

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall, Mold on Wednesday 30th November 2011.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Stephanie Hulley

88. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were three declarations of interest expressed and these are detailed in the schedule shown at the end of the minutes of the meeting.

89. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised of his many engagements during the period since the last meeting which included, amongst others, the following:

Reference was made to the Caerwys Mayor's civic service and to the farewell supper for Reverend Ian Day who left Mold for Rhuddlan and Bodelwyddan.

The Mayor advised that he had attended when the Mold Branch of the North West Cancer Research had handed over a cheque for £35,000 to the charity. The Mayor also advised of his attendance at a presentation event when Sheila Wilson was given a Community Champion award by the Principality Building Society.

The Mayor referred to the official opening of the award winning office of West Coast Energy, to the Mold Flower Club's Christmas Open Evening and to the Trinity Mirror Community Champions Awards presentation in Chester.

The Mayor advised that he had attended the opening of the refurbished Visitor Centre and recommended that Members should also visit. He also referred to the previous days 'Switch-On' of the Christmas lights and thanked all those who had participated to make the event such a success.

The Mayor also reminded Members of the meeting with the County Council's Chief Executive due to be held on 7th December.

90. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19th October 2011 be received and approved;

b) The minutes of the special meeting of the Council held on 7th November 2011 be received and noted;

91. MATTERS ARISING

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91.1 Minute 76.1 'Black Lion' / B&M Frontage – The Town Centre Manager advised that the County Council's Conservation Officer was also trying to resolve the matter of the deteriorating building.

91.2 Minute 79 Provision of Salt Bins – Councillor Chris Bithell advised that there was already a salt bin at Moldsdale Road and it was therefore agreed to seek the provision of a salt bin at the top of Milford Street.

91.3 Minute 84 Bailey Hill Lodge – The Clerk advised that there had been no further correspondence from the County Council regarding the Lodge but that the matter could be raised at the meeting with the County Council Chief Executive the following week.

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There were no matters arising.

92. CORRESPONDENCE

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

92.1 The Council noted the correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising an inspection of the Coach House, Ponterwyl had been undertaken and that officers are investigating the legal ownership with a view to requesting the necessary repairs.

92.2 The Council considered the correspondence advising that Councillor Ken Williams has resigned as a governor at Ysgol Glanrafon. It was agreed to nominate Councillor Tim Maunders as a governor.

92.3 The Council noted the correspondence from the Betsi Cadwalladr Community Health Council advising that more information on the proposals to increase organ donation rates will be available at a consultation event on Tuesday 20th December. It was agreed that any Member wishing to attend should advise the Clerk as confirmation of attendance is required.

92.4 The Council considered the correspondence from students at the Alun School seeking financial assistance for their participation in the Formula One (F1) Schools Technology Challenge. It was agreed to provide a grant of £100 towards the project and to ask the students for an indication of financial requirements if they are to enter challenge in future years.

92.5 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council's Leisure Services asking if the Town Council wished to contribute to a match funding scheme for the improvement of a play area in the next financial year. It was agreed to support the proposal in principle but to agree the amount of the contribution when the budget for 2012/13 is agreed.

92.6 The Council noted receipt of a copy of the Annual Report of the Clwyd Pension Fund.

92.7 The Council noted that training would be provided for new and returning members after the elections in May 2012 on the roles and functions of a unitary council and the code of conduct.

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

93. COUNTY FORUM

The Council noted the previously circulated minutes of the meeting of the County Forum held on 19th October 2011.

Councillor Bryan Grew referred to the action plan, prepared for the Charter between the County and town and community councils, and asked Members to advise him of concerns regarding the relationship between the councils.

Resolved: It was resolved to note the report.

94. COMMUNITY PLAN

The Council was reminded of the presentations given by Mr. Andy Roberts, Flintshire County Council's Head of Planning Policy, and representatives of Gwernymynydd Community Council on community plans.

The Council had been advised of the opportunity for a greater involvement in the local development plan process although, how this would be organised was as yet unclear. A copy of the Mold Town Partnership's Action Plan had been circulated for Members' information and it was noted that this would complement and support the community plan.

With the completion of the Unitary Development Plan imminent, Members felt that it would be appropriate for a small group to meet with the Head of Planning Policy to determine the way forward.

Resolved: It was resolved that a small group of councillors should meet with Mr. Andy Roberts, Head of Planning Policy, with a view to determining the appropriate approach to the development of a local community plan.

95. REPORT OF TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

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

The Town Centre Manager was pleased to advise the Council that there were currently no vacant shop units fronting onto the lower part of the High Street. He

also advised a new café/ bistro restaurant would be opening in two of the former St. David's Walk units and that the owner was currently recruiting.

Reference was made to the festival market due to be held on 10th and 17th December and a request was made for assistance on the two days.

The Town Centre Manager advised of the meeting called with representatives of local groups to discuss a calendar of events for the coming year. He indicated that Anthony Parry, of Mold 2000, was willing to organise a celebration for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012, similar to that held in April 2011.

Reference was made to the presentations given by the Town Partnership and Councillor Mearns advised that copies of the summary reports were available on demand or on the Cittaslow website.

Resolved: It was resolved to note the report.

96. NOTICES OF MOTION

96.1 Councillor Geoff Collett advised Members that there was a desire from the Woodland Trust for the planting of a number of trees to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. He asked that Members identify locations within their wards for the planting of trees and pass this information onto the Clerk. Councillor Andrea Mearns advised that the Mold & Buckley Lions had raised the matter and Councillor Collett agreed to pursue this with them. It was acknowledged that the owners of the land intended for planting, likely to be the County Council, would need to be consulted and future maintenance requirements determined.

Resolved: It was resolved to support the proposals for the planting of trees as detailed above and that Members would advise the Clerk of any suggested locations for planting.

97. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Resolved: It was resolved to note the report.

98. MEETINGS ATTENDED

98.1 Councillor Andrea Mearns advised that the recent Daniel Owen Festival had been successful with over 1000 people attending the events.

Councillor Mearns also advised of a meeting with Dr. Ruth Williams from the Welsh Assembly Government Pathfinders Project who was willing to support a project with Cittaslow Mold in the coming year. Reference was also made to the renewal of Mold's Fairtrade status in 2012 and Councillor Mearns advised that the Town Centre Manager had contacted traders. She indicated that the Town Council needed to support the use of Fairtrade products.

Councillor Mearns also advised that the town of Penarth had been accredited for membership of the Cittaslow movement and that the required funding was now being sought.

98.2 Councillor Joyce Jones advised of her attendance at a meeting of the Bryn Gwalia Communities First Board.

98.3 Councillor Brian Lloyd advised of his attendance at a meeting of the Club House committee and at the launch of the new Visitor Centre, formerly the Tourist Information Centre.

98.4 Councillor Tim Maunders advised that the 'Switch-On' of the Christmas lights had raised £560 with grants being given to the Town Council for the Christmas lights (£60) and future events (£300) and to Mold Round Table (£200).

99. 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.

100. 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.

101. TOWN HALL

The Council considered the report circulated at the meeting detailing the responses to the invitations to tender for the appointment of a building surveyor and valuer.

The Council acknowledged that there is a need to appoint a building surveyor at this time and that the appointment of the valuer can wait until the results of the survey and the condition of the building is known.

Resolved: It was resolved to appoint Legat Owen to undertake the survey of the Town Hall and to defer the appointment of the valuer until the results of the survey were known.

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

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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
Councillor Chris Bithell	Town Hall	101
Councillor Carolyn Cattermoul	Town Hall	101
Councillor Robin Guest	Town Hall	101