turn off the lights at 9.00pm. In addition it was agreed that the layout of the equipment should be changed from that shown and reversed so that the largest item (the 5' mini ramp with quarterpipe, hip & wedge ramp with angled ledge) is located at the rear of the site and closest to the hedge of the formal park.

Resolved: It was resolved that the County Council be advised of the Town Council's support for the proposal subject to the changes highlighted above and of its agreement to submit a planning application.

Note: Councillor Chris Bithell did not vote on this item.

147. CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

This item was not considered. The matter will be brought to the Council in June 2010 for consideration.

148. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2009/10

The Council considered the previously circulated report setting out the accounts of the Town Council for the year 2009/10 which included:

- a) Summary Income and Expenditure Account;
- b) Balance sheet;
- c) Details of the Expenditure incurred within the year;
- d) Bank and Cash Reconciliation for the year; and
- e) The final quarterly analyses of petty cash expenditure and income.

Resolved: It was resolved that the accounts be approved for audit.

149. REPORT OF TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

The Town Centre Manager commented on the reduced number of empty shops within the Town.

The Town Centre Manager advised that the Tesco store was to be refurbished internally and that he had been assured the benches on the walkway from Chester Street would be replaced. He also advised that the 'Marketing the Market Campaign' and the loyalty scheme were progressing.

The Town Centre Manager circulated a report giving information detailing the success of this year's Mold Spring Clean with an overwhelming number of volunteers, groups and others supporting the event. He indicated that some groups were still to complete their projects even though the event had formally finished.

Resolved: It was resolved that the report be noted and the Town Centre Manager thanked for organising the Mold Spring Clean.

150. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Resolved: It was resolved to note the report.

151. MEETINGS ATTENDED

151.1 Councillor Carol Heycocks advised of her attendance at meeting of residents held to discuss the planning application for the former Bromfield Timber site. She also referred to attendance at the meetings of the Mold Spring Clean Steering Group.

151.2 Councillor Bryan Grew referred to his attendance at the One Voice Wales Larger Councils Committee when he had been elected Vice-Chairman. He hoped to raise the profile of One Voice Wales in North Wales. He also advised that at a recent meeting of the Food & Drink Festival Committee it had been reported that 44 exhibitors had already confirmed their attendance.

151.3 Councillor Andrea Mearns referred to her attendance at meetings of the Town Partnership Steering Group and advised that public consultation will follow in due course. Councillor Mearns advised that she had given a presentation to the Professional Business Women (Retired) group on the activities of Cittaslow Mold. Councillor Mearns also advised of meetings at Parkfields and FLVC when the availability of grants and energy surveys respectively.

Councillor Mearns reminded Members of the Community Picnic due to be held at Bailey Hill and of the 'Pass on a Smile Day' for which volunteers would be welcomed.

151.4 Councillor Joyce Jones advised of her attendance at the showcasing event organised by Bryn Gwalia Communities First.

151.5 Councillor Carolyn Cattermoul similarly advised of her attendance at the showcasing event organised by Bryn Gwalia Communities First.

152. 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.

153. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved: It was resolved to exclude the public and press from the meeting in order to discuss a confidential matter.

154. SID MATTHEWS COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Council considered the previously circulated confidential report from the panel appointed to consider nominations for the Sid Matthews Community Awards 2010.

Resolved: It was resolved that the report be approved and that the following awards be given:

- a) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service / Achievements by a Local Youth Organisation” – Wisp Dance Club;
- b) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service by an Individual” – Arthur Hughes;
- c) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service by a Local Organisation” – Flintshire Credit Union; and
- d) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service / Achievements by a Young Person”: Pádraig Goggin.

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL	DATE: 28th April 2010
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
None		

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