**MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Mold Town Council held at Mold Town Hall, Mold on Wednesday 22nd July 2015.

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Brian Lloyd (Mayor), Phil Thomas, Andrea Mearns, Ray Dodd, Chris Bithell, Karen Hodgkinson, Haydn Bateman, Bryan Grew, Gareth Williams, Richard Brookes and Bob Gaffey, The Town Centre Manager and Support Officer.

Also present: Andy Lightfoot and Ian Williams, Flintshire County Council Street Scene Co-ordinators and one member of the press

**APOLOGIES**: Councillor Carol Heycocks, Anthony Parry, Geoff Collett, Robin Guest, Geoff Matthias and the Clerk and Finance Officer.

**47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

**48. STREETSCENE CO-ORDINATOR**

The Mayor welcomed Andy Lightfoot and Ian Williams, Flintshire County Council Street Scene Co-ordinators. Andy introduced himself and his colleague Ian who had both recently been appointed as Streetscene Co-ordinators for the town. Andy gave a brief overview of his and Ian’s work history and experience and informed members they had a lot of ideas about how to improve the streetscene within the town but would also be open to suggestions from members, they would also like to hear any concerns or questions members had, which he would take forward and address.

Councillor Gareth Williams asked whether equipment used for grass cutting could be improved upon to the improve efficiency. Councillor Williams informed members after grass cutting had been carried out on Alexander Road there was a lot of grass, mud and paper left on the pavements which was not cleared up. Ian confirmed they were always looking at ways to improve efficiencies and happy to challenge the way a service is delivered. Andy said he would take this forward as litter pickers should pick up after a grass cut.

Councillor Chris Bithell also mentioned the quality of the cut was poor, especially on Kings Street near the roundabout as the hedge was very over grown and coming out on to the pavement. If the council where now carrying out less frequent cuts then the first cut should be carried out more efficiently.

Councillor Andrea Mearns suggested a brush and pan may be more of an efficient way to collect street litter. Andy confirmed he was expecting a mini sweeper on loan for one month after which they may look into purchasing as a more efficient way to clear street litter.

Councillor Mearns also asked for cleaning maintenance on the benches in the Daniel Owen Square to be carried out.

Councillor Chris Bithell informed members he had been informed car parking attendants would now be issuing litter tickets to members of the public who drop or leave litter. Councillor Bithell asked whether there where plans for Streetscene Operatives to issue litter tickets. Andy confirmed they had no authority at the moment to issue tickets but they are encouraged to take the car registrations of those they see littering and pass on to the appropriate person.

Councillor Brian Lloyd mentioned the large number of cigarette butts outside the HSBC Bank opposite the kiosk which are not being picked up.

Councillor Bob Gaffey mentioned residents recycling collections being missed and he had been informed one resident had not had a collection for 6 weeks running. Andy replied to confirm there was an issue with collections around the county which was being addressed and Charge Hands where now being issued a list to ensure collections are made and ticked off to confirm carried out.

Members also asked about recycling and dog bins. The Town Centre Manager suggested members meet with the Streetscene Co-ordinators to discuss further their ideas and suggestions. Andy and Ian confirmed they were happy to attend future meetings to provide an update on the streetscene and answer questions from members.

The Mayor thanked Andy and Ian for attending.

Councillor Karen Hodgkinson arrived at 6.15pm

Andy Lightfoot and Ian Williams left at 6.25pm

**49. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor advised members of his recent activities:-

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| Date | Time | Event & Location |
| 26/06/2015 |  | Mold Alun with Deputy Mayor to talk with Yr 9 Students re history & future of Mold |
| 28/06/2015 | 10.15am | Connahs Quay Civic Service. Meet at Town Hall Connahs Quay at 10.15am. 11am at Church |
| 29/06/2015 | 2.30pm | Meeting with Bridget Stadden Community & Events Fundraising Manager and Llinos Wyn Parry Head of Services for North Wales from the Stroke Association to discuss Mayor's charity |
| 01/07/2015 | 7.30pm | Buzz-AH show at Theatre Clwyd |
| 07/07/2015 |  | Llangollen Eisteddfod , 2 x complimentary tickets |
| 08/07/2015 | 6.00pm | Brownies at Clubhouse 6pm |
| 11/07/2015 | 10am | Llwynegrin Singers Strawberry Tea at 37 Mold Road, Mynydd Isa. 10.00am - 2.00pm |
| 12/07/2015 | 10.30am | Mold Carnival |
| 13/07/2015 | 7.00pm | Llwynegrin Singers AGM at Highfield Hall |
| 17/07/2015 | 12.30pm | Solvings - Silicwm Valley and the Jelly event |
| 18/07/2015 | 1.00pm | NWCR (N Wales Cancer Research) raffle draw, Mold Town Centre |
| 19/07/2015 | 2.00pm | Just Desserts Afternoon, Cllr. Ray Hughes, Chair of Flintshire County Council |

**50 MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on held on 24th June 2015 be received and approved.

b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29th June 2015 be received and noted.

**51. INFORMATION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Minute 34 – Councillor Bithell asked if there was an update on the livestock market survey. The Town Centre Manager confirmed the results were due within the next week.

Minute 39 – Match funding play areas, further to discussions by members at last month’s meeting, Councillor Mearns said it was irrelevant that the Bailey Hill is subject to lottery funding, as the lottery funding does not cover play areas. The Bailey Hill play area appears on the match funding list in red, which denotes play area most in need of improvement and suggested the Bailey Hill play area should be considered by members for match funding.

Further to the discussion in last month’s meeting, the Town Clerk had received information from Alan Roberts that Maes y Dre play area would require up to £30,000 investment to bring the area up to satisfaction.

It was agreed that Councillor Mearns would discuss further with Town Clerk who had been given delegated power regarding match funding for play areas.

**52. REPORT OF THE TOWN CENTRE MANAGER**

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

Following the town carnival which took place on 12th July, the Town Council had received two complaints regarding level of noise. The complaints had been passed to the carnival committee to address and report back to the Town Council in September’s meeting.

The Traders Forum which took place early in the month had not been well attended and the marketing initiative which was put forward was not well received.

The Tour of Britain will once again be coming through Mold on Sunday September 6th and Flintshire County Council was looking for stewards for approximately 3 hours on the day, anyone wishing to volunteer, there is a form to complete and return to Flintshire County Council.

Two of the TIP’s were being installed next Monday / Tuesday, one outside Vaughan Davies on Wrexham Street and one on the High Street next to RBS Bank.

The Town Centre Manager and the Town Clerk had attended a car parking meeting at Flintshire County Council, following which the Town Centre Manager expressed his disappointed at the outcome regarding future revenue from the car parks, which will not be available for future projects within the town. Car park revenue for the Town Council is expected to be between £8,000 and £10,000 per year which is a significant reduction.

Existing revenue set aside for projects will proceed, these include; Gateway Signs, Signage strategy, Heritage street lighting, Daniel Owen Precinct lighting scheme, Flooding issue on Love Lane car park and footpath improvements. Councillor Bob Gaffey raised concern regarding the flooding at Love Lane, the Town Centre Manager confirmed Flintshire County Council was confident they would be able to resolve the issue but he was not aware of the technicalities.

The Town Centre Manager had met with Flintshire County Council Enforcement Team regarding event banners being put up in the town. An update regarding the outcome of the meeting will be provided to members at the next month’s meeting.

Support Your High Street week is 19th to 26th September and anyone wishing to submit a nomination for High Street Award are asked to submit before 10th August.

Councillor Andrea Mearns asked about the marketing campaign, which in part was being funded by Welsh Water. Councillor Gareth Williams who attended the Traders Forum meeting (also attended by Welsh Water representatives), confirmed Welsh Water was reviewing the funding for the town marketing campaign.

Councillor Chris Bithell asked if the Town Centre Manager would look into car parking permits for Mold Town Band to use at the Town Hall car park when performing on the Daniel Owen Square at the weekend. The Town Centre Manager confirmed he would look into this as this would be useful for other performers who perform on the square.

**53. ACCOUNTS 2015/16 – QUARTERLEY REVIEW**

The Council considered the previously circulated report.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the Accounts 2015/16 Quarterly Review be approved.

**54. MOLD FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME**

Members considered the previously circulated correspondence from Carl Sargeant AM, providing an update on flood alleviation scheme.

Councillor Chris Bithell also gave members an update following a meeting held at Flintshire in which he had raised concerns regarding proposal to divert floodwater through the town. Councillor Bithell informed members, Flintshire County Council members had deferred decision to another meeting.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to note the report.

**55. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

Planning application LEJ/053736 for an illuminated fascia sign to be erected outside the Fat Boar had been approved by Flintshire County Council. Mold Town Council Planning Committee had previously submitted an objection to this as the business was in a conservation area, Councillor Bryan Grew asked for the Town Clerk to speak to Flintshire County Council regarding their decision to approve the application.

**Resolved:** It was resolved for the Town Clerk to speak to Flintshire County Council regarding decision on LEJ/053736 planning application.

**The press left at 7.25pm**

**56. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Councillor Chris Bithell had attended the Flintshire County Council car parking meeting and confirmed that residents parking would no longer be happening due to a poor response and lack of support.

Councillor Andrea Mearns attended the Mold Town Partnership meeting. Councillor Mearns asked the Town Centre Manager who is leading the Mold Town Action Plan, the Town Centre Manager confirmed Alison Brett, Regeneration Project Officer.

Councillor Bryan Grew attended One Voice Wales Larger Council meeting with the Town Clerk. The One Voice Wales AGM takes place on 3rd October and members supported Councillors Grew and Brookes to attend on behalf of Mold Town Council.

Councillors Andrea Mearns and Phil Thomas had attended the Wild Flower Footpath meeting.

**57. 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.

**58. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**Resolved:** It was resolved to exclude the public and press from the meeting in order to allow discussion on confidential matters.

**59. BAILEY HILL LODGE**

Members considered the previously circulated report from the Town Clerk and were asked to consider the offer made by the former tenant regarding deposit.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to accept the offer made by the former tenant regarding the deposit.

**The Meeting ended at 7.500pm**

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOLD TOWN COUNCIL’S**

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

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| **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL** | **DATE: 24st June 2015** |

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| **MEMBER** | **ITEM** | **MINUTE NO. REFERS** |
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