

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 20th October 2010.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Chris Bithell (Mayor), Tony Cattermoul, Geoff Collett, Joyce Jones, Brian Lloyd, Tim Maunders, and Ken Williams with the Town Centre Manager.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: Carolyn Cattermoul, Ken Corbett, Geoff Darkins, Ray Dodd, Bryan Grew, Stephanie Hulley and Andrea Mearns and the Clerk and Finance Officer.

67. CONDOLENCES

On behalf of the Council the Mayor expressed condolences to Councillor Bryan Grew and the Clerk for their recent losses.

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

69. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised the Council of his engagements since the last meeting.

The Mayor advised of his attendance at a concert held in support of the charity 'Cornerstone' featuring the Town Band and the Wisp Dance Group. Reference was also made to the Presentation Evening for the Mold Branch of North West Cancer Research.

The Mayor also referred to his attendance at the Hope Community Council's Civic Service.

70. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that:

a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29th September 2010 be received and approved;

b) The minutes of the meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 6th October 2010 be received and noted; and

c) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 13th October 2010 be received and noted.

71. MATTERS ARISING

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71.1 Minute 54.1 Bailey Hill Cottage – Whilst it was still unclear as to the future of the Cottage, Councillor Tony Cattermoul suggested that the Town Council take on

responsibility for the Cottage with a view to installing a warden in the accommodation. It was agreed to pursue this further with the County Council.

71.2 Minute 55.5 Traffic Concerns Wrexham Road – The Mayor advised that he had taken up the matter with officers of the County Highways Department. He advised of the difficulties outlined by the County officers if buses were required to turn right on their exit from the school.

72. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were considered:

72.1 The Council considered the previously circulated correspondence received from Flintshire County Council. It was agreed to support the request for the provision of match funding for the improvement of play areas in the Town next year and an amount of £3000 was approved for this project.

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

73. ANNUAL RETURN & INTERMEDIATE AUDIT 2009 / 10

The Council noted that the Auditor had substantially completed the external audit of the accounts for the year 2009/10, with no issues to report, and agreed to formally approve the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement for final completion of the audit.

Resolved: It was resolved to approve the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement for final completion of the audit.

74. ACCOUNTS 2010 / 11 – HALF-YEARLY REVIEW

The Council considered the previously circulated report including the bank reconciliation, petty cash, income and the expenditure schedules that detail all amounts and invoices paid up to 30th September 2010.

The Clerk made reference to the recent and current absences from work and indicated that a small amount of additional expenditure would be incurred in covering for those absences.

Resolved: It was resolved to approve the report.

75. REPORT OF TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

The Town Centre Manager presented a verbal report to the Council.

The Town Centre Manager made reference to the last meeting of the Mold Town Partnership. He advised that the Partnership is now attended by young people from the Alun School. Reference was also made to the consultation events due to take place on 21st and 23rd November that will help to shape the Mold Action Plan. All stakeholders and members of the community are invited.

The Town Centre Manager commented on the 'Familiarisation Visit' held at the Beaufort Park Hotel when tourism group organisers were shown the attractions of the area. It was agreed that the Clerk should write thanking David Rowe of the Civic Society for his assistance both in preparing for the event and on the day.

The Town Centre Manager also referred to the lamp post banners recently used for the Food and Drink and Daniel Owen Festivals. Members felt that the banners had looked stylish and been worthwhile in advertising the events and the Town itself. It was agreed to write to the Director of Environment at the County Council expressing the support of the Town Council for the ongoing use of the banners.

Resolved: It was resolved that the report be received.

76. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Resolved: It was resolved to note the report.

77. MEETINGS ATTENDED

77.1 Councillor Joyce Jones advised of her attendance at a meeting of the Parkfields Management Committee.

77.2 Councillor Brian Lloyd referred to his attendance at the One Voice Wales Regional Committee meeting when Judith Wright, Keep Wales Tidy Coordinator gave a talk on the availability of small grants.

77.3 The Mayor advised of his attendance, with the Clerk, at a meeting of the Standards Committee.

78. 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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL	DATE: 20th October 2010
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
	None	