

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold on Monday 16th May 2022.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Sarah Taylor (Mayor), Haydn Jones, (Deputy Mayor), Haydn Bateman, Paul Beacher, Chris Bithell, Teresa Carberry, Tina Claydon, Geoff Collett, Joanne Edwards, Robin Guest, Brian Lloyd, Tim Maunder and Darren Norman.

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: Sixteen members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES: Councillors Bryan Grew, Catherine Hill and Geoff Matthias.

ABSENT: None

2. RETIRING MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Sarah Taylor, welcomed newly elected Members and paid tribute to previous Members who did not stand for re-election. Commenting on her Mayoral year she stated that it had been an honour and privilege to serve as Mayor of Mold.

The Mayor spoke of her year in Office and recognised the difficulty the pandemic had presented to businesses in the town and made a conscious effort to personally visit as many of them as possible. As well as over three hundred business visits, she spoke of her delight at officially opening and welcoming many new businesses to town. She pointed to the success of the Totally Mold Vouchers, which since its launch had sold almost £25,000 of vouchers and thanked the Events and Community Engagement Officer and the Business and Regeneration Officer, Jane Evans and Jo Douglass for making the scheme such a success.

The Mayor in her term of office had attended 101 engagements, including the official opening of the new Bailey Hill Centre and thanked the Bailey Hill Officer, Jo Lane for all her hard work and to everybody else who have been involved with the project.

The Mayor also acknowledged the close working of Flintshire County Council Officers and in particular the work on Tourism Destination.

She also spoke of the sympathetic improvements and work undertaken at the Cemetery to improve access and thanked the Cemetery Superintendent and the team for the impeccable upkeep of the site.

The Mayor thanked the Town Clerk and Finance Officer, Ian Jones for all his support throughout her term. She also announced that a total of £5,888 had been raised and this would be divided between her charities which were the Parkfields Community Fridge and Flintshire Foodbank.

3. TRIBUTES TO THE MAYORAL YEAR 2021-22

Members thanked and congratulated the Mayor on how she had conducted herself despite the difficulties of the pandemic during her year of office. The Town's thriving success was highlighted and the opening of many new businesses, the very low empty shop vacancy rate together with the success of the Totally Mold Vouchers.

4. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Clerk and Finance Officer reported that fifteen out of the sixteen Declarations of Acceptance of Office had been signed by the required deadline. Councillor Bryan Grew had not yet been able to sign as he was still recovering in hospital. The Town Clerk reminded Members that a dispensation could be granted, if resolved to do so, to sign the Declaration of Office at a later date.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to grant an extension to the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office to Councillor Bryan Grew to the June 2022 Town Council Meeting.

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR

On the proposal of Councillor Chris Bithell and seconded by Councillor Teresa Carberry, it was agreed that Councillor Haydn Jones be formally elected as Mayor of Mold Town Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Haydn Jones be formally elected as Mayor for the ensuing year 2022/2023.

In accepting the position of Mayor and thanking Members for the privilege bestowed upon him, Councillor Haydn Jones signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor, Councillor Haydn Jones spoke of his delight at becoming Mayor of Mold and thanked Members and Council Officers for their support.

6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Robin Guest and seconded by Councillor Geoff Collet that Councillor Teresa Carberry be elected as Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Teresa Carberry be elected as the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year 2022/2023.

Councillor Teresa Carberry thanked Members for their nomination and was delighted to be appointed Deputy Mayor.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Tina Claydon and Haydn Jones declared they were Trustees of Parkfields Community Centre.

Councillors Chris Bithell and Teresa Carberry declared they were Trustees of the Daniel Owen Community Centre.

8. BANK MANDATES

RESOLVED: That

8.1) 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

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

8.3) 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
- Flintshire County Council – National Non Domestic Rates for the Bailey Hill Centre
- Your Care Services Ltd – Gas heating service for the Cemetery Lodge

9. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Consideration was given to the membership of organisations during the forthcoming year as reviewed in by the Community, Development and Regeneration Committee.

RESOLVED: That Membership be renewed for

- 9.1) One Voice Wales, (approx. £1,636)
- 9.2) The Institute of Cemeteries and Crematoria, (approx. £95)
- 9.3) Association of Festival Organisers (approx. £100)
- 9.4) Cittaslow UK (£1,500)
- 9.5) Flintshire Tourism Association £50.

10. OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

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

- 10.1 One Voice Wales - Councillor Bryan Grew and Teresa Carberry.

10.2 Daniel Owen Community Association - Councillors Sarah Taylor and Joanne Edwards.

10.3 Police and Community - Councillor Brian Lloyd

10.4 Alyn Works Liaison Committee – Councillors, Brian Lloyd and Tina Claydon (West Ward Members) and Councillors Chris Bithell and Sarah Taylor (East Ward Members)

10.5 Parkfields Management Committee - Councillor Haydn Jones.

10.6 Mold Town Concert Band Management Committee – Councillor Haydn Jones (Mayor).

10.7 Grosvenor Hall Committee – Councillor Darren Norman.

10.8 Mold Fairtrade – two vacancies.

10.9 The Bailey Hill Project Partnership – Councillors Sarah Taylor and Paul Beacher.

10.10 Mold Plastic Reduction – Councillors Teresa Carberry and Tina Claydon.

10.11 Woodlands for Water Steering Group – Councillor Tina Claydon.

10.12 Anti-Social Behaviour Liaison Group (MTC arranges) – Councillors Haydn Jones, Teresa Carberry, Sarah Taylor and Catherine Hill.

10.13 Cittaslow UK Directors – vacancy (Town Clerk to check status).

(ii) Vacancies be deferred to the next full Town Council Meeting.

11. COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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

11.1 Cemetery Committee - delegated powers - five members - Councillors Paul Beacher, Chris Bithell, Joanne Edwards, Sarah Taylor, and Tim Maunders.

11.2 Community, Development & Regeneration Committee - delegated powers - six members - Councillors Chris Bithell, Geoff Collett, Robin Guest, Catherine Hill, Darren Norman and one vacancy.

11.3 Planning Committee - delegated powers - six members - Councillors Tina Claydon, Geoff Collett, Bryan Grew, Sarah Taylor, Darren Norman and one vacancy.

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

11.4 Personnel Committee - The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Geoff Collett, Catherine Hill, Tim Maunders and Sarah Taylor.

11.5 Budget Sub-Group –Membership to be considered at the next Town Council Meeting.

11.6 Policy & Audit Committee – The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Paul Beacher, Bryan Grew, Sarah Taylor and two vacancies.

11.7 Community Awards Panel - The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Geoff Collett, Joanna Edwards, Brian Lloyd, Sarah Taylor and one vacancy.

11.8 Financial Assistance Review Panel - The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors: Tina Claydon, Robin Guest, Sarah Taylor and one vacancy.

11.9 Cittàslow Mold – All Members of the Council.

11.10 Youth and Children’s Council Committee – The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Chris Bithell, Geoff Collect, Catherine Hill and one vacancy.

ii) Vacancies be deferred to the next full Town Council Meeting.

iii) Chars of the above Committees to be appointed at their first meeting.

iv) Trial hybrid meetings as soon as possible, following national direction.

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the previously circulated schedule of meetings for the forthcoming year be approved and that all Town Council/Committee Meetings would commence at 6.00pm.

13. MEMBERS' ATTENDANCES – MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/22

RESOLVED: That the record of attendances be noted.

Meeting closed at 7.00pm

Mayor’s signature: Date:

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

MOLD ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 16th MAY 2022
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
<p>Councillors Tina Claydon and Haydn Jones declared they were Trustees of Parkfields Community Centre.</p> <p>Councillors Chris Bithell and Teresa Carberry declared they were Trustees of the Daniel Owen Community Centre.</p>	<p>7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p>	<p>7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p>

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