

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held virtually on-line over video conferencing 6pm Wednesday 23rd February 2022.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Sarah Taylor (Mayor), Haydn Jones (Deputy Mayor), Haydn Bateman, Chris Bithell, Teresa Carberry, Geoff Collett, Bryan Grew, Robin Guest, Karen Hodgkinson, Brian Lloyd, Tim Maunders, Andrea Mearns, Anthony Parry and Trevor Arnold.

Officers: Ian Jones, Town Clerk and Finance Officer, Jane Evans, Events and Community Engagement Officer and Jo Douglass, Business and Regeneration Officer

Also: Two members of the public.

118. APOLOGIES: Katie Wilby Head of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council

ABSENT: Councillor Gareth Williams

119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

120. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor provided an update to the engagements listed within the agenda.

121. STREETSCENE UPDATE

The Town Clerk informed Members that Katie Wilby Head of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council had been unable to attend the meeting and had sent her apologies.

The Town Clerk confirmed that Members observations on Mold Bus Station plans had been sent to Katie and the preference was for proposal number 2.

Members asked the Town Clerk to resubmit the views if Streetscene did not acknowledge receipt and asked for this item to be added to March agenda meeting Katie will be in attendance.

RESOLVED: To resubmit Mold Town Council's preferred option for the Bus Station proposals to Flintshire County Council and Streetscene be invited to the next Town Council meeting.

122. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That:

- a) The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th January 2022 be received and formally approved as a correct record;

- b) The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14th February 2022 be received and noted.

6.15pm Councillor Lloyd entered the meeting

123. JOINT REPORT OF THE BUSINESS & REGENERATION/EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS

Council received the previously circulated report from the Business and Regeneration Officer and Events and Community Engagement Officer.

The Business and Regeneration Officer informed Members that the nomination in the St David's awards had not been successful.

Councillor Carberry who is Chair of Mold Bookfest asked if this year's Bookfest event could be covered under the Town Council insurance for events. Councillor Mearns suggested that the Bookfest Committee provide a report for March meeting to inform members of their activities and the risk involved before Members agreed insurance cover. Councillor Jones said due to timescales the Bookfest Committee would be seeking a decision tonight as the event is taking place in May. Members approved the request to cover Mold Bookfest under Mold Town Council insurance.

The Events and Community Engagement Officer informed Members that in addition to the events listing submitted with the agenda, Flintshire County Council would hold their Festive Market on 4th December, 2022.

It had been agreed at the February meeting, that Council would offer the Mold Christmas float to Mold & Buckley Round Table and that they would take on the Mold route instead of Mold Town Council. The Town Clerk had written to the Round Table to offer the float and the Events and Community Engagement Officer had spoken with the Chair of the Mold & Buckley Round Table regarding volunteers from the Mold Town Council joining the float when it is out and about in Mold, following which the Round Table would donate to the Mayoral charity. Further details would be provided once discussions had taken place in the Summer.

RESOLVED: That:

- (i) Mold Bookfest would be adopted as a Town Council event this year and therefore covered under Town Council insurance for 2022; and
- (ii) the report be received and noted.

124. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SUB-GROUP

The Town Clerk informed Members that Councillors on the Sub-Group held their first meeting on 7th February to discuss a way forward. Organisations had been identified and invited to join the group at its first formal meeting on 1st March with notice now circulated. Attendees had been asked to come to the meeting with ideas on how to ameliorate the situation and take progress steps forward.

Councillor Hodgkinson had agreed to be Secretary for the Sub-Group.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

125. HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Members considered the previously circulated information regarding a proposed event on Thursday 2nd June on Daniel Owen Square and the tree planting initiative which was part of the Queen's Green Canopy, where organisations and individuals across the County were being invited to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'.

Members were informed that planting trees in June would mean that regular watering would be needed and it was not the ideal month to plant trees.

Members were asked to suggest suitable locations for tree planting and also the Town Council would seek advice from Sarah Storey Flintshire County Council Biodiversity Officer.

RESOLVED: That the proposals were noted.

126. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Members considered the previously circulated information regarding Planning decisions.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

127. MEETINGS ATTENDED

Members considered the previously circulated report from Councillor Mearns regarding Welsh Government project to provide one tree for every household in Wales, the Borrow Bus, Mold Plastic Reduction Group 1000 plastic free pledges and Woodlands for Water February Steering group meeting. One Voice Wales Places for Nature would be visiting Mold on 18th March.

The Town Clerk was asked to write to the 4 residents who had expressed an interest in receiving a tree last time they were available to residents.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

128. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members considered how the Town Council would meet from now on, subject to Welsh Government requirements.

The Town Clerk informed Members that most Councils were still meeting virtually. Members considered whether to hold the March meeting in the Council Chamber.

RESOLVED: That March meeting be held in person in the Council Chamber.

129. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 10 Community Bank account CB1 £39,403.89

RESOLVED: That that the schedule of payments be approved.

130. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That members of the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting due the confidential nature of the business.

131. ACCOMMODATION SUB GROUP

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update and informed Members that he had requested a copy of the survey from Flintshire County Council Assets Department but had not received anything back. A long-term loan was possible to allow a purchase should Members decided on this option. Alternative accommodation options had been reviewed by the Sub-Group and these would be discussed at the next meeting on the 14th March, further information would be provided at the March meeting of Council.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The Meeting closed at 7.00pm

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 23rd February 2022
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

Mayor's signature: Date:
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