

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold at 6pm on Wednesday 30th November 2022. (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

Councillors: Haydn Jones, (Mayor), Teresa Carberry (Deputy Mayor), Paul Beacher, Tina Claydon, Geoff Collett, Robin Guest, Catherine Hill, Pete Dando, Brian Lloyd, Sarah Taylor and Megan Lloyd-Hughes.

Attending via Zoom: Councillors: Chris Bithell, Joanne Edwards, Bryan Grew

Officers: Helen Belton, Town Clerk and Finance Officer; Jane Evans, Events and Community Engagement Officer and Jo Lane, Business Regeneration Project Officer.

Also Present: Julia Hughes from Flintshire Standards Committee, North Wales Police Neighbourhood Policing Team; Sgt. Kerry Nash and PCSO Connor Freel

Attending via Zoom: two members of the public on Zoom. Zoom attendees were asked to leave cameras on, particularly councillors and to mute themselves.

91. APOLOGIES: Councillors Tim Maunders, Haydn Bateman.

ABSENT: None.

A welcome was extended to new Councillor, Megan Lloyd Hughes.

92. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

93. UPDATE FROM NW POLICE

Sgt. Kerry Nash, Flintshire Neighbourhood Policing Team and PCSO Connor Freel provided members with a verbal update on the South Flintshire Neighborhood team and their work in Mold.

Sgt. Nash confirmed to members that there hasn't been an increase in crime within the town and there has been a reduction in ASB. Members asked a number of general questions relating to their wards.

PCSO Freel informed members that the CCTV camera relocated to Elm Drive had been very productive, however they were no longer able to view the cameras as the laptop which they had been using (loaned from Saltney) had gone back to Saltney.

The Mayor and Events & Community Engagement Officer had recently met with Inspector Iwan Jones and Sgt. Kerry Nash at Mold Police Station to discuss Police support for forthcoming events in the town.

It was agreed that representatives from NWP should be invited to future meetings to provide updates.

Sgt. Nash and PCSO Freel left the meeting at 6.34pm.

94. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had provided an update on the engagements listed within the agenda. Cllr Carberry explained that Cllr Haydn Jones had passed on his 2 tickets for guest night at the panto and that this hadn't been a gift.

Councillors were reminded that they were not allowed to receive gifts from anyone. Cllr Carberry had attended some meetings and openings and would document these for the Clerk.

95. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That:

- a) The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th October 2022 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- b) To receive and note the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 24th October and the 21st November, 2022;
- c) To receive and note the Minutes of the CDR Committee meeting held on 8th November 2022.

96. REPORT OF THE EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Members received the previously circulated report from the Events and Community Engagement Officer.

Laptop for Police – Members agreed to provide NWP with a laptop to enable them to view the cameras which the Town Council had purchased at the request of the Police.

Councillor Taylor spoke about the recent public reaction to one of Council organised events and reminded members that they need to take collective responsibility to the decisions that Council make and members of staff had received abusive members following the incidents. Members also spoke about safeguarding lone workers at the Town Hall and proposals on how this could be taken forward were asked for.

RESOLVED: That a laptop would be donated to North Wales Police

7pm One member of the Public left the zoom meeting.

97. REPORT OF THE BUSINESS REGENERATION PROJECT OFFICER

Members received the previously circulated report from the Business Regeneration Project Officer on the latest developments at the Bailey Hill.

There had been an Open Doors weekend at Bailey Hill, which had been well-received. This type of event brings people to the town. Jo was thanked and it was agreed that she was doing a wonderful job. Andrea Mearns was also thanked for the work that she does and it was agreed that she should be

congratulated. The Mayor had sent a letter to Andrea on behalf of the Town Council.

Members also congratulated Jo Lane on her new post.

98. REPORT FROM THE ALLYWAY – SURVEY OF PC EQUIPMENT

A report had been received from The Allyway regarding the PC and laptop equipment at the Town Hall. It was proposed that the Town Clerk would choose one of the laptops, look for comparable quotes and place an order.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk would search for other quotes and then then place an order for a new laptop.

99. EMPLOYEE AWARD

A number of positive messages from residents had been received about how well-kept the Cemetery is looking. It was agreed to write to the staff at the Cemetery to let them know that their work is appreciated.

Cllr Sarah Taylor also mentioned that there might be an industry award, perhaps Cemetery of the Year, and the clerk was asked to investigate.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk would send letters to the Cemetery staff and investigate awards for Cemeteries.

100. DONATION TOWARDS ANNUAL BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY (MOLD FIRE STATION FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE)

An annual budget of £360 had been allocated.

RESOLVED: That the amount budgeted of £360 would be paid to the fundraising committee.

101. YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

The future of the committee was discussed. There was one vacancy on this committee and new councillor, Cllr Megan Hughes, agreed to be involved. A meeting would be organised in the new year.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk would arrange this meeting.

102. ELECTION OF TOWN COUNCILLOR – WEST WARD

The results of the election were noted and the new councilor, councilor Megan Lloyd Hughes was congratulated. However, some polling cards had only been received a couple of days before the election, which was not helpful. Others had been received well before that. The Clerk would check with Electoral.

RESOLVED: The Clerk would check with Electoral regarding when the polling cards had been sent out.

103. STORED CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Council's Contractor, MEGA, is storing string lights and motifs from previous years. Their safety, as well as their standard, cannot be guaranteed. Council reluctantly decided to dispose of them.

AGAINST: Cllr G Collett

There were also believed to be some wraps purchased last year which have not materialized. The Clerk would check with MEGA.

RESOLVED: That the old lights would be disposed of by MEGA and that missing lights would be investigated.

104. SIGN AT NEW STREET CAR PARK

A new sign had been installed at the New Street Car Park, with MTC logo and using a Google Map, which showed highlighted some Mold businesses. This had been ordered and paid for by Street Scene, Flintshire CC, to highlight public toilets in the town. The nearest toilets are at the Daniel Owen Centre. It was proposed to leave the sign as it is.

FOR: 9 AGAINST: 6

RESOLVED: That the sign be left and unchanged.

105. FLOORING IN THE TOWN HALL

Three quotes for new carpet in the Events Office at the Town Hall had been presented to council, as the carpet was now very worn. This had become a Health and Safety issue. It was proposed, seconded and approved to accept Gregory's quote.

RESOLVED: The Clerk would inform Gregory's.

106. CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

RESOLVED: To sign the Civility and Respect Pledge.

107. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

The Planning Decisions had been noted.

108. MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr S Taylor had attended the Bailey Hill Steering Group. Everyone had been pleased with appointment of Jo Lane and that funding had been secured.

Cllr T Carberry had attended two webinars on planning.

Cllr C F Hill had attended the Cittaslow Board meeting in October and had produced an excellent report, which highlighted how important it had been to this town. Cllr Hill's report had convinced Cllr Bithell that MTC should remain in the scheme and Cllr Claydon seconded this.

109. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS.

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 7 Community Bank account CB1 £22,185.52 (excl. VAT)

Month 7 Events Bank account £2,051.72

RESOLVED: That that the schedules of payments be approved.

110. VACANCIES

To note the situation regarding representatives on outside bodies, Council Committees and Panels.

Community, Development and Regeneration Committee. Cllr M L Hughes accepted this position. No vacancies.

Planning Committee - one vacancy.

Budget Sub-Group - one vacancy.

Policy & Audit Committee – one vacancy.

Financial Assistance Review Panel – no vacancies.

Youth and Children’s Council Committee. Cllr M L Hughes accepted this position. No vacancies.

Meeting closed at 7.59pm.

Mayor’s signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 30th November 2022
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

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