

## **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Clwyd Room, County Hall, Mold on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: Stephanie Hulley, Brian Lloyd and Tim Maunders.

### **138. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

### **139. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Reference was made to the meetings of the Children's and Youth Council which had proven to be very worthwhile. The Mayor advised of his attendance at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea Party of Age Concern, a craft fair for the Llwynegrin Singers, a fundraising coffee morning for the Tyddyn Street Church and the quiz organised by Mold 2000 to raise funds for the Christmas lights.

The Mayor advised of his attendance at the Mold & District Choral Society's production of the 'Crucifixion' and at a previous rehearsal when he had presented a cheque for £175 to the Society to support their activities. The Mayor also made reference to his attendance at the Buzz Ah production of 'Music from the Shows' and at the Contact Club. He praised both the production and the work of the Contact Club and said how pleasing it was to see the youths and adults with special needs enjoying the events.

The Mayor advised the Council that he had formally opened the DEBRA charity shop in the Daniel Owen Precinct and made reference to the work the group undertakes. He also advised of his attendance at the opening of the 'Hospital Footpath' which was now more user friendly following the work organised by Bryn Gwalia Communities First.

### **140. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011 be received and approved;
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011 be received and noted; and

c) The minutes of the meetings of the Mold Children's Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011 and the Mold Youth Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011 be received and noted.

## **141. MATTERS ARISING**

### **Mold Town Council 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

141.1 Minute 129.1 Aldi Car Park Barriers –The Mayor indicated his understanding that the barriers were still not being closed at the end of the day. Councillor Andrea Mearns advised she understood from the Police that the Area Manager for Aldi had advised they were awaiting larger signs for the car park before implementing the closure. It was agreed to check with the Area Manager.

141.2 Minute 130.1 Apartments at New Street – The Clerk advised that there would not be any additional time to consider a name for the development as the developer wished to commence his marketing prior to the Easter break.

141.3 Minute 130.3 Car Parking Meeting – The Clerk advised that arrangements were being made for a meeting with Councillor Tony Sharps and Carl Longland and that it had been suggested that two meetings be held to accommodate the number of Town representatives. Members felt it appropriate to have one meeting only and agreed that County Councillors should also be involved. It was agreed to respond accordingly.

141.4 Minute 130.6 Daniel Owen Centre (DOC) Toilets – The Mayor advised that Councillor Robin Guest and he, together with Frank Marney, Manager of the Centre, had met with officers of the County Council to discuss the problems of the DOC toilets. Councillor Guest advised that Flintshire County Council would investigate and cost a scheme for improvements.

141.5 Minute 130.7 Bailey Hill Festival – Councillor Andrea Mearns advised that Cadwyn Clwyd would not be funding events on the same basis as before. She advised that whilst marketing could be funded, there could be difficulties in funding the overall event.

141.6 Minute 131 Mold Town Action Plan – The Mayor suggested that the Town Council holds a special meeting to discuss the Town Action Plan when finalised for consultation.

141.7 Minute 134 Bailey Hill Lodge – Councillor Carolyn Cattermoul circulated the response she had received from the County Council's Chief Executive in relation to her letter about Bailey Hill Lodge. It was noted that the Chief Executive had indicated he would be arranging a meeting within two weeks to discuss various items including the Lodge, and Members agreed to press him to arrange the meeting. It was agreed that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Carolyn Cattermoul, Tony Cattermoul, Geoff Collett, Robin Guest and Andrea Mearns should attend the meeting. It was also agreed that the petition currently being collected and expressing concern about the neglect of Bailey Hill would be handed to the Chief Executive at the meeting.

### **Planning Committee 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

141.8 There were no matters arising.

### **Mold Children's Council 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

141.9 There were no matters arising.

### **Mold Youth Council 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

141.10 The Mayor advised that the issues highlighted would be raised with the various County Council departments.

## **142. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were considered, including one additional item:

142.1 The Council considered the correspondence regarding the nomination of a recreation ground in the Town as a Queen Elizabeth II Field and agreed to seek further information from the County Council.

142.2 The Council considered the correspondence from Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership (SELRAP) and agreed to support the reopening of the Colne to Skipton rail link.

142.3 The Council noted the correspondence from Inspector Martin Best and agreed to extend its best wishes to him in his new role. The Council was pleased to note the successes achieved within the past 12 months by the policing team.

142.4 The Council considered the correspondence received from Flintshire County Council advising of the proposal to relocate the Sunday Car Boot Sale to the New Street Car Park and also the copy letter from Mrs. Perkins, 4 Park House Mews objecting to the proposed relocation. Whilst acknowledging the traffic difficulties in the area of the car boot sale, the Council felt that it would be inappropriate to move the sale because of the detrimental effect on neighbouring residents and the potential disruption for the church goers. With the increased traffic and safety concerns arising since the development of the Lidl Store, Members felt that it would be appropriate to advise the Planning Inspector of these difficulties. During the planning inquiry the Inspector had supported the view taken by County Highways officers that the Lidl development would have no detrimental effect on traffic in the area. The Council agreed to object to the proposed relocation and to write to the Planning Inspector accordingly.

142.5 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of the rising problems with the closed circuit television (CCTV) equipment throughout the County and seeking views on the operation of the cameras. Members expressed concern the longer term strategy for CCTV provision had yet to be agreed and that the letter from the County Council did not identify the potential costs and effectiveness of the alternative camera maintenance suggestions. It was noted that the County Council's Chief Executive had arranged to debate the CCTV

strategy at the next meeting of the County Forum and it was agreed to await that discussion before reaching any conclusion about the level of service required.

142.6 The Council noted with delight, the correspondence from Pádraig Goggins, winner of last year's Sid Matthews Community Awards, advising of his involvement in the forthcoming International Air Cadet Exchange when he will be representing the 1378 (Mold) Squadron in Ottawa and Montreal, Canada.

142.7 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of its willingness to provide £3000 for improvements to a play area in Mold. The Council agreed to confirm its earlier decision to match fund this grant and to discuss the requirements for play equipment with the Children's Council at its next meeting.

142.8 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising that a public inquiry is to be held to consider the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the development of a maximum of 50 dwellings on land at Ruthin Road. It was noted that the inquiry is to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May at County Hall. It was agreed that Councillor Geoff Collett should represent the Council at the inquiry.

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

#### **143. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2011/12**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that Councillor Ray Dodd be elected Mayor for the forthcoming year 2011/12.

#### **144. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2010/11**

The Council considered the previously circulated report setting out the accounts of the Town Council for the year 2010/11 which included:

- a) Summary Income and Expenditure Account;
- b) Balance sheet;
- c) Details of the Expenditure incurred within the year;
- d) Summary of Expenditure and Income for 2010/11; and
- e) Bank and Cash Reconciliation for the year.

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

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

The Town Centre Manager circulated a report on the outcome of this year's Mold Spring Clean.

The Town Centre Manager reported on the current retail vacancies and advised that the former Kwik Save site had been acquired by Sainsbury's although it was not yet clear what scale the store would be.

Reference was made to the Mold Celebrates Event due to take place on 29<sup>th</sup> April and the Town Centre Manager indicated how the community had come together for the event.

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

#### **146. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

#### **147. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

147.1 Councillor Ken Williams advised of his attendance at the recent Mold 2000 meeting.

147.2 Councillor Bryan Grew advised of his attendance at the meeting of One Voice Wales' (OVW) Larger Councils Committee. OVW's Chief Executive had mentioned the devolution of powers from County Councils following the development of charters between the primary and local councils. It had been suggested that OVW Area Committees should get together to discuss the progress of charters. Councillor Grew also mentioned that Penarth was pursuing membership of the Cittaslow network.

147.3 Councillor Geoff Collett advised of his attendance at a public meeting held to discuss the future of Bailey Hill. He expressed concern that the meeting had been somewhat restricted to discussion on the future of the Lodge and felt that until the County Council had determined what was to be done with the Lodge there would be little point in holding further meetings.

147.4 Councillor Carol Heycocks advised of her attendance at a meeting of the Mold Air Cadets and also at the Children's Council meeting.

147.5 Councillor Andrea Mearns advised of her attendance at a meeting of the Daniel Owen Festival committee. The Festival this year is to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Councillor Mearns also advised of attendance at a meeting of the Ysgol Bryn Gwalia Governors when there was discussion on the development of a school transport plan.

Councillor Mearns referred to attendance at a meeting of Cittaslow International when there had been discussion about the goals to which Member Towns aspire.

Councillor Mearns advised of a meeting of the Cittaslow Space and Place Group when there had been discussion on cycle-ways and footpaths and indicated that priority was being given to a cycle link to Flint and footpaths 4 and 5.

147.6 Councillor Robin Guest advised of his meeting with the Mayor and officers of the County Council held to discuss the public toilets at the Daniel Owen Centre. He indicated that whilst County Officers would be looking at improvement works, they had advised that any scheme would then have to be considered as part of the County's overall review of public toilets in the County.

147.7 The Mayor advised of his attendance at a recent meeting of the County Forum. Minutes of the meeting would be circulated once they had been received.

**148. 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.

**149. 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.

**150. 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 2011.

**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” – Ysgol Bryn Gwalia Credit Union;
- b) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service by an Individual” – Karen Hodgkinson;
- c) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service by a Local Organisation” – The Rotary Club of Mold; and
- d) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service / Achievements by a Young Person”: Robert Davies.

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

<b>MOLD TOWN COUNCIL</b>	<b>DATE: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2011</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
	None	