

# **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

## **PRESENT:**

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

## **APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: Tony Cattermoul, Carolyn Cattermoul, Bryan Grew, Stephanie Hulley and Tim Maunders.

## **12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

## **13. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor referred to his attendance at the Annual Luncheon for the Mold Branch of North West Cancer Research and the opening of the community garden at Parkfields.

The Mayor also referred to two events, a concert by the Llwynegrin Singers and a 'Songs of Praise', attended in support of Clwyd Crimebeat sponsored by Lady Janet Jones.

## **14. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010 be received and approved;
- a) The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010 be received and approved; and
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010 be received and noted.

## **15. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

## **16. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

16.1 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council seeking the Council's suggestions for the naming of the street off Hall View and

leading to Tai Maes and it was agreed that Members would advise the Clerk of any suggestions.

16.2 The Council noted receipt of a copy of the minutes of the meeting of Flintshire Fairtrade Coalition held on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

16.3 The Council noted that instructions had been issued for the preparation of a planning application for the development of a wheeled play area / skateboard park at Maes Bodlonfa recreation ground. The Clerk advised that the application had been submitted and was now in the formal consultation phase.

16.4 The Council noted receipt of copies of 'The Code of Conduct for members of local authorities in Wales: Guidance' that they will be available for Members to view at the Town Hall office.

16.5 The Council noted the correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing addressed to Sandy Mewies AM identifying that funds have been approved for the detailed design of the Mold Flood Alleviation Scheme. It was noted that arrangements are being made for a further meeting with officers of the County Council to pursue the matter.

16.6 The Council considered the further planning application (047039) received in respect of the proposed development at the former Bromfield Timber and Joinery site, Queens Lane. It was noted that the application is for reserved matters pursuant to the outline planning permission (ref: 034920) previously granted and represent an amendment to the application considered at the meeting of the Council held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 when it was agreed to object to the application. The Council felt that the revisions had little impact on the objections previously stated and indeed provided no improvement to the overall development and the concerns raised:

- The development proposes the building of 122 units which is considered to be an over-development of this site which originally identified 35 dwellings when seeking outline planning permission.
- The housing mix is considered inappropriate. It is felt that the mix provides for far too many apartments and too few houses. It is also not clear as to the amount of affordable housing included within the proposal.
- For the size of the proposed development the public space shown as a community garden is considered to be small and there is no provision for a play area on site.
- The type of housing proposed is mainly three storey and it is considered that this would provide for a development that is out of context with the surrounding dwellings, which are either one or two storey, and therefore inappropriate at this site.
- There is concern about the volume of traffic movements this proposal will generate. There is also concern that there is no dedicated parking provision for the proposed houses fronting Bromfield Lane which is likely to cause difficulties on a road that currently suffers from parked vehicles and many heavy goods vehicles accessing the industrial units.
- Concern was expressed about the impact of the proposals on the existing drainage in the area. There have been a number of drainage problems in this area in recent years and it is feared that the proposed development will exacerbate those problems.

It was noted that the developer was proposing the inclusion of a doorstep play area but that this was to the detriment of the community garden. It was felt that there remained an overall shortfall in the provision of open play space / community garden within the development.

It was also agreed that a further objection should be raised in connection with the identification of dedicated spaces for disabled persons. The Council felt that this provision would be inappropriate within a residential setting and highlighted the difficulties that would arise with the enforcement of that dedication.

16.7 The Council considered the correspondence from Age Concern North East Wales advising of the introduction of activities for older adults throughout Wales. It was agreed to invite a representative of Age Concern to a future meeting to explain the concept.

16.8 The Council considered the invitation to send representatives to the One Voice Wales Annual Conference on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010. It was agreed that the Council should be represented by Councillors Bryan Grew and Brian Lloyd. It was also noted that the Council is able to submit a maximum of two motions for debate at the Annual Meeting. It was agreed that an item would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting when suggested motions could be considered.

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

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

The Town Centre Manager presented a report that was circulated at the meeting.

The Town Centre Manager commented specifically on the 'Marketing the Market Campaign' and advised that campaign marketing material was currently being designed for distribution to a variety of tourism locations. He also advised that the County Council's strategic review of markets was nearing completion.

Reference was made to the number of charity shops within the Town and the Town Centre Manager advised this was a matter being considered by the County Council. He also indicated that the loyalty scheme being developed with All the Little Shops should be available within 2/3 months with Nicola Bownass, who had volunteered for the Mold Spring Clean, acting as the coordinator.

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

## **18. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

## **19. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

19.1 Councillor Geoff Darkins advised of his attendance at the Alyn Works Liaison Group meeting.

19.2 Councillor Geoff Collett advised of his attendance at a Cittaslow Mold Space & Place Group meeting. He indicated that the group would welcome feedback on the

recent Bailey Hill community picnic with a view to holding the event next year. The Council was pleased to note that in excess of 2500 people attended the event and that approximately £500 was raised for Cittaslow Mold. The Council was advised Cadwyn Clwyd, having provided £4000 towards the event, had indicated that it was the most cost effective event that they had supported.

Councillor Collett also advised that he was in the process of looking at schemes for submission for 'Tidy Towns' funding. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the criteria for the funding of schemes.

19.3 Carol Heycocks advised of her attendance at meetings of the Daniel Owen Community Association, Mold Air Cadets and the Lidl public art group.

19.4 Councillor Andrea Mearns referred to the recent Bailey Hill community picnic and the Virgin Art exhibition. Councillor Mearns advised her attendance at meetings of Mold 2000 when the Mold carnival was raised and the Daniel Owen Literary group who will be organising a literary festival.

Reference was made to a meeting of the Town Partnership Steering Group and the need to undertake full public consultation to consider the ambitions and aspirations that are being identified.

Councillor Mearns also advised of a Cittaslow International meeting, a Cittaslow UK Board meeting and the Cittaslow Mold Space & Place Group meeting.

## 20. 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: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
None		