

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall, Mold on Wednesday 25th April 2012.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: Ken Corbett, Brian Lloyd and Andrea Mearns.

144. HEALTH SERVICE – LOCALITY WORKING

The Mayor welcomed Dr. Matthew Dymock and Dr. Caroline Lorenz to the meeting.

Dr. Dymock works for the Mold Bradley Medical Practice which has now been relocated into the new medical also housing the Grosvenor Medical Practice (formerly Dr. Beckett).

Dr. Dymock gave the Council a presentation on the new medical centre, built by Apollo Medical in partnership with the Welsh Government. He outlined the benefits for patients including: extensive and disabled parking, modern purpose built facilities and a capacity for growth in patient numbers and services. The benefits for the practices were as for the patients but also included: storage facilities, treatment rooms, general security and facilities for minor surgery. The practices had a 20 year lease from Apollo.

In response to questions, Dr. Dymock indicated that the original proposals were to include the baby clinic within the building but that this was now to be relocated to the Mold Community Hospital at some time in the future. He also advised that there is provision for a pharmacy within the Centre although the existing pharmacies had not expressed any interest in relocating. Dr. Dymock advised that the original intention had been for the relocation of all medical practices in Mold to the new centre although the only site that could have accommodated that position would have been out of the town centre at the Preswylfa offices.

Dr. Lorenz indicated that the views of patients on the new provision would be welcomed.

The Mayor thanked the Doctors for the presentation and the responses to questions posed.

145. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

146. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised of his engagements during the period since the last meeting.

The Mayor advised that he had attended, alongside other Members, a meeting of the Children's Council held at Ysgol Bryn Gwalia when the children had engaged Members in a discussion about a wide range of issues.

The Mayor referred to his attendance at the Contact Club's 'Games Night' and for part of the Club's sponsored walk to raise money for their funds. He also advised of his attendance at the 10th anniversary concert held by 'Buzz-Ah' at Ysgol Bryn Coch. He indicated that of all the events attended during the year, this was the most moving.

With this being the last meeting of the Council before the elections, the Mayor thanked Members and staff for their support throughout the past year and acknowledged the whole hearted and positive commitment of all to do the best for Mold and its residents.

The Mayor referred to the Members who have contributed to the life of the Town but who are retiring from the Council at the time of this election, Councillors Carolyn Cattermoul, Ken Corbett, Stephanie Hulley and Ken Williams and the Mayor gave a special mention to Councillor Tony Cattermoul as the only remaining original Member and the first Mayor of the Town Council. A small token of appreciation was given to Councillor Tony Cattermoul to recognise his 38 years of dedicated service to the Town and its Council. The sentiment was supported by other Members.

147. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28th March 2012 be received and approved; and
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 4th April 2012 be received and noted.

148. MATTERS ARISING

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148.1 Minute 134.1 Bailey Hill Lodge – The Clerk advised that confirmation had been received that progress can be made to exchange heads of terms for Mold Town Council to occupy the vacant premises at Bailey Hill Lodge. Draft heads of terms are with the County Council's solicitor and should be sent to the Town Council within the next couple of weeks.

It is intended that the County Council will seek to progress, via the Council's Property Maintenance team, the procurement of the proposed schedule of works, subject to this Council's agreement to take occupation. This will enable the occupation

agreement and works to progress and minimise any risk for unoccupied premises following works completion.

In addition it was agreed that Capper & Jones be engaged to undertake the necessary legal work in relation to the lease of the property and the preparation of a tenancy agreement that includes the requirement to carry out management duties for Bailey Hill. The Council acknowledged the information and agreed that the Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy, be given authority to review and respond to the heads of terms and to pursue the matter.

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

148.2 Minute 135.1 Expenses for Town and Community Councillors – Councillor Bryan Grew advised that in his capacity with One Voice Wales he had met twice with the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. He indicated that the Panel acknowledged the differences in the responsibilities of councillors within large and small local councils and that the Panel was due to report later in the year.

148.3 Minute 135.3 Earl Road Parking Restrictions and Market Regulations – The Clerk advised that correspondence has been received from Flintshire County Council advising that the market regulations do not permit traders to park on Earl Road. In noting this response, Members felt that the responsibility for enforcing the regulations should fall, not only to the Police, but also to the Market Superintendent. It was agreed to write to the County Council asking that the Market Superintendent ensures the regulations are enforced.

148.4 Minute 142.1 Tree planting – Councillor Geoff Collett advised that he had visited all the sites where it was proposed to plant trees with the County Council's Tree Officer who agreed to clear the proposals with Leisure Services.

149. CORRESPONDENCE

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

149.1 The Council noted the correspondence from PC Anthony Butlin advising that, due to a restructuring, he now has a new position in the Hawarden and Ewloe area although he could be deployed in Mold. It was agreed to write to PCButlin thanking him for his work in Mold.

149.2 The Council considered the correspondence from the organisers of the proposed Mold Flower Festival and agreed to award a grant of £250 towards the costs involved in running the Festival due in the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Mold from 28th June to 1st July 2012 inclusive.

149.3 The Council noted the correspondence inviting Members to the official opening of the Flintshire Foodbank on Friday 27th April at 'The Vineyard', The Old Chapel, 91 Wrexham Street.

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

148. STANDING ORDERS

The Council considered the previously circulated suggested revised standing orders, based on the model set of standing orders approved by One Voice Wales and NALC, and reviewed in detail by the Audit Sub-Committee. The Council noted that the recommendation to adopt the revised standing orders had been proposed and seconded at the last meeting of the Council and then adjourned for consideration at this meeting.

Subject to the inclusion of a new standing order that provides for a member to request that their vote be recorded, so as to show whether they gave their vote for or against the question, the revised standing orders were approved.

Resolved: It was resolved that subject to the inclusion of an additional standing order as detailed above the revised standing orders be approved.

149. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2011/12

The Council considered the previously circulated report setting out the accounts of the Town Council for the year 2011/12 which included:

- a) Summary Income and Expenditure Account;
- b) Balance sheet;
- c) Details of the Expenditure incurred in 2011/12;
- d) Summary of Expenditure and Income for 2011/12; and
- e) Bank and Cash Reconciliation for the year.

Members noted the comments within the report detailing the variations in expenditure and income. It was also noted that there will be some costs incurred in the new financial year 2012/13 that are additional to those agreed in January when the budget was approved. These additional costs result from works or purchases ordered during the year 2011/12 but which have not been completed and paid for. The funds to cover the costs were however, received in the year 2011/12.

Members noted that the External Audit has been brought forward for all local councils to 31st May this year. This has required alternative arrangements for the Internal Audit and requires a meeting of the Audit Sub Committee early in the new Council year.

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

150. REPORT OF TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

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

The Town Centre Manager reminded the Council that the continental market would be held during the following few days in the Daniel Owen Square.

Reference was made to the Y Ffin festival on 5th May, Virgin Art Exhibition on 7th – 12th May, Pass on a Smile Day on 9th May, Ysgol Glanrafon Fun Day on 26th May and the ongoing preparations for the 'Mold Celebrates' event on 5th June.

The Town Centre Manager advised that there was nothing further from Sainsbury's about the development at the former Kwiksave site.

Resolved: It was resolved to note the report.

151. NOTICES OF MOTION

151.1 Consideration was given to the proposal of Councillor Chris Bithell regarding the adoption of a proactive approach in identifying derelict sites around the Town and seeking the cooperation of their owners in either re-developing or tidying up the sites. It was agreed that the new Council should consider the appointment of a small group that would pursue this matter.

151.2 On the proposal of Councillor Geoff Collett it was agreed that Mold Town Council sponsors an oak tree to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. It was also agreed that a plaque be provided to indicate the reason for the planting and a further replacement plaque be provided by the tree planted on Bailey Hill to commemorate the Silver Jubilee. An overall budget of £300 was agreed.

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

152. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Resolved: It was resolved to note the report.

153. MEETINGS ATTENDED

153.1 Councillor Chris Bithell advised of his attendance at the meeting of the Children's Council and highlighted some of the issues discussed.

153.2 Councillor Carol Heycocks advised of her attendance at meetings of the Air Cadets and the Children's Council and at the Buzz-Ah anniversary concert.

142.3 Councillor Bryan Grew advised of his attendance at a meeting of the Mold Food and Drink Festival Committee and indicated that free exhibition space was being offered to a number of new local food / drink related businesses. He advised that the celebrity chef was to be Aldo Zilli and also that the Festival Committee was purchasing bunting for the Mold Celebrates event on 5th June.

154. 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.

155. 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.

156. 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 2012.

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” – Bryn Coch School Athletics Team.

b) For “Outstanding Voluntary Service by an Individual” – Mr. Malcolm Bruce.

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL	DATE: 25th April 2012
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
None		