

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Mold Town Council Planning Committee held at the Town Hall, Mold on Wednesday 6th July 2011.

PRESENT: Councillors: Ray Dodd, Tony Cattermoul, Geoff Collett, Ken Corbett, Bryan Grew, Brian Lloyd, and Ken Williams with the Clerk and Finance Officer and Town Centre Manager.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Andrea Mearns.

4. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2011 be approved.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the following applications, including one new applications:

5.1 CZR/048491 – Erection of single storey front extension, 71 Ffordd Newydd – the Clerk advised that this application had already been approved by the County Council. .

5.2 JZF/048644 – Porch extension to provide storage for electric wheelchair, 13 Nant Garmon – no objections.

5.3 DGJ/048665 – Extension and alterations to existing commercial/warehouse unit and associated works, Unit 1, Queens Lane, Bromfield Industrial Estate – no objections.

5.4 LEJ/048697 – First floor roof extension, 23 The Close – no objections.

5.5 KYT/048693 – Amendments to previously approved planning permission ref: 047074 to allow the erection of a single storey garage extension to side of dwelling and loft conversion including formation of dormer, Meadowside, Bro Alun – no objections.

5.6 BMK/048704 – Change of use from commercial retail unit to apartment/flat and internal alterations, 6 The Mall, Ambrose Lloyd Centre – no objections.

5.7 LEJ/048730 – Second storey side extension to provide an en-suite bedroom above existing utility and garage which is to be converted to provide a study and w.c., single storey rear extension to provide new kitchen and breakfast room and erection of an attached single garage, 13 Glyn Teg – no objections.

5.8 LEJ/048739 – Erection of a single storey kitchen extension, 67 Hendy Road – no objections.

5.9 CZR/048770 – Formation of a new vehicular and pedestrian access, parking and turning provision and erection of a front entrance porch, Stonecroft, Nercwys Road – no objections.

Resolved: It was resolved that the above comments be forwarded to Flintshire County Council.

6. RMH/048420 CONSTRUCTION OF SKATEBOARDING AREA – MAES BODLONFA

The Clerk advised that the application for the construction of the skateboarding / wheeled play area is due to be considered by the Planning Committee of the County Council at a meeting on Wednesday 13th July 2011.

Advice had been sought from the Planning Department and it was confirmed that the Town Council and an additional person could speak in favour of the application at the Committee meeting. It was noted that the Clerk had spoken to a local resident who would arrange for a young person to address the Committee and be supported by other young people. Arrangements were also in hand for the attendance of a number of other young people at the Committee meeting.

It was agreed Councillors Tony Cattermoul and Bryan Grew would represent the Town Council at the site meeting due to be held on Monday 11th July and at the Planning Committee meeting on 13th July respectively.

Resolved: It was resolved that the Council would be represented as detailed above.

7. CAR PARKING

The Committee noted that this matter had been referred by the Council for consideration at this meeting.

The Town Centre Manager advised that he and the Clerk had attended a meeting with the County Council's Head of Assets and Transportation when he reported on the review of car parking being undertaken by the County Council.

The Town Centre Manager circulated a draft consultation paper on initial thoughts about car parking strategy, development and charging approach for consideration by the Committee.

It was suggested that the underpinning rationale for car parking within Mold should be to facilitate the management of visitors to the town in such a manner that business is supported, thus ensuring ongoing vibrancy and vitality for the community. The raising of revenue should be a secondary objective that is largely used for the provision and betterment of car parking and the wider visitor infrastructure.

The Committee considered the draft and supported the following principles as a starting point for the further discussions with the County Council:

- Car parking in Mold is seen as simple, reasonable and fair.
- Mold continues to be viewed as an inexpensive place to visit with a car.
- There is adequate, high quality parking provision that is welcoming for visitors to the town.
- Visitors to the town are encouraged to stay as long as possible.
- Car parking has easy to read and follow signage.
- On street parking is only restricted and enforcement is proportionate to the demands and needs of town users, being relaxed whenever practicable so as to enhance access to town facilities, i.e., after 5pm and Sundays.
- The needs of disabled drivers / passengers are given due cognizance.
- An overnight parking facility is developed for camper and caravan users on Love Lane car park (*An Aire*).
- Policing and enforcement of ALL parking provision reflects a culture of positive visitor management.

It was noted that car parking charges in Mold were last reviewed in 1991, some 20 years ago, and in keeping with the above principles, the following thoughts were supported, again as a starting point, to allow the discussions with the County Council to proceed:

- All town centre car parks (with the exception of Love Lane) be designated as Short Stay car parks and have a common charge schedule of 20 pence per hour for the first three hours and a maximum of £1.00 for four or more hours.
- Love Lane car park be designated as Long Stay with a charge of 50 pence for the whole day.
- ALL town car parks become free of charge after 3pm during weekdays and Saturdays.
- ALL parking is free on Sundays.
- ALL Short Stay car park tickets be useable on a ALL car parks, providing they are a valid ticket and the car is parked within an identifiable parking bay.
- An appropriate overnight charge be introduced for Love Lane overnight stays.
- Any technology used to manage car parking charges should reflect the principles identified in the management approach.

It was reported that the next meeting with the Head of Assets and Transportation is due to be held on 19th July and a report can be made to the full Council the following day.

Members of the Committee agreed to consider the draft in detail and provide any further comments to the Town Centre Manager.

Resolved: It was resolved that the above comments be agreed as initial comments to allow further discussion with the County Council.

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE	DATE: 6th July 2011
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
	None	

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