

# **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011.

## **PRESENT:**

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

## **APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: Chris Bithell, Ken Corbett, Geoff Darkins and Stephanie Hulley.

## **111. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

## **112. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Deputy Mayor reminded Members of the Mayor's charity concert to be held at St Mary's Parish Church on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

## **113. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011 be received and approved;
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011 be received and noted.

## **114. MATTERS ARISING**

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114.1 Minute 100.8 The Clerk advised that the new planning application for the wheeled play area (skateboard park) had been received that day for checking and signing and should be submitted to the County Council within the very near future.

## **115. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

115.1 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council regarding civil parking enforcement.

115.2 The Council considered the correspondence from PC Janette Stott and agreed to support the Police in the pursuit of Aldi to ensure that the car park barriers are closed and locked each evening.

115.3 The Council noted receipt of the copy of the CCTV statistics for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.

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

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

The Town Centre Manager presented a verbal report to the Council and circulated the latest copy of the 'Town Centre Matters' newsletter.

The Town Centre Manager advised that he had, with the Mayor and Nicola Bowness, attended the presentation for the Keep Wales Tidy Awards competition when Mold Spring Clean had been awarded the prize for the best public sector initiative in Wales. The award was displayed in the Council Chamber. He advised that the planning for this year's event, due to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March, was well underway. The Town Centre Manager also commented on the very pleasing work being undertaken by young people for the Spring Clean.

The Town Centre Manager referred to the circulated newsletter and advised of the advertising campaign being run by North Wales Newspapers and focussing on independent retailers.

The Town Centre Manager reminded Members of the forthcoming St. David's Day and made reference to advice given to retailers to celebrate the day. He also advised that he would be attending an event with Flintshire Tourism Association in Manchester to promote Flintshire and Mold.

Reference was also made to the proposed holding of a street party on the bank holiday of 29<sup>th</sup> April with events for both the under and over 12 year olds.

The Town Centre Manager commented on the recent media coverage of the proposal to remove car parking charges in the Town. He advised that the business groups were concerned at the impact the suggested policy might have, with the possibility that shoppers will be forced to park on the very edge of the car parks. He also advised that he had contacted Mold's county councillors and other key county councillors to advise that a common approach across all towns in the county would not necessarily work. The Deputy Mayor advised that debate on this issue would be allowed later in the meeting.

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

## **117. TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN - CONSULTATION REPORTS**

The Council noted the reports from the two consultation events organised to inform the development of the Town Action Plan.

Councillor Mearns advised there were many good ideas promoted at the events and that these would be considered by the Town Partnership. She felt that it would be

useful for the Town Councillors to consider these comments in the deliberation of their own future policies. Many of those who had responded had asked to be kept informed of progress.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to note the reports.

## **118. TOWN COUNCIL ACCOMMODATION**

The Clerk advised that arrangements had now been made for the relocation of the Town Council to offices within the Daniel Owen Precinct. The move is due to take place on 27<sup>th</sup> February and Flintshire Disability Forum will be relocating into the same office. The County Council had advised that the work to the Town Hall would be delayed by a few weeks but this advice had been received after the removals had been confirmed.

The Clerk confirmed that removals and other disturbance costs would be covered by the County Council with the Town Council having to pay for rates and service charges.

Arrangements have been made for meetings of the Council to be held in the committee rooms at County Hall although small committee meetings will be held in the new office. Notice of the location of future meetings will be identified in the agendas.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to note the report.

## **119. NOTICES OF MOTION**

119.1 The Council considered the proposal of Councillor Carol Heycocks and agreed to write to the Member of Parliament and Assembly Member to ask that they lobby the Welsh Assembly Government to ensure that Religious Education is retained within the Welsh education curriculum for secondary schools.

119.2 The Council considered the proposal of Councillor Bryan Grew. The Council noted with concern, the proposals for the removal of car parking charges in the Town and agreed to ask that, before any such change of policy is considered, there is full consultation with the Town Council.

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

## **120. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

**Resolved:** It was resolved to note the report.

## **121. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

121.1 Councillor Carol Heycocks advised of her attendance at meetings of the Mold Spring Clean Steering Group and with the Air Cadets.

121.2 Councillor Andrea Mearns advised of her attendance at the Flintshire Moving Forward Conference, an energy conference at the County Council, a Cittaslow

presentation in Flint and at the annual Potato Day which generated a substantial amount of money.

Councillor Mearns advised that this year's Daniel Owen Festival would be held on 16-23 October and the next meeting of the organising committee would be held in the Library on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Reference was made to the appointment of Promar International to undertake a feasibility study on the development of a food hub in Mold, the study being funded by Cadwyn Clwyd. Councillor Mearns also advised that Cadwyn Clwyd was funding the work required to update and revise the Cittaslow Mold website.

Councillor Mearns advised of a meeting of the Cittaslow Space and Place Group when there had been a presentation on cycling and pedestrian routes in Mold.

121.3 Councillor Bryan Grew referred to his attendance at the Flintshire Moving Forward Conference.

Councillor Grew also advised of his attendance at the One Voice Wales, Larger Council's Committee when there is a good opportunity to discuss the work undertaken elsewhere in Wales. He also stated that the new Chief Executive was settling in and beginning to make a good impact.

Reference was made to the meetings of the Food Festival Committee and the sponsorship that had been obtained to cover the costs of the celebrity chef. Councillor Grew advised that Mold Camera Club and Academy of Design were involved in the publicity for the Festival. He also advised that funding from the Welsh Assembly Government had been secured for the next three years and that festivals around Wales provided substantial value to the Welsh economy.

## **122. 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**

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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
	None	