

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Mold Town Council held virtually on-line over video conferencing 6.00pm on Wednesday 12th May 2021.

PRESENT:

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

Officers: Ian Jones, Town Clerk and Finance Officer, Jane Evans, Events and Community Engagement Officer, Jo Douglass, Business and Regeneration Officer and Jo Lane, Bailey Hill Project Officer.

Also Present: Ten members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES: None

ABSENT: None

2. RETIRING MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Teresa Carberry, commented on her Mayoral year and stated that it had been an honour to serve as Mayor of Mold.

The Mayor spoke of the unprecedented year that the town had faced due to Covid19, and it had been a life changing year for many residents. The Mayor spoke of her delight that despite the situation over 30 businesses had either opened or expanded within Mold and also pointed to the success of the Totally Mold vouchers.

Mold Town Council continued to meet and serve their community online, Councillors and staff also helped those in need with deliveries and support, online community events and the Community Awards ceremony. The Mayor had held three uniform recycling stalls which proved much needed and assisted in delivering toys to children for North Wales Superkids.

The new Bailey Hill development would be a great new attraction to the town thanks to the hard work from the tri-partite group and in particular the hard work from Project Officer Jo Lane.

3. TRIBUTES TO THE MAYORAL YEAR 2020-21

Members thanked and congratulated the Mayor for how she had conducted herself despite the difficulties during her year of office. A few of the Mayor's achievements during the year included Charing the online Council meetings, hosting the Community online events, school uniform recycling stall, supporting local businesses and promoting charities.

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR

On the proposal of Councillor Robin Guest and seconded by Councillor Bryan Grew, it was agreed that Councillor Sarah Taylor be formally elected as Mayor of Mold Town Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Sarah Taylor be formally elected as Mayor for the ensuing year 2021 / 2022.

In accepting the position of Mayor and thanking Members for the privilege bestowed upon her, Councillor Sarah Taylor signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which had been delivered to her by the Town Clerk.

There then followed a pre-recorded speech by the new Mayor thanking Members for their faith in her and outlining her thoughts and aspirations for the year ahead, despite the current difficulties

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Chris Bithell and seconded by Councillor Karen Hodgkinson that Councillor Haydn Jones be elected as Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Haydn Jones be elected as the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year 2021 / 2022.

Councillor Jones thanked Members for their support and promised to assist the Mayor wherever required during the forthcoming year.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7. BANK MANDATES

RESOLVED: That

7.1) any two Members of the Council together with the Town Clerk and Finance Officer be authorised to sign cheques and authorise salary/pension/PAYE payments on behalf of the Town Council; and

7.2) the Town Clerk and Finance Officer be authorised to arrange bank transfers on behalf of the Town Council; and

7.3) the Town Clerk and Finance Officer be authorised to arrange payment by direct debit for the following: -

- I-Data – telephone and internet
- Flintshire County Council – National Non Domestic Rates for the Town Hall
- Flintshire County Council – National Non Domestic Rates for the Cemetery
- Your Care Services Ltd – Gas heating service for the Cemetery Lodge

- EDF – Electricity supply to the Bailey Hill Centre
- Biffa – Waste collection for the Bailey Hill Centre.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Consideration was given to the membership of organisations during the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED: That

(i) Membership be renewed for One Voice Wales, The Institute of Cemeteries and Crematoria and Cittaslow UK in the forthcoming year; and

(ii) Membership of Trust for Conservation Volunteers, Flintshire Tourism Association, The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales and Mold Choral Society sponsorship be referred to the Community Development and Regeneration Committee for review.

9. OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented on the following organisations as follows:

9.1 One Voice Wales - Councillor Trevor Arnold and Bryan Grew.

9.2 Daniel Owen Community Association - Councillors Geoff Matthias and Tim Maunders.

9.3 Police and Community / County Councillor - Councillor Brian Lloyd

9.4 Alyn Works Liaison Committee – Councillors, Karen Hodgkinson, Brian Lloyd (West Ward Members) and Councillors Andrea Mearns, Sarah Taylor (East Ward Members)

9.5 Parkfields Management Committee - Councillor Haydn Jones.

9.6 Mold Town Concert Band Management Committee – Councillor Sarah Taylor (Mayor).

9.7 Grosvenor Hall Committee – Councillor Haydn Jones.

9.8 Mold Fairtrade - Councillors Teresa Carberry and Andrea Mearns.

9.9 The Bailey Hill Project Partnership – Councillors Brian Lloyd and Andrea Mearns.

9.10 Mold Plastic Reduction – Councillors Teresa Carberry and Andrea Mearns.

9.11 Woodlands for Water Steering Group – Councillor Andrea Mearns.

10. COUNCIL COMMITTEES

As a future aspiration it was considered advisable that the Council should debate rotating Chairs in order that all Members would have the opportunity to gain experience to chair a committee and accordingly if they were elected Mayor in the future they would have Chairing experience together with any related external training.

RESOLVED: That the following Members be appointed to the standing Committees of the Council as detailed below:

10.1 Cemetery Committee - delegated powers - six members - Councillors Chris Bithell (Chair), Teresa Carberry, Geoff Matthias, Andrea Mearns, Anthony Parry and Gareth Williams.

10.2 Community, Development & Regeneration Committee - delegated powers - six members - Councillors Geoff Collett (Chair), Trevor Arnold, Chris Bithell, Robin Guest, Andrea Mearns and Anthony Parry.

10.3 Planning Committee - delegated powers - seven members - Councillors Bryan Grew (Chair), Teresa Carberry, Brian Lloyd, Geoff Matthias, Andrea Mearns, Anthony Parry and Gareth Williams.

It was noted that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are ex-officio voting members of the above three committees.

6.43pm Councillor Geoff Matthias left the meeting

10.4 Personnel Committee - The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Anthony Parry (Chair), Geoff Collett and Bryan Grew.

10.5 Budget Sub-Group – The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors, Karen Hodgkinson Tim Maunders and Teresa Carberry.

10.6 Policy & Audit Committee – Councillors Haydn Bateman (Chair), Teresa Carberry, Bryan Grew, Haydn Jones, Geoff Matthias, Anthony Parry and Sarah Taylor

10.7 Community Awards Panel - 6 members plus the Mayor and Deputy Mayor - Councillors: Trevor Arnold, Teresa Carberry, Karen Hodgkinson, Brian Lloyd, Tim Maunders and Gareth Williams.

10.8 Financial Assistance Review Panel - 4 members - Councillors: Trevor Arnold, Karen Hodgkinson, Sarah Taylor and Gareth Williams.

10.9 Cittàslow Mold – All Members of the Council.

10.10 Youth and Children's Council Committee – The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Chris Bithell, Teresa Carberry, Geoff Collett and Andrea Mearns.

11. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the previously circulated schedule of meetings for the forthcoming year be approved with one amendment for the Policy and Audit Committee meeting scheduled for the 15th June to be moved to the 14th June 2021.

12. MEMBERS' ATTENDANCES – MUNICIPAL YEAR 2020/21

RESOLVED: That the record of attendances be noted.

Meeting closed at 7.00pm

Mayor's signature: Date: