

Agenda Item: 3.



MOLD TOWN COUNCIL / CYNGOR TREF YR WYDDGRUG

Mayor engagements since 6th – 27th May 2026

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09-May	Mayor of Wrexham Cllr Tina Mannering charity dinner dance
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MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mold Town Council Meeting held at Town Council Offices, Unit 10 Daniel Owen Precinct, Mold at 6pm on Wednesday 22nd April 2026 (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllrs. Paul Beacher (Mayor and Chair), Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor), Brian Lloyd, Catherine Frances Claydon, Chris Bithell, Geoff Collett, Haydn Jones, Nanette Davies, Pete Dando, Richard Clarke, Robin Guest, Sarah Taylor, and Tina Claydon.

Via Zoom: Cllrs. Teresa Carberry, Suzanne Thomas and Megan Lloyd-Hughes; Jane Evans, Events & Community Engagement Officer.

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk & Finance Officer and Leila Jones, Support Officer.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Blue Douglas and Amber Percy of Youth Outreach Mold.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Five (5) members of the public in attendance and one (1) member of the public via Zoom.

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

18:03: Councillor Geoff Collett joined the meeting.

18:04: Councillor Megan Lloyd-Hughes joined the meeting via Zoom.

NOTED: Meeting was paused due to low volume for Zoom attendees and the conference microphone was moved to the centre of the meeting table.

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

84. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor's appointments since the last meeting were **noted**.

85. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that;

85.1 4.1 – Councillor Chris Bithell proposed a motion to amend the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 25th March 2026, item 168 (i), so that it reads as follows:

Town Clerk to move 4127 – CDR Project Costs of £1,000 to EMR – 330 CDR Project to cover the replacement of Lifepak defibrillators at a later date.

RESOLVED:

The Town Clerk to make the relevant changes to the Minutes as agreed.

85.2 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7th April 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

86. YOUTH OUTREACH MOLD

A verbal presentation was provided by Blue Douglas and Amber Percy of Youth Outreach Mold with an overview of the work they are doing within Flintshire.

Youth Outreach Mold's approach has been and will continue to be focused around detached/outreach work but with a more enhanced focus on mobile delivery. ROC Youth was established in 2017 through ROC Project Mold and historically was based at the Pendref Chapel in Mold. 'The aim of ROC is to still re-establish, in partnership, a stable centre based youth provision for young people in Mold age 11-24. Part of our planned work is to undertake a feasibility study to this end'.

Guest speaker Blue wishes for support in 3 areas;

1. Set up a Steering Group – to include a Town Council representative
2. Trailer for mobile sessions – long term licence and short term location
3. Set up a reporting structure – to share reports and information gathered from Young People in Mold.

Youth Outreach Mold is looking to do a pilot/launch of the mobile youth trailer and Daniel Owen Square was suggested. A licence from Flintshire County Council would be needed and Mold Town Council agreed to provide guidance with applying for a licence.

There is also opportunity to link with the Mold Town Council Youth Council.

Mold Town Council Members were thanked for their support of Mold Youth and for the time to speak about their outreach programme.

Mayor Paul Beacher thanked Blue and Amber for attending tonight's meeting and providing Members with the work being undertaken in Mold.

18:22: Guest Speakers exited the meeting.

18:22: Three (3) members of the public exited the meeting.

87. ACTION LIST

The ongoing Action List was **noted**. Confirmed by Town Clerk that completed items will be removed from the Action List after each Town Council meeting.

88. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING 2026 AND NOMINATION OF MAYOR FOR 2026/27

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Meeting will take place at 6pm on Wednesday, 6th May 2025 at the Town Council Offices, Mold.

NOTED:

That nominations were received for the role of Mayor for 2026-2027 civic year, including Cllr Joanne Edwards.

NOTED:

That nominations were received for the role of Deputy Mayor for the 2026-2027 civic year, including Cllr Pete Dando and Cllr Catherine Frances Claydon.

89. CORRESPONDENCE

Members **noted** the previously circulated correspondence;

- (i) Alun Roberts, Chair of the Steering Committee – Bethesda Chapel.

RESOLVED:

Town Clerk to write a response to Alun Roberts, Chair of the Steering Committee for Bethesda Chapel, noting the historic significance and importance of the building and offer Mold Town Council Members' best wishes to Bethesda Chapel going forward.

90. OFFICER REPORTS

- (i) Members **noted** the previously circulated Events and Community Engagement Officer report and verbal update was received.
- (ii) Members **noted** the previously circulated Town Clerk report and verbal update from the Town Clerk was received.

RESOLVED:

Town Clerk to follow-up on the original request to Flintshire County Council regarding reforming the County Forums.

RESOLVED:

Town Clerk to follow-up with Flintshire County Council regarding the proposed transfer of the public toilets.

Members thanked the Town Clerk for her hard work submitting Mold Town Council's Expression of Interest for the UK Town of Culture 2028 Competition.

91. MEMBERSHIPS

RESOLVED:

- (i) To renew the Society of Local Clerks (SLCC) Membership at a cost of £379.
- (ii) To renew the One Voice Wales Membership at a cost of £2,233.
- (iii) To renew the Mayors for Peace Membership at a cost of 2,000 Japanese Yen (£10.14 approx.)

92. RENEWAL OF WISSCARE WEBSITE UPDATES SERVICES – TOTALLY MOLD

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** the 2026/27 renewal of website update services provided by WiSScare for Totally Mold website at a cost of £504 per year.

93. ONE VOICE WALES NATIONAL CONFERENCE & AWARDS CEREMONY 2026

RESOLVED:

For representatives Councillor Catherine Frances Claydon and the Mold Town Council Mayor to attend the One Voice Wales National Conference & Awards Ceremony 2026. It was noted that if not able to attend, a substitute representative will be asked to attend.

94. NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR SARAH TAYLOR

Original Motion:

That this Council agrees to begin the process of withdrawing from the tripartite agreement regarding the management of Bailey Hill Centre, giving the required six months' notice under the current memorandum of understanding.

Councillor Sarah Taylor reminded Members reminded that this matter was previously considered at the March 2026 Council meeting, where it was resolved to defer decision until the April 2026 meeting.

Since the agenda and supporting papers were circulated, a further meeting has taken place with Flintshire County Council.

Flintshire County Council has indicated a willingness to enter into formal discussions with the Town Council regarding the future of Bailey Hill Centre. This includes reviewing the

current lease position, clarifying maintenance responsibilities, and exploring options to provide a more balanced arrangement that would support the Town Council in continuing to operate the Centre in a sustainable way.

The review of the lease, management agreement, or future operating model can only properly take place between the legally obligated parties, namely Flintshire County Council and Mold Town Council.

Given this development, the original motion to commence withdrawal from the tripartite agreement may no longer be the most appropriate immediate step.

Amended Motion:

That the Council agrees to establish a working group to engage in discussions with Flintshire County Council regarding the lease and management agreement for Bailey Hill Centre.

This approach would allow the two legally bound authorities to properly assess the current operational and financial pressures, seek clarity on responsibilities and explore whether a revised arrangement can address the concerns raised while maintaining public access to the facility

After further discussion, it was Proposed and Seconded and a vote was held with **16 for, 0 against and 0 abstained.**

RESOLVED:

- A small working group was established to engage in discussions with Flintshire County Council regarding the lease and management agreement for Bailey Hill Centre.
- The following members will form The Bailey Hill Centre Working Group: Councillors Sarah Taylor, Robin Guest and Paul Beacher; along with Jo Lane, Town Clerk.

95. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Members **noted** the previously circulated report.

96. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS

Members **considered** the schedules previously circulated.

Members **noted** that payments are made in accordance with the powers of local councils.

Month 12 – Community Bank account CB1 £41,561.98 (excl. VAT)

Month 12 – Business Money Manager Account £30,000 (internal transfers)

Month 12 – Events Bank account £176.89

Month 12 – Prepaid Mastercard £2,173.72

Month 12 – Mayor’s Charity £0.00

Month 12 – Petty Cash £0.00

RESOLVED: That the schedules of payments be **approved**.

Members congratulated Councillor Paul Beacher for a successful year as Mayor and to Jo Lane, Town Clerk for supporting the Council and the Mayor during this past year.

Meeting ended: 18:59

Mayor’s signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 22.04.2026
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4.2.

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held by Video Conferencing on 5th May 2026

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Beacher (Mayor), Brian Lloyd and Richard Clarke

Officer: Jo Lane, Town Clerk and Finance Officer

Absent: Councillor Joanne Edwards

APOLOGIES:

60. APOLOGIES

It was **resolved** that Councillor Paul Beacher chair the meeting in the absent of Councillor Sarah Taylor.

Councillors Haydn Jones and Sarah Taylor (Chair)

61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

62. MINUTES

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 7th April 2026 are agreed as a correct record.

63. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To following applications were considered:

PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION - FUL/000183/26

PROPOSAL: Change of use of building from car repair centre to gym. No external alterations/extensions proposed.

LOCATION: Unit 1, Gas Lane, Mold, CH7 1UR

TARGET DETERMINATION DATE: 27 May 2026

[Citizen Portal Planning - application details](#)

No comments were made by the Planning Committee.

(b) PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION - LDP/000295/26

PROPOSAL: Conversion of existing garage to living space including replacement of garage door with window with brickwork beneath

LOCATION: 59, Ffordd Trebeirdd, Mold, CH7 1FJ

TARGET DETERMINATION DATE: 28 May 2026

Citizen Portal Planning - application details

No comments were made by the Planning Committee.

(c) PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION - NMA/000336/26

PROPOSAL: Application for non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission FUL/000178/26

LOCATION: MAESBROOK, Gwernaffield Road, Mold, CH7 1RE

TARGET DETERMINATION DATE: 18 May 2026

Citizen Portal Planning - application details

No comments were made from the Planning Committee.

(d) PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION - FUL/000338/26

PROPOSAL: Proposed alterations and change of use to provide 2no. residential flats

LOCATION: 83, Wrexham Street, Mold, CH7 1HQ

TARGET DETERMINATION DATE: 16 Jun 2026

Citizen Portal Planning - application details

No comments were made from the Planning Committee.

64. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(i) Correspondence Case – FUL/000183/26 – agenda item 4(a)

The Planning Committee noted the correspondence but raised no additional comments, as the items had already been considered under the relevant agenda items.

Meeting closed at 18.06pm

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE	DATE: 05.05.26
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

Chair's signature: Date:

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Mold Town Council held at Town Council Offices, Unit 10 Daniel Owen Precinct, Mold at 6pm on Wednesday 6th May 2026 (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllrs. Paul Beacher (Mayor and Chair), Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor), Brian Lloyd, Catherine Frances Claydon, Chris Bithell, Geoff Collett, Haydn Jones, Megan Lloyd Hughes, Nanette Davies, Pete Dando, Richard Clarke, Robin Guest, Sarah Taylor and Suzanne Thomas.

Via Zoom: Cllrs. Teresa Carberry and Tina Claydon; Member of the Public

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk & Finance Officer; Jane Evans, Events & Community Engagement Officer; Emma Lyth, Support Officer, Leila Jones, Support Officer and Rob Williams, Facilities Officer

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the Public present

Meeting commenced at 18:00

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2026/27

On the proposal of Councillor Robin Guest and seconded by Councillor Haydn Jones, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Joanne Edwards be formally elected as Mayor of Mold Town Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Joanne Edwards be formally elected as Mayor for the ensuing year 2026/2027.

2. RETIRING MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The retiring Mayor, Cllr Paul Beacher, thanked Cllr Haydn Jones for his nomination for Mayor. He also thanked his fellow Councillors for their support during his year as Mayor. Cllr Paul Beacher gave special thanks to Jo Lane, Town Clerk and Finance Officer and also thanked the Town Council staff for their work.

Cllr Paul Beacher outlined his successful year attending numerous events, visiting new and established local businesses and a number of fund-raising events for his chosen charities.

Cllr Paul Beacher congratulated new Mayor, Cllr Joanne Edwards, and thanked her for the support she provided over the year as Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Paul Beacher passed on the Mayoral Chain to Mayor Joanne Edwards.

3. TRIBUTES TO MAYORAL YEAR 2025/26

Councillors gave tributes to Cllr Paul Beacher for his successful year as Mayor seeing Mold through some difficult times and during the Council offices move to new premises. He has done a remarkable job and was an excellent Ambassador for the town. Councillors also thanked his partner Eira Anderson for supporting Cllr Paul Beacher during his year as Mayor.

Councillors also welcomed and congratulated Cllr Joanne Edwards (Mayor) on her appointment as Mayor of Mold.

4. DEPUTY MAYOR 2026/27

A nomination was received for Councillor Pete Dando for the role of Deputy Mayor for the 2026-2027 civic year. It was Proposed by Councillor Haydn Jones and Seconded by Councillor Sarah Taylor.

A nomination was received for Councillor Catherine Frances Claydon for the role of Deputy Mayor for the 2026-2027 civic year. It was Proposed by Councillor Chris Bithell and Seconded by Councillor Tina Claydon.

A vote took place for the role of Deputy Mayor for the 2026-2027 civic year:

Councillor Pete Dando – 9 votes for; 5 votes against; 2 abstentions.

Councillor Catherine Frances Claydon – 5 votes for.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Pete Dando be formally elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year 2026/2027.

Councillor Joanne Edwards (Mayor) passed on the Deputy Mayoral Chain to Deputy Mayor Pete Dando.

5. APOLOGIES

None

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 payments and inter-account 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 – mobile phones
 - Flintshire County Council – National Non-Domestic Rates Town Council Offices
 - Flintshire County Council – National Non-Domestic Rates Cemetery
 - Flintshire County Council - National Non-Domestic Rates Bailey Hill Centre
 - Your Care Services Ltd – Gas heating service Cemetery Lodge
 - EDF – Electricity supply to the Bailey Hill Centre
 - EON – Electricity supply Town Council Offices
 - GRENKE – Photocopier hire

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS

RESOLVED: That Membership be renewed for the following organisations during the forthcoming year;

- 8.1 One Voice Wales – £2,233 (agreed at April 2026 meeting)
- 8.2 The Institute of Cemeteries and Crematoria – Associate Membership – £110
- 8.3 The Purple Guide to Health, Safety and Welfare at Outdoor Events – £30
- 8.4 Flintshire Tourism Association – £50
- 8.5 SLCC Membership – £379 (agreed at April 2026 meeting)

- 8.6 Mayor's for Peace Membership – 2,000 Japanese Yen, approx. £10.14 (agreed at April 2026 meeting)

9. ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT/DONATIONS

RESOLVED: That the following local organisations/community groups will receive financial support/donations for the forthcoming year;

- 9.1 Flintshire Foodbank – £1,000
- 9.2 Town Band Contribution – £1,000
- 9.3 Citizens Advice – £3,000
- 9.4 Daniel Owen Association – £10,000 (noted that £5,000 of which is for upkeep of toilets for public use)
- 9.5 Fire Service Bonfire – £400
- 9.6 Eisteddfod Grants – £350
- 9.7 Daniel Owen Festival – £450
- 9.8 Mold Food and Drink Festival – £1,000
- 9.9 British Legion – £200

10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members are advised that the core functions and delegated powers of Committees remain unchanged. The revisions provide greater clarity, consistency and governance structure to support Members and Committee operation.

The Youth and Children's Committee Terms of Reference are presented as a new document, as this Committee has not previously had formally adopted Terms of Reference.

- 10.1 Cemetery Committee Terms of Reference
- 10.2 Community, Development and Regeneration Committee Terms of Reference
- 10.3 Planning Committee Terms of Reference
- 10.4 Finance Committee Terms of Reference
- 10.5 Personnel Committee Terms of Reference
- 10.6 Policy & Audit Committee Terms of Reference
- 10.7 Youth and Children's Council Committee Terms of Reference

Councillor Sarah Taylor thanked Jo Lane, Town Clerk and Finance Officer, for her work updating the Terms of Reference for the Mold Town Council Committees.

RESOLVED: That the following updated Terms of Reference for all committees of Mold Town Council are **approved** and fully aligned with the Council's Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and current relevant legislation.

RESOLVED: That the introduction of the Youth and Children's Council Committee Terms of Reference is **approved**.

11. COUNCIL COMMITTEES, PANELS AND WORKING GROUPS 2026/27

RESOLVED: That the following Members be appointed to the standing Committees of the Council;

NOTED: That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are ex-officio voting members on the Committees with delegated powers:

- 11.1 Cemetery Committee – delegated powers – Cllr Joanne Edwards (Mayor), Cllr Pete Dando (Deputy Mayor), plus six Members – Cllrs Paul Beacher, Chris Bithell, Richard Clarke, Nanette Davies, Haydn Jones and Sarah Taylor
- 11.2 Community, Development & Regeneration Committee – delegated powers – Cllr Joanne Edwards (Mayor), Cllr Pete Dando (Deputy Mayor), plus seven Members – Cllrs Paul Beacher, Chris Bithell, Teresa Carberry, Geoff Collett, Nanette Davies, Robin Guest and Haydn Jones
- 11.3 Planning Committee – delegated powers – Cllr Joanne Edwards (Mayor), Cllr Pete Dando (Deputy Mayor), plus six Members – Cllrs Richard Clarke, Nanette Davies, Brian Lloyd, Megan Lloyd Hughes, Haydn Jones, and Sarah Taylor
- 11.4 Finance Committee - delegated powers – Cllr Joanne Edwards (Mayor), Cllr Pete Dando (Deputy Mayor), plus five Members – Cllrs Chris Bithell, Teresa Carberry, Tina Claydon, Nanette Davies and Robin Guest

Committees and Panels without full delegated functions as follows:

- 11.5 Personnel Committee – Cllr Joanne Edwards (Mayor), Cllr Pete Dando (Deputy Mayor), plus five Members – Cllrs Catherine Frances Claydon, Tina Claydon, Haydn Jones, Sarah Taylor and Suzanne Thomas
- 11.6 Policy & Audit Committee – five Members – Cllrs Teresa Carberry, Tina Claydon, Joanne Edwards (Mayor) and Sarah Taylor. One (1) space remains available.

- 11.7 Youth and Children's Council Committee – five Members – Cllrs Chris Bithell, Richard Clarke, Catherine Frances Claydon, Megan Lloyd Hughes and Suzanne Thomas
- 11.8 Community Awards Panel – Cllr Joanne Edwards (Mayor), Cllr Pete Dando (Deputy Mayor), plus six Members – Paul Beacher, Teresa Carberry, Catherine Frances Claydon, Brian Lloyd, Megan Lloyd Hughes and Sarah Taylor.

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2026/2027

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

13. OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

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

- 13.1 One Voice Wales
Cllrs Catherine Frances Claydon and Chris Bithell
- 13.2 Daniel Owen Community Association
Cllrs Nanette Davies, Joanne Edwards (Mayor), Sarah Taylor and Suzanne Thomas

It was noted that Cllr Teresa Carberry sits on the Daniel Owen Association Committee as an individual, not as a Town Councillor.
- 13.3 Police and Community / County
Cllr Suzanne Thomas
- 13.4 Alyn Works Liaison Committee
Cllrs Chris Bithell, Tina Claydon and Brian Lloyd. One (1) space is still available.
- 13.5 Parkfields Management Committee
Cllrs Tina Claydon and Suzanne Thomas
- 13.6 Mold Town Concert Band Management Committee
Cllr Joanne Edwards (Mayor)
- 13.7 The Bailey Hill Project Partnership – to be members of CDR Committee
Cllrs Paul Beacher and Robin Guest

13.8 Mold Plastic Reduction Steering Group
Cllr Catherine Frances Claydon

14.CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE (WALES UPDATE)

Members **noted** that Mold Town Council had previously signed up to the Civility and Respect Pledge, supported by One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Members further **noted** that the Pledge has now been updated by One Voice Wales to reflect a Wales-specific framework, aligning with Welsh governance and legislation, and considered the updated version accordingly.

RESOLVED:

Members reaffirmed the Council’s commitment under the revised framework and answered the Civility and Respect Pledge statements, which will be signed by Cllr Joanne Edwards (Mayor) on behalf of Mold Town Council.

15. MEMBERS’ ATTENDANCES – MUNICIPAL YEAR 2025/26

Members’ attendances for Town Council Meetings were **noted**.

APPENDIX

The Chairman or Town Mayor is elected annually at the annual meeting, where his/her election must be the first business, and he/she holds office until a successor is elected.
Local Government Act 1972, ss 15 (4) and 34 (4)

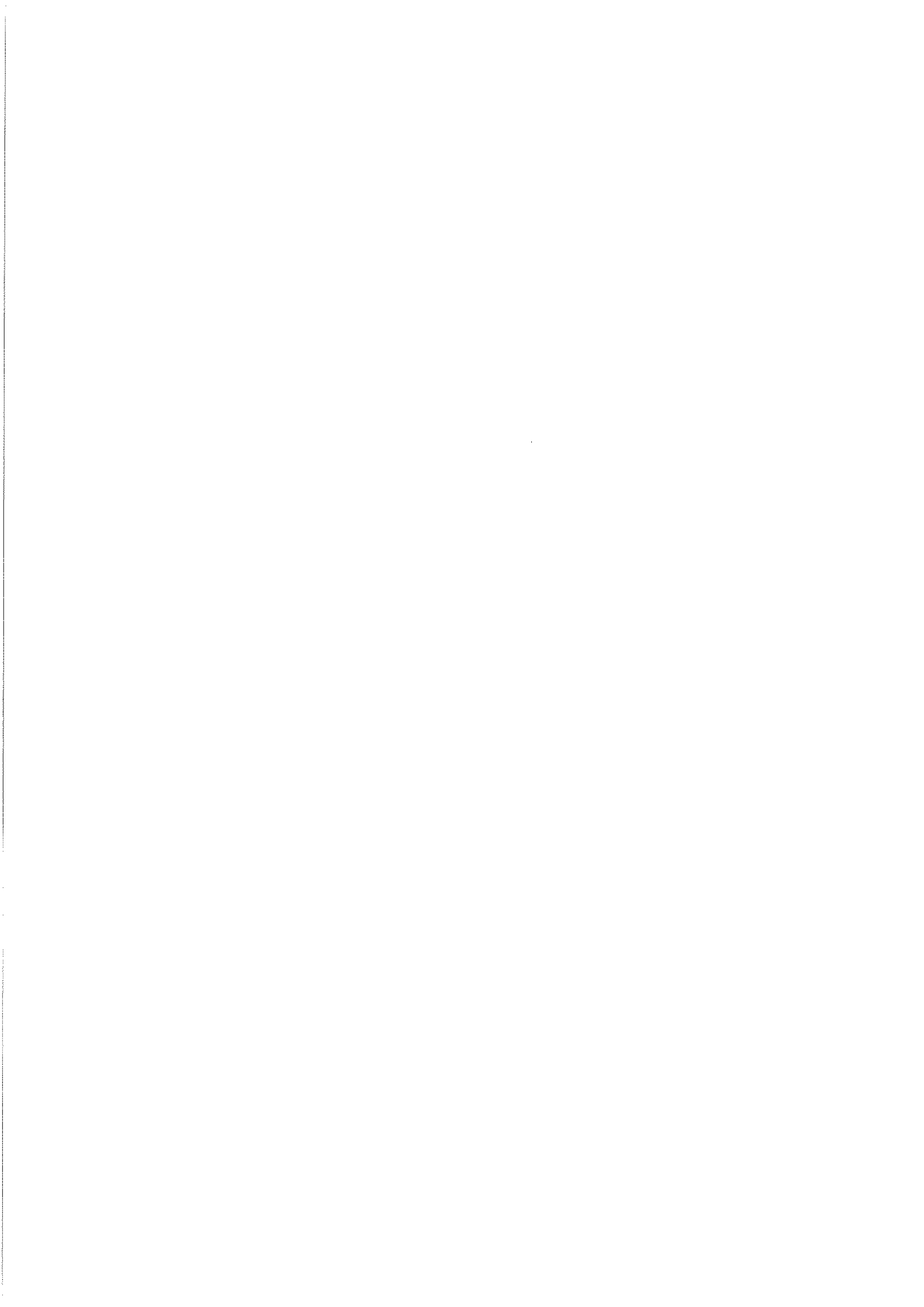
Meeting closed at 18:38

Mayor’s signature: Date:

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOLD TOWN COUNCIL’S
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MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 06.05.2026
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
None		

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YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth and Children's Committee, held via Zoom on Monday 11th May 2026 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Megan Lloyd Hughes, Suzanne Thomas and Richard Clarke

Officers: Jo Lane, Clerk and Finance Officer

Absent: Councillors Catherine Frances Claydon and Chris Bithell

1. CHAIR OF YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S COUNCIL COMMITTEE

It was **resolved** that Councillor Megan Lloyd Hughes be appointed as Chair of the Committee and Councillor Suzanne Thomas as Deputy Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **resolved** to agree the Minutes from the Youth and Children's Committee held on the 9th March 2026.

5. UPDATE ON MOLD ALUN MEETING

Update provided by Councillor Suzanne Thomas from the Mold Alun Student Council Meeting which was attended on the 5th May 2026.

It was **resolved** to agree the Minutes from the Mold Alun Student Council Meeting held on the 5th May 2026.

6. MAY 2026 PRIMARY SCHOOL YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

It was **noted** that the next Primary School, Mold Town Youth Council Meeting would be scheduled for Thursday 21st May, 3.30pm at Ysgol Bryn Coch.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Clarke would join the Secondary School representatives, but would try and attend the Primary School Meeting on the 21st May, to get an idea on how the sessions are run.

It was resolved that the agenda items for the next Primary School Meeting will be:

1. Icebreaker Game
2. Magic Mayor of Mold
3. Update on Spring Clean Event/ Competition
4. Mold's Town of Culture Bid
5. What agenda items for the next Primary School Meeting.

Meeting closed: 18.28pm

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

Youth and Children's Committee	DATE: 11.05.26
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

Chair's signature: Date:

4.5.

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Mold Town Council Meeting held via Zoom at 6pm on Wednesday 20th May 2026.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllrs. Joanne Edwards (Mayor and Chair), Pete Dando (Deputy Mayor), Brian Lloyd, Paul Beacher, Haydn Jones, Nanette Davies, Sarah Taylor, Tina Claydon, Teresa Carberry, and Suzanne Thomas.

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk & Finance Officer

ABSENT: Councillors Chris Bithell, Geoff Collett, Richard Clarke and Megan Lloyd Hughes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors Catherine Frances Claydon and Robin Guest.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

19. INSURANCE UPDATE

After consideration of the report provided by the Town Clerk, it was **RESOLVED** to accept the new quotation from Gallagher Insurance for the amount of £3,790.99 + administration costs and to enter into a new three-year long term agreement.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Cyber Insurance quotation received for £375.92.

Meeting ended: 18:05

Mayor's signature: Date:

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS
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MOLD TOWN COUNCIL ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

CURRENT ACTION LIST – MAY 2026

2023-2024

MINUTE NO.	2023-2024 DATE	ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	RESULT (IF ANY)	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	SIGN OFF DATE
150. (ii)	November 2023 October 2024	Letter from Ysceifiog Community Council	Cllr Carberry to send a response to the letter. Clerk to contact Flintshire County Council requesting update with regards to 'Active Travel'	Email sent to active.travel@flintshire.gov.uk 08.07.24 Follow up email sent 17.10.24 Email sent: 10.04.26	Town Clerk	Completed Ongoing

2024-2025

MINUTE NO.	2024-2025 DATE	ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	RESULT (IF ANY)	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	SIGN OFF DATE
145.	January 2025	Draft Events Calendar 2025	Events and Community Engagement Officer to send an email to Members to ask for volunteers to have a small working group to review the Medieval Day and to look at alternatives during inclement weather	Leila and Emma tasked with arranging. Meeting to be arranged for early 2026. 7.May.26. Email to Tripartite re: BH Meet the Partners Day Sunday 16 th Aug 2026. Request for rep from each Partner for planning day committee.	Leila & Emma Leila	Ongoing
153.	January 2025	Salt Bin for Hafn Deg	Town Clerk to put Cllr Collett as contact to FCC for the exact location of the salt bin for Hafn Deg	Email sent to FCC cc'ing Cllr Geoff Collett 05.02.2025 Emailled Cllr Collett to confirm if Salt Bin has been placed. 08.07.25 – Emailled FCC for update. 01.10.25 – Email sent to FCC for update. 1 x Salt Bin installed in Hafn Deg	Town Clerk	Completed

MINUTE NO.	2024-2025 DATE	ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	RESULT (IF ANY)	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	SIGN OFF DATE
				1x Salt Bin moved from Mold Library and situated at the top of Milford Street		

2025-2026

MINUTE NO.	2025-2026 DATE	ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	RESULT (IF ANY)	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	SIGN OFF DATE
75.	September 2025	Wrexham Street Mini Market / Vape Shop – Enforcement Concerns	Town Clerk to invite Sian Jones – Flintshire County Council Enforcement to a meeting to discuss and plan a way forward for the enforcement concerns.	Dates are being discussed. Will be in the New Year. Email sent – arranging a date for them to attend Town Council Meeting. Will be attending Sept 2026 meeting.	Town Clerk	Ongoing
107 (b)	November 2025	Public Toilet Consultation	Town Clerk to invite FCC Asset Transfer officers to a meeting with the Town Council Working Group after the 2nd December 2025 closing date of the Public Toilet Consultation. The following members will form the Public Conveniences Working Group: Councillors Brian Lloyd, Richard Clarke, Tina Claydon, Nanette Davies, Sarah Taylor, Robin Guest, Chris Bithell, Geoff Collett and Haydn Jones.	Email requests sent: 27.11.25 09.12.25 12.12.25 13.01.26 Response received – Working Group meeting scheduled for 23.03.26 Awaiting on additional information from FCC. Update in Town Clerk's report.	Town Clerk	Ongoing
109 (i)	November 2025	Officer Reports	Events and Community Engagement Officer to work with the Mold Independent Group and that the Group be allowed to use the Totally	This has been put on indefinite hold by organiser.	Events & Community Engagement Officer	HOLD

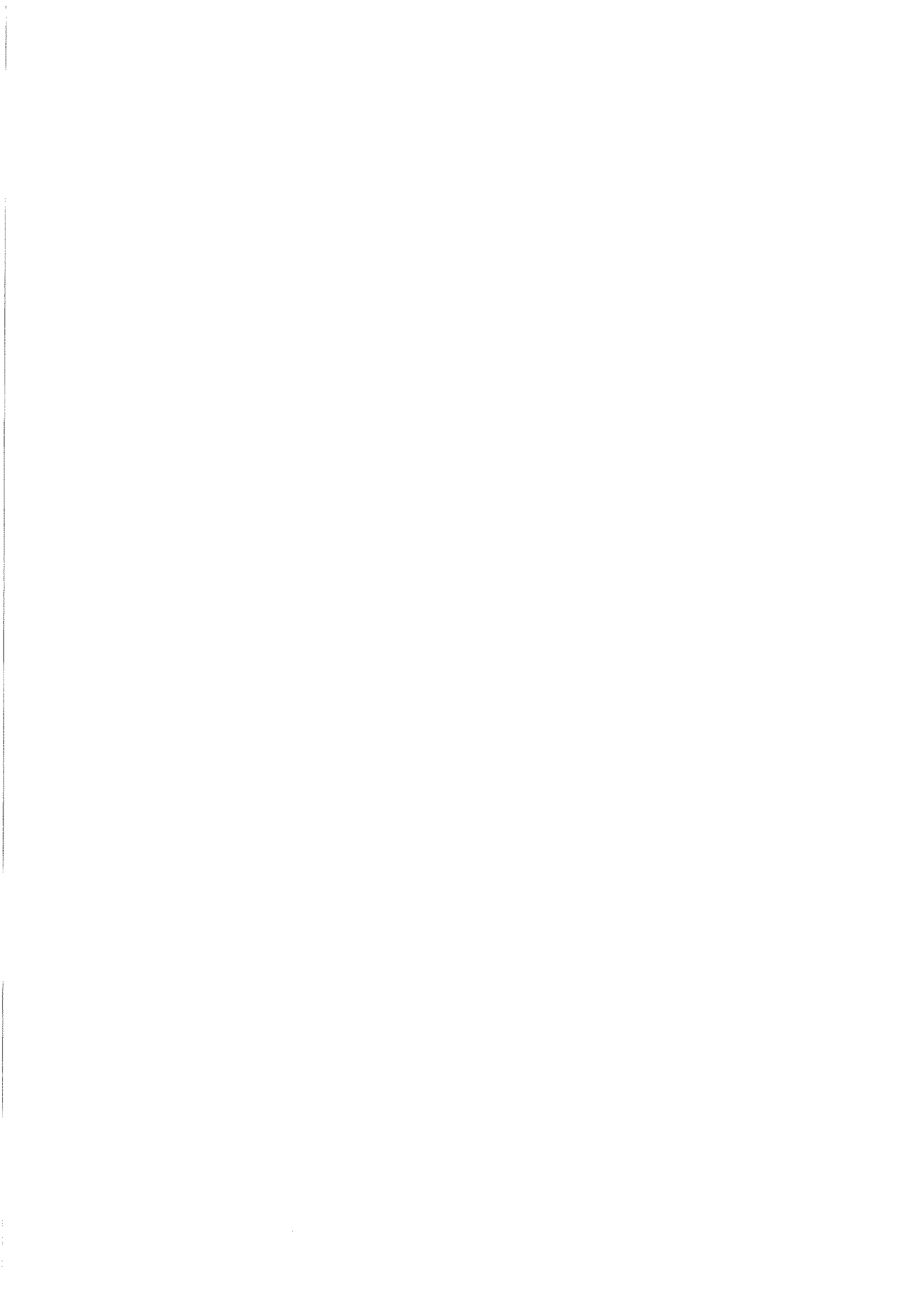
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			Mold logo and colours within their branding and promotion (to tie in with the Totally Mold website and current branding for the town).			
112	November 2025	Motion From Councillor Haydn Jones	Town Clerk to look at new signage at New Street Car Park to direct visitors to the nearest Public Conveniences (Daniel Owen Community Centre). Include the information on the already existing Tourism Information Panel on the wall of Travis Perkins.	Possible to include in the TIPS On hold until outcome of Bus Station Toilets has been confirmed.	Town Clerk	Ongoing
116	November 2025	Preparations for the Coming Winter	Town Clerk to draft a new Salt Bin Policy for Mold Town Council for use when considering future requests for the purchase and placement of salt bins in new locations. It should include criteria such as; distance from nearest existing salt bin, is the road on an incline (safety concerns), whether FCC has responsibility for placing a salt bin at that location.		Town Clerk	
121	November 2025	New Website – Tender Consideration	Town Clerk to move forward with the quotation from WISS for Mold Town Council's new website.	WISS currently working on new website.	Town Clerk	Ongoing
153	February 2026	Mold Town Council Uniform Recycling Initiative	Explore alternative storage and distribution for the Uniform Recycling Initiative	Kidsbank will take the non-logo uniform. Date is being arranged.	Events & Community Engagement Officer	Ongoing
155	February 2026	Consideration Of Cittaslow Membership	Town Clerk to arrange the cease of Cittaslow membership for 2026/27	Email to UK Cittaslow Working Group has been sent 13.05.26 – awaiting date for meeting to organise official handover of documents and bank account.	Town Clerk	Ongoing
157	February 2026	Garden Of Remembrance And	Events & Community would take forward the proposals to Flintshire	Silent Solder has been relocated.	Events & Community	Completed

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		Silent Soldier – Bailey Hill	County Council to seek permission and obtain costings.	Awaiting on options available.	Engagement Officer	Ongoing
167	March 2026	Action List	Item 150: Town Clerk to again request update from FCC with regards to 'Active Travel'.	Email sent 10.04.26	Town Clerk	Ongoing
168	March 2026	Officer Reports	Events & Community Engagement Officer to follow up with Kidsbank Flintshire regarding their request for plain/no logo uniforms.		Events & Community Engagement Officer	Ongoing
168	March 2026	Officer Reports	Events & Community Engagement Officer to write to the current defib holders to advise them of the discontinuation and recommend they look into purchasing the ZOLL AED Plus Semi-Automatic Defibrillator (as recommended by Ambulance Service).	All owners have been notified. Websites for the purchase of ZOLL defib have been recommended. A report is due to be presented to CDR Committee in June 2026.	Support Officer - Emma	Ongoing
177	March 2026	Purchase of Bins	Events & Community Engagement Officer to use the Events budget for the storage cost and purchase of bins, to purchase the bins now, temporarily store them at the Council's current storage lot, them later move to Raikes Lane Storage.	Storage confirmed at £30 per month.	Events & Community Engagement Officer	Ongoing
85.1	April 2026	Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 25 th March 2026	Support Officer to hand write amendment on 168(i). Replace items with of Lifepak defibrillators	Handwritten amendment completed and minutes to be approved and signed at 27 th May 2026 MTC meeting	Support Officer – Leila Jones	Completed
89	April 2026	Correspondence	Town Clerk to write a response to Alun Roberts, Chair of the Steering Committee for Bethesda Chapel, noting the historic significance and importance of the building and offer Mold Town Council Members' best wishes to Bethesda Chapel going forward.	Email Sent 23.04.26	Town Clerk	Completed

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90(ii)	April 2026	Officer Reports	Town Clerk to follow-up on the original request to FCC regarding reforming the County Forums.	Email sent on the 23.04.26 – awaiting update	Town Clerk	Completed
91	April 2026	Memberships	(i) Town Clerk to renew SLCC membership at a cost of £378.		Town Clerk	Completed
91	April 2026	Memberships	(ii) Town Clerk to renew the One Voice Wales membership at a cost of £2,233.		Town Clerk	Completed
91	April 2026	Memberships	(iii) Town Clerk to renew the Mayors for Peace membership at a cost of 2,000 Japanese Yen (£10.14 approx.).		Town Clerk	
94	April 2026	Notice of Motion – Cllr Sarah Taylor	Town Clerk to liaise with Bailey Hill Centre Working Group members – Cllrs: Sarah Taylor, Robin Guest, Paul Beacher to provide updated information.	Meeting arranged for the 6 th June at 4pm – BHC	Town Clerk	Ongoing

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6(i)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

From: Mold MATAS
Date: 4th April 2026
Subject: Concerns Regarding Streetscene Maintenance and Town Centre Works in Mold.

Dear Members of Mold Town Council,

Mold MATAs, in the interest of the Mold community, are raising concerns about how essential Streetscene services are currently being delivered in the town. It has been noted that a council drain cleaning vehicle has been out today, however it is unclear whether this was in response to a specific issue or part of a planned programme of essential maintenance. There is a wider concern that Mold is not receiving consistent attention to core services, particularly when compared to neighbouring areas where Councillor Kristian Salkeld is regularly visible addressing key issues such as drainage within his community.

Specific problems have been identified, including the need for urgent drain cleaning on Wrexham Road and the surrounding streets, as well as ongoing drainage issues at Cemetery Hill and along the access link to Lon Yr Orsaf. The drains on Cemetery Hill are frequently blocked with mud and, when it rains, the route becomes extremely difficult to use, particularly for children walking to school. As a key school route, this should be prioritised if there is a genuine commitment to supporting walking to school and active travel.

More broadly, there appears to be a disconnect between policy and delivery. Whilst there is clear support at policy level for active travel and wider health and wellbeing, this is not reflected in maintenance priorities on the ground. The Highway Asset Management Plan should include a clear and transparent prioritisation matrix that aligns maintenance activity with active travel objectives, particularly for well-used pedestrian routes such as school access links.

In light of these concerns, we ask that Mold Town Council and those County Councillors representing Mold on Flintshire County Council work collaboratively to ensure that essential maintenance is properly prioritised and delivered. This should include insisting that Streetscene carries out urgent drain cleaning in the areas identified, obtaining and sharing the maintenance schedule for drain cleaning across Mold, including when each street was last attended, and obtaining and publishing the current matrix or criteria used for footway and drainage maintenance prioritisation. This information should be readily available, but if not, it should be formally requested through a Freedom of Information request.

As residents, we expect to see clear evidence that our councillors are working on our behalf to secure these outcomes. While Mold Town Council communications highlight positive community events and activities, essential service delivery must remain the primary focus, and greater priority should be given to addressing the issues that materially affect the day to day experience of living in the town.

Turning to a separate but related matter, the precinct works, we ask that Mold Town Council submit a Freedom of Information request on behalf of Mold to confirm the total cost of the benches and planters recently installed in the precinct, together with the associated maintenance and inspection plan, unless this information is already held and can be shared directly.

There are a number of concerns with the precinct works. The plants do not appear to have been properly secured and are loose in the soil. The planters themselves were damaged from the outset and do not appear to have been adequately maintained. Their placement seems random and lacks any clear design or planning rationale. Overall, they are unattractive and do not enhance the town centre.

The benches are also difficult to use as they are quite high and not suitable for everyone, particularly shorter people or those with mobility issues. Benches that were previously outside Polly's Social have been moved, yet older benches in other areas, some of which are broken and could present a health and safety risk, have been left in place.

In addition, the canopy at the High Street junction is very dirty and looks neglected. We would like to know whether there are any plans to clean this.

Taken together, these issues suggest that the works have been poorly planned and delivered. It is important that regeneration projects are properly managed and that there is accountability for how public money is spent. Local councillors should be ensuring that this is the case.

We would appreciate a clear response setting out what actions will now be taken in relation to both the Streetscene maintenance concerns and the issues raised regarding the precinct works.

Yours sincerely,
Mold MATAs

Actions Taken by Mold Town Council Since Receipt of Correspondence

Since the receipt of the original correspondence, Mold Town Council has taken the following actions:

1. Acknowledged the correspondence and requested a named representative for formal communication process.
2. Clarified that the operational matters raised, including drainage, gullies, highways, Streetscene maintenance and the Daniel Owen Precinct Green Infrastructure Project, fall under the responsibility of Flintshire County Council.
3. Confirmed that the correspondence would be placed on the agenda for the May Town Council meeting for consideration by Members.
4. Explained that Mold Town Council must act as a corporate body and that any formal action must be agreed collectively by members at a properly convened meeting.
5. Contacted Flintshire County Council's Regeneration Team regarding the Daniel Owen Precinct Green Infrastructure Project.
6. Obtained and shared information from Flintshire County Council confirming that the total Green Infrastructure Project cost was £64,312.34.
7. Shared Flintshire County Council's explanation of the project scope, including catenary wires, festoon lighting, design work, bespoke planters, incorporated benches, irrigation, planting, soil, gravel, new fingerpost signage and replacement bins.
8. Passed on concerns regarding the design, placement, accessibility and condition of the planters and benches to Flintshire County Council.
9. Requested further clarification from Flintshire County Council regarding maintenance and inspection arrangements for the planters, benches and associated features.
10. Contacted Flintshire County Council Streetscene regarding drainage, gully clearance and maintenance schedule outcomes.
11. Shared concerns and photographs provided by Mold MATAs relating to damaged or deteriorating benches to Flintshire County Council Streetscene particularly in relation to potential health and safety issues.

12. Shared photographs provided by Mold MATAs of the damaged planter with Flintshire County Council's Regeneration Team.
13. Raised the issue of the canopy at the High Street junction with Flintshire County Council's Assets Department.
14. Confirmed that the section from the High Street down to the Indoor Market was outside the scope of the Green Infrastructure Project, which covered the stretch from the Indoor Market to Domino's Pizza.
15. Provide Mold MATAs with the direct contact details for Flintshire County Council's Regeneration Team for any further detailed questions relating specifically to the Green Infrastructure Project and associated regeneration matters.
15. Confirmed the date of the May Town Council meeting as Wednesday 27th May 2026 at 6pm with the agenda to be published on 22nd May 2026.
16. Confirmation received from Mold MATAs that representatives will be attending the Town Council Meeting to observe.

Current Position

Mold Town Council has acknowledged the concerns raised, clarified the responsible authority for the operational matters, referred relevant issues to the appropriate Flintshire County Council departments, requested further information where appropriate, provided direct contact details for the relevant Flintshire County Council Regeneration officers and arranged for correspondence to be considered formally by Members at the May Town Council Meeting.

Further updates remain dependent on responses from Flintshire County Council regarding Streetscene maintenance, inspection arrangements, repair responsibilities and any planned remedial works.

Outstanding Information Awaited from Flintshire County Council

- Confirmation of maintenance and inspection arrangements for the Daniel Owen Precinct planters, benches and associated infrastructure.
- Details of inspection frequencies and maintenance schedules for the Green Infrastructure Project features.
- Clarification of repair arrangements and responsibility for damaged planter.
- Response from Flintshire County Council Streetscene regarding drainage and gulley maintenance concerns raised in relation to:
 - Wrexham Road
 - Cemetery Hill
 - Tyddyn Street
 - Access route to Lon Yr Orsaf
 - Shared-use cycle path area
- Information regarding drainage maintenance schedules and gulley cleansing frequency within Mold.
- Clarification regarding prioritization criteria/ matrix used for drainage and footway maintenance.
- Response regarding concerns raised about ongoing flooding and drainage issues associated with the Safe Routes/ shared use path area.

- Update from Flintshire County Council Assets Department regarding inspection, cleaning and maintenance works to the High Street junction canopy.

6 (ii)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

From: Resident
Date: 8th May 2026
Subject: Environmental Health and Public Health Concern: Rat Infestation, Dead Rat Found in Council Waste Bin and Suspected Drainage Issues

A resident contacted Mold Town Council and other relevant organisations raising serious concerns regarding an apparent escalating environmental health and public health issue affecting the Llys Derwen area of Mold.

The resident reported:

- A dead rat had recently been discovered inside a nappy bin used for council waste collection.
- Ongoing rat activity across the estate over several weeks.
- Reports that residents had trapped and disposed of numerous rats during this period.
- Concerns that there may be a drainage or sewer defect contributing to the infestation.
- Concerns that recent construction works associated with the nearby cycle path may have displaced rodents into residential areas.
- Concerns that regular feeding of seagulls and other birds may be attracting vermin and exacerbating the issue.

The resident further raised concerns regarding:

- Potential risks to residents, children, vulnerable individuals, pets and waste collection operatives.
- Potential public health implications associated with rodent activity and contaminated waste areas.
- Potential statutory nuisance concerns.
- Potential infrastructure or drainage failures requiring investigation.

The resident requested:

- An urgent Environmental Health inspection.
- Investigation into the rat infestation.
- Investigation of drains, sewers and infrastructure.
- Assessment of whether nearby construction activity may have contributed to displacement of rodents.
- Consideration of enforcement action or advice regarding bird feeding.
- Confirmation of actions to protect residents and waste collection workers.
- Confirmation the matter had been formally logged and investigated.

The correspondence referenced:

- Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949
- Environmental Protection Act 1990
- Public Health Act 1936

Actions Taken by Mold Town Council Since Receipt of Correspondence:

Since the receipt of the correspondence, Mold Town Council has undertaken the following actions:

1. Acknowledged the concerns raised.
2. Clarified that environmental health, statutory nuisance, drainage and pest control matters fall under the responsibility of Flintshire County Council.
3. Provided the resident with direct contact details for the relevant Flintshire County Council departments, including:
 - Environmental Health/ public Protection
 - Streetscene
 - Drainage/ Highways
4. Advised the resident of the appropriate reporting mechanism to ensure the matter was formally logged with the responsible authority.
5. Confirmed that Mold Town Council would also share the correspondence directly with the relevant Flintshire County Council departments so the concerns were formally brought to their attention.
6. Sent a formal email to the relevant Flintshire County Council departments.
7. Notified all relevant ward councillors of the concerns raised.

Current Position

Mold Town Council has acknowledged the concerns raised, clarified the responsible authority for the matters reported, provided the relevant reporting contacts, formally referred the concerns to Flintshire County Council and notified all relevant ward councillors.

Further updates remain dependent on investigation and response from Flintshire

County Council departments regarding any inspections, enforcement actions, drainage investigation or pest control measures considered necessary.



Officer Update Report – May 2026

Item 7 (i)

Report from the Events and Community Engagement Officer

TOWN TRADING/ INFORMATION:

Not great news for the high street at the moment with a number of larger empty units in the town such as former Halifax, Santander, Vaughan Davies and Bodycare. It's also been announced that Poundstretcher is fighting to avoid administration by pushing through a major financial restructuring plan. While the company hopes to save most of its nearly 300 UK stores, several specific branches are at risk of closing as it seeks rent reductions from landlord, to date no information regarding branch closures.

Hope House is the most recent on the high street to have closed due to high rent. Other Charity Shops in the town have also stopped accepting cash as they are unable to bank cash (due to bank closures).

Just Steak restaurant has been taken on and will be opening as café during the day and steak house in the evening.

51 High Street (former Tails a Waggin) is under offer but the sale of the building is being held up due to a section 106 agreement on the building. The owners legal team believe this to be a mistake and currently in discussion with FCC legal and planning to get section removed.

WUC School Wear is opening in a couple of weeks on Chester Street, in the former Molyneux office

Indoor market –

Josar / Sarah is opening a second unit selling shoes and bags

A Crochet a Day – yarn shop has opened

Currently 1 empty units within the indoor market

MEETINGS ATTENDED / OTHER INFORMATION

Flintshire Kidsbank – arrangements have been made to take the non logo uniform to Kidsbank 12th June and following the former Mayor's charity appeal, Cllr. Paul Beacher will make his cheque presentation to Kidsbank at the same time.

FLVC Awards 2026 - Mold Historic Tour Guide volunteers and the Sunday Gathering volunteers have both been nominated in the category Volunteer Team of the Year Award at the Flintshire Local Voluntary Council awards and representatives have been invited to attend the awards evening on 5th June.

Spring Clean schools competition - As part of this years Spring Clean, we have launched a schools competition, encouraging schools to enter a sculpture or model made from recycling. All entries will be judge by the Mayor and representative from Keep Wales Tidy w/c 6th June

Bins – we purchased 20 bins from Travis Perkins as received a better rate than from other suppliers. The bins that we received, had been stored at one of TP depots for a number of years (hence discounted rate). We unpacked them at Live on the Square and a number of the bins were found to have rusty wheels, a few have wonky lids and 3-5 have cracks at the bottom. When we informed TP they offered us to either return the bins or keep free of charge, we have kept them and have been issued a credit £768.00

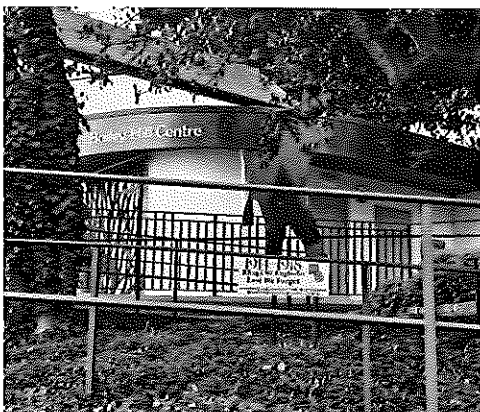
Daniel Owen Precinct Planters – in addition to asking FCC to request the contractor come back to clean the planters after installation, I have raised concern with FCC Regen regarding the condition of the beds which are bone dry and plants have already died and more dying and weeds are already starting to grow. The contractors are due out 21st /22nd May to clean the containers whilst they are in town carrying out work on the benches in the square.



Daniel Owen Precinct Bins – Andy Lightfoot has confirmed that the bins by the indoor market door/Hughes Chemist and the one by Domino's are being replaced. Andy has also confirmed that currently there are too many bins (9 in total) within the precinct and square area and as such has moved some to replace damaged bins and in more suitable locations.

DOP Benches – Andy confirmed that another bench will be installed but has not confirmed location, awaiting confirmation from FCC Regen.

The Silent Soldier at Bailey Hill has now been moved to the agreed spot above the Memorial Garden



Awaiting a decision regarding changes to the Memorial garden

MTC FORTH COMING MTC EVENTS

Sunday Gathering Markets 31st May. If anyone would like to volunteer to assist in the café (9.30am – 2.00pm) please let me know.

Spring Clean 11th – 22nd May with Saturday 16th May being the main event. Emma to update members on attendance figures and number of bags of rubbish collected, however attendance numbers are down this year.

As part of the Spring Clean, we have also launched a School competition for best model / sculpture made from recyclables which will be judged w/c 22nd June

Armed Forces & Emergency Services Day Sunday 28th June in conjunction with the Sunday Gathering market – confirmed attendance from Royal Welch Fusiliers, Corps of Drums Association, 157 (Welsh) Regt RLC Army Reserve Centre, Ambulance Service, NW Police, NW Fire & Rescue Service, NEWSAR, RWFCFA - Shotton and Deeside Branch, Air Cadets, Army Cadets, and we have a military vintage 'Green Goddess'

Volunteers to assist on the day required.

Mold Carnival Sunday 5th July – the largest event that we hold and as many volunteers as possible are required to help set up/take down and marshal the event during the day as well as road closure and parade marshals



Mold Spring Clean 2026
SCHOOL COMPETITION

Best School Recycling Sculpture or Model

Get creative & recycle

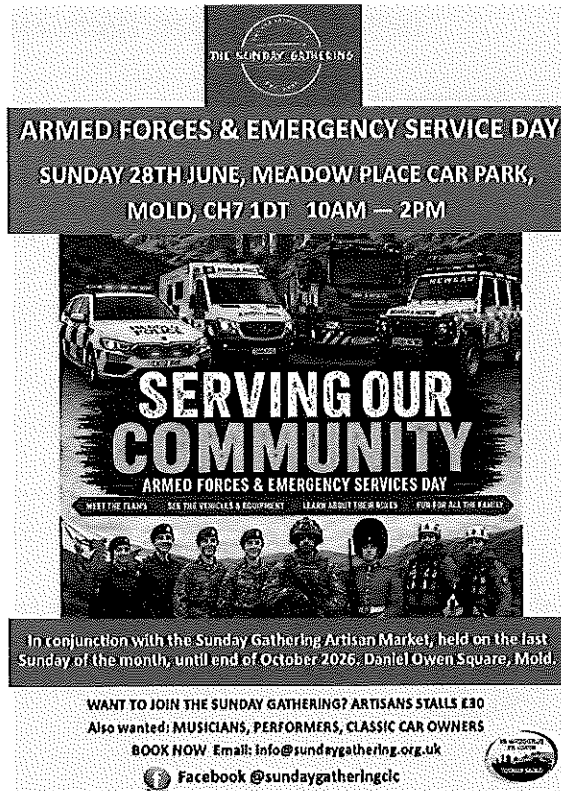
£150 PRIZE for Best School Sculpture

How to enter

- Design & build a sculpture or model using recyclable materials only
- Be imaginative - big or small, anything goes!
- Entries will be judged
- w/c 22nd June

Help Mold SHINE this Spring!

Mold Town Council
 10 Daniel Owen Precinct, Mold
 Email: events@moldtowncouncil.org.uk
 Tel 01352 756532 option 3



THE SUNDAY GATHERING

ARMED FORCES & EMERGENCY SERVICE DAY
 SUNDAY 28TH JUNE, MEADOW PLACE CAR PARK,
 MOLD, CH7 1DT 10AM – 2PM

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY
 ARMED FORCES & EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY

MEET THE TROOPS SEE THE VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT LEARN ABOUT THEIR RULES FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

In conjunction with the Sunday Gathering Artisan Market, held on the last Sunday of the month, until end of October 2026, Daniel Owen Square, Mold.

WANT TO JOIN THE SUNDAY GATHERING? ARTISANS STALLS £30
 Also wanted: **MUSICIANS, PERFORMERS, CLASSIC CAR OWNERS**
BOOK NOW Email: info@sundaygathering.org.uk
 Facebook @sundaygatheringcic

Past Event Update

Live on the Square 3rd May – we sold 700 tickets at the new price of £12. Attendance on the day at anyone time averaged around 400. We had one medical emergency which was dealt swiftly and efficiently by our onsite Medic and Security team. Surplus from event £943

Historic Mold Tours – private tours and talks – our volunteer guides have agreed that when they carry out private tours/talks, that the donation they receive from the organisation will be given to the Mayors charity fund. One of the volunteers did a talk at Ffrith WI and donation from the WI will be given to the Mayors charity appeal

Other Events

National Volunteers week 1st – 7th June and as part of this week, we (MTC) are hosting a drop in coffee & chat with volunteers on Thursday 4th June 1-3pm at the Council office.

We will also be asking volunteers to submit their volunteer story as part of the volunteer week.

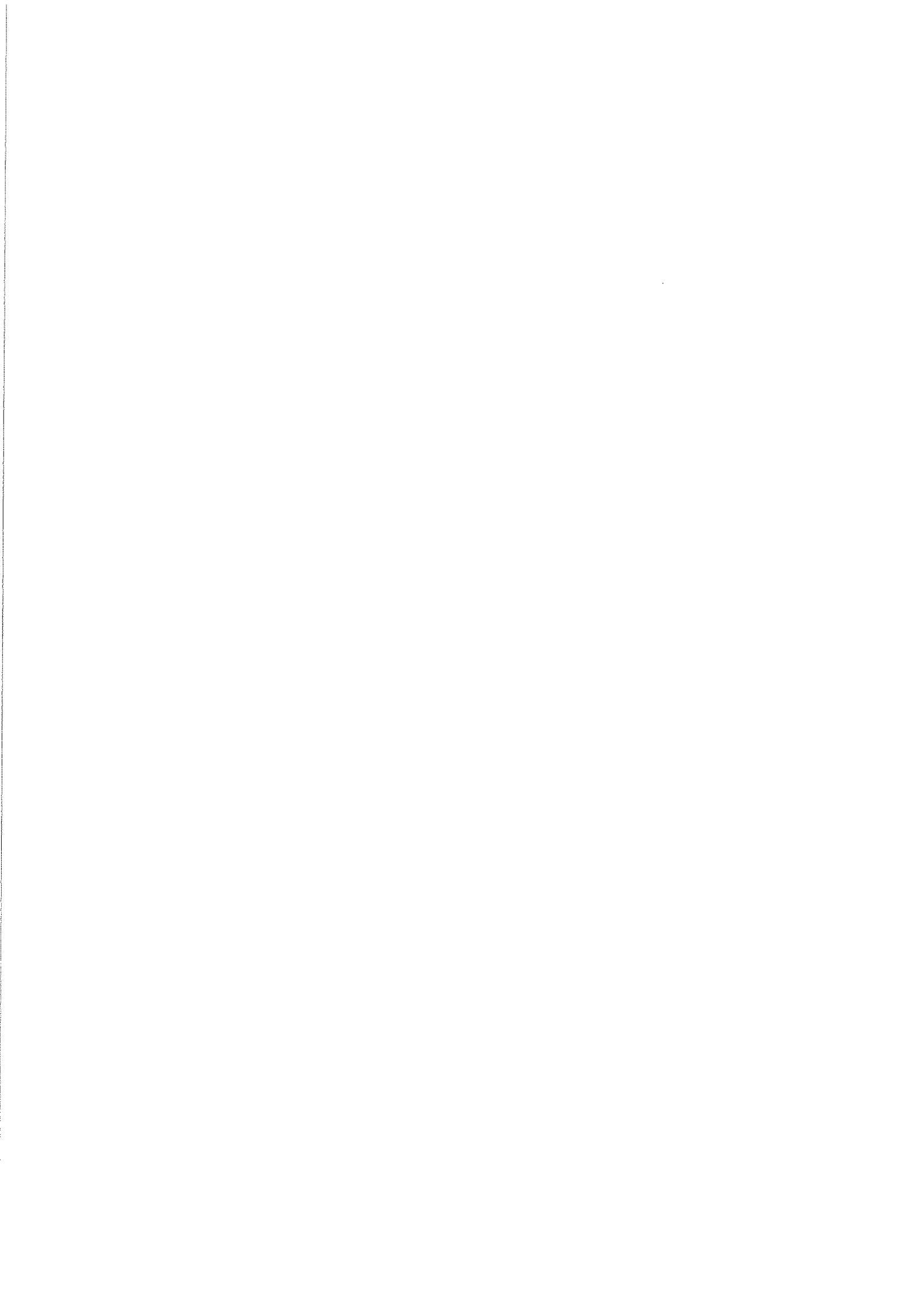
As part of Volunteer week, **2nd June St Mary's 6.30pm** Service of thanks for our Community Volunteers – all invited to attend

Rally Revival looking at bringing the vintage rally back to Mold in October – further information to follow

UPDATE ON VACANT UNITS AND BUSINESS FOR SALE

Marketed By	Address of Unit	Tenant	Sale/ Rent	Status	Additional Information
BA Commercial	54 High Street	Empty	To Let	Available	Former Gregorys
CBRE	High Street (Halifax)	Empty	To Let	Available	Former Halifax
St Davids Commercial	The Cross	Empty	For Sale	Under Offer	Former Vaughan Davies
Legat Owen	New Street	Eddy's Barbers	For Sale	Under Offer	Retail unit and upstairs flat
Legat Owen	St David's Building (Square)	Empty	For Let	Available	First and second floor offices
Unknown	Chester Street	Empty	Unknown	Unknown	Unit empty / former Hallows Solicitors
Reid & Roberts	Wrexham Street	Hawkeye Entertainment	For Sale	Business still trading	Business only for sale (not building)

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Reid & Roberts	Daniel Owen Precinct	Tasters Delicatessen	For Sale	Business still trading	Business only for sale (not building)
Unknown	Chester Street	Empty	Unknown	Unknown	Unit empty / former Gold Vape
Sidney Phillips Limited, North West	Wrexham Street	Belvedere	For Sale	Business still trading	
Multiple agents	Ambrose Lloyd Centre (groundfloor)	Poundland	To Let	Available	Business still trading and not on Poundland closure list
Forge Property Consultants Ltd	51 High Street	Former Tails a Waggin	For Sale	Under offer	Current tenants above shop
Mason Owen	New Street	Empty	To Let	First floor offices above Iceland	Former Newcis
Emanuel Oliver	High Street	Empty	To Let / For Sale	Available	Former Bodycare
Williams Estates, Rhuddlan	New Street (Side of Iceland)	Empty	For let	Available	Former Beauty Clinique
Not known	Wrexham St	Empty	Unknown	To Let	Former Sliding Robes
Not known	Wrexham St	Empty	Unknown	Unknown	Former Sheila Williams



Town Clerk's May 2026 Report

Green Flag Update – Mold Cemetery

The Green Flag Award judging visit for Mold Cemetery took place on the 14th May 2026 and appeared to go well. The outcome of the judging process is expected by the end week in July.

I would like to thank Councillor Sarah Taylor and Chris Bithell for their support during the visit. Thanks are also extended to Mike and Matt, the Cemetery Team, for their continued hard work and dedication in maintaining the Cemetery to a consistently high standard.

Scottish Power Electricity Billing Dispute – Cemetery Tool Store

A significant discrepancy has been identified in the electricity billing for the Cemetery Tool Store supplied by ScottishPower.

The premises concerned is the small Tool Store which the cemetery grounds, used solely for storage and occasional staff welfare/ rest purposes. Electrical demand is minimal and limited to lighting, kettle use, intermittent heating and to charge small tools.

Historically, electricity consumption at the property has remained consistently low. Usage data available through the online account showed monthly consumption broadly ranging between approximately 68 kWh and 119 kWh over an extended period.

However, from December 2025 onwards, the account showed a sudden and substantial increase in estimated consumption, including readings equivalent to approximately 450-500+ kWh per month. This represents a significant and unexplained increase in usage without any corresponding change in occupancy use of the premises, equipment or operational activity.

A smart meter was installed at the property on 3rd March 2026. Following installation, actual smart meter readings showed consumption returning immediately to expected low levels, including approximately 21 kWh usage during April 2026. This further indicated that the elevated estimated readings applied prior to installation were unlikely to reflect genuine consumption.

This matter was formally raised with ScottishPower and a dispute lodged regarding the accuracy of the billing, including the most recent invoice of £971.22 covering the period 25th December 2025 to 14 April 2026.

Correspondence has taken place with ScottishPower requesting:

- Full kWh based reconciliation of the account;
- Confirmation of the final legacy meter reading;
- Validation methodology for estimated readings;
- Confirmation that no duplication or incorrect transfer of usage occurred during transition to the smart meter system.

Initial responses from ScottishPower maintained that no faults had been identified and that the higher consumption figures were based upon estimated legacy readings.

Further information has now been received from ScottishPower confirming:

- The closing reading for the legacy meter was recorded at 31,204 kWh;
- Historic average usage on the legacy meter equated to approximately 5.89kWh per day;

- Usage recorded by the new smart meter is significantly lower at approximately 0.91 kWh per day;
- The supplier is now proposing to recalculate the final legacy metre reading based upon actual smart meter usage data, as they are unable to fully explain how the previous estimated readings were generated.

This represented a material shift in the supplier's position and indicates that the previous estimated readings may not have accurately reflected actual consumption.

The matter remains ongoing and the current balance is formally disputed pending completion of the recalculation exercise and receipt of a revised account reconciliation from ScottishPower.

An official complaint has been made through ScottishPower formal complaints procedure and should the matter not be satisfactorily resolved, the Council may wish to refer it to the Energy Ombudsman for independent review.

ASH Waste Services – Bailey Hill Centre

During the month, concerns were raised by staff regarding the waste collection arrangements at the Bailey Hill Centre following a number of missed collections and a review of the current service requirements. Due to the reduced use of the Centre in comparison to previous years, it was identified that fortnightly collections were no longer necessary and discussions were held with ASH Waste Services regarding a revised monthly collection schedule.

As part of these discussions, I reviewed the original waste service agreement entered into in 2015. ASH Waste Services have advised that although the agreement referred to an initial 12 month term, the contract remains active under an automatic rolling 36-month renewal clause. ASH have confirmed that the current contract term runs until 8th April 2028.

I have raised concerns regarding the transparency and administration of the historic contractual arrangements, including the absence of a clearly stated end date within the original agreement, the lack of identifiable renewal notifications and the fact that the operational arrangements and bin locations have materially changed since the original agreement was signed.

A meeting was held with ASH Waste Services during the month to discuss the matter further. It is hoped that monthly collections will both reduce costs to the Council and assist in improving the reliability and management of waste collection at the site.

Members should, however, be aware of the implications of the rolling contract arrangements and the current contractual position as advised by ASH Waste Services.

UK Town and Culture 2028

Correspondence was received from the UK Town of Culture Team following submission of Mold Town Council's Expression of Interest application. The correspondence advised that all applicants had been invited to review and, if necessary, strengthen the information provided within Section 1: Bid Information, particularly in relation to governance arrangements, the role of the Accountable Body and delivery partnerships.

An updated response was submitted on behalf of Mold Town Council to provide additional clarification regarding the proposed governance and delivery structure for the bid. The revised submission confirmed Mold Town Council as lead bidder, with programme delivery to be

developed collaboratively alongside key partners including Flintshire County Council, Theatr Clwyd, Gwella, Menter Iaith Fflint a Wrecsam and Outside Lives.

The updated information further highlighted the intention to establish appropriate governance, financial management and programme delivery arrangements should the bid progress to the next stage of the competition.

I also responded positively to proposals from the UK Town of Culture Team regarding future networking, knowledge sharing and funding support opportunities for participating towns, irrespective of the final competition outcome.

Mold Bus Station Toilets – Request for Outstanding Information

A further update has now been received from Flintshire County Council regarding the outstanding information relating to the proposed Bus Station Asset Transfer.

Flintshire County Council has confirmed that building condition surveys have now been completed, although the final consultant reports are still awaited. The consultant has been chased again to provide the reports as soon as possible. Drainage surveys are currently scheduled to take place towards the end of the week commencing 25th May 2026.

Discussions have continued regarding TUPE arrangements with the current contractor. Flintshire County Council has advised that four members of staff may potentially be affected across the three public toilet sites (Mold, Holywell and Talacre). Further internal discussions are ongoing before the formal TUPE information and process details are shared.

An update has also been requested from Flintshire County Council's Valuation and Estates section regarding the superior leasehold arrangements.

In relation to the Pride of Place funding proposals, Flintshire County Council have advised that the facility refresh project continues to progress. A Technical Officer and appointed architect have now visited the sites and commission details are expected shortly. The current design brief focuses on upgrading the existing facilities within the current building footprint, including the installation of more robust and vandal-resistant appliances and fittings. Consideration is also being given to sustainable measures, including solar provision and water harvesting opportunities where feasible.

It is anticipated that draft design proposals for the Mold facility will be available approximately six weeks following formal appointment of architect. Flintshire County Council has indicated that the proposed designs will be shared with Mold Town Council for review and comment prior to the construction tender process progressing. Officers have also offered to arrange a meeting with Mold Town Council to discuss the Pride of Place funding proposals and assist in shaping the developing designs.

With regards to the maintenance records and maintenance related-documentation covering the last five years, Flintshire County Council has advised that the information currently available is limited. The outstanding drainage and building survey reports will also be forwarded once available.

Members should note that a number of key matters remain outstanding and further information is still awaited before the proposal can be fully considered. I have requested a number of suggested meeting dates from Flintshire County Council to discuss Pride of Place funding proposals and the potential future design aspirations for the Mold facility.

Mold Car Parking Fund – Request for Clarification

A further follow up email has been sent regarding the outstanding request for clarification and a full financial breakdown relating to the Mold Car Parking Fund.

The original request sought clarification on a number of discrepancies within the information provided, including historical balances, income and expenditure, together with confirmation of expenditure relating to New Street Car Park surface treatment and Mold Bus Station refurbishment works.

Further clarification has also been requested regarding:

- Whether Mold Town Council consultation remains part of the agreed process for expenditure from the fund.
- Whether the fund could potentially support the future running costs of the Bus Station toilets should the proposed asset transfer proceed.
- Whether any discussions have taken place with external organisation regarding financial support for the continuation of the Bus Station Toilets (i.e. Bus Companies).

The information remains outstanding.

Benches Mold Bus Station

Whilst visiting the Bus Station Toilets to review the current facilities, Councillors noted that a number of the benches within the Bus Station were damaged, with several considered unusable due to their condition.

Following the visit, correspondence was sent to Flintshire County Council to explore whether a joint approach could be taken to improve the benches. The Town Council offered the time, skills and labour of the Council's Facilities Officer, free of charge, to undertake the repair works if Flintshire County Council would fund the materials required.

The original proposal suggested replacing the existing wooden slats with composite materials to provide a more durable, longer term solution and reduce further maintenance requirements. Initial estimates indicated materials costs of approximately £350 per bench, with eight benches identified as requiring maintenance and repair works.

A response has now been received from Flintshire County Council advising that, whilst the costs of composite replacements cannot currently be funded, they would be willing to cover the cost of timber replacement slats and stain should the Town Council still wish to assist with refurbishment works.

Members are asked to consider the proposal and determine whether they wish the Town Council's Facilities Officer to undertake the refurbishment works in partnership with Flintshire County Council.

Audit Wales/ One Voice Wales Podcast Recording Invitation

Mold Town Council has been invited by One Voice Wales to participate in a forthcoming Audit Wales podcast focusing on "Challenges and Successes of the Community and Town Council Sector in Wales".

The podcasts, which will be recorded in both English and Welsh during June 2026 and broadcast in August 2026, are intended to highlight both the challenges facing the sector and the positive impact Town and Community Councils have within their communities. The aim is to raise awareness of the important role councils undertake, encourage great engagement and scrutiny and support improvements in standards and service delivery across the sector.

Mold Town Council has specifically been invited to participate in Part 2 of the English language podcast which will focus on examples of good practice and successful initiatives. The invitation follows Mold Town Council's success in winning the 2025 Best Youth Engagement initiative award, alongside recognition of the Council's wider community heritage work.

Audit Wales has proposed recording the podcast on location within Mold and may also undertake video recordings and community footage to support future social media promotion linked to the podcast series. The recording is expected to involve a short documentary style interview regarding the Council's youth engagement and heritage initiatives, with participation from Council representatives and potentially project delivery partners.

Potential recording dates have been proposed during June 2026 and I am liaising with Once Voice Wales regarding availability and arrangements.

This information has already been shared with the Youth and Children's Committee and once a recording date has been agreed, I will work with the Council's links within local schools to explore opportunities for student participation within the recording process.

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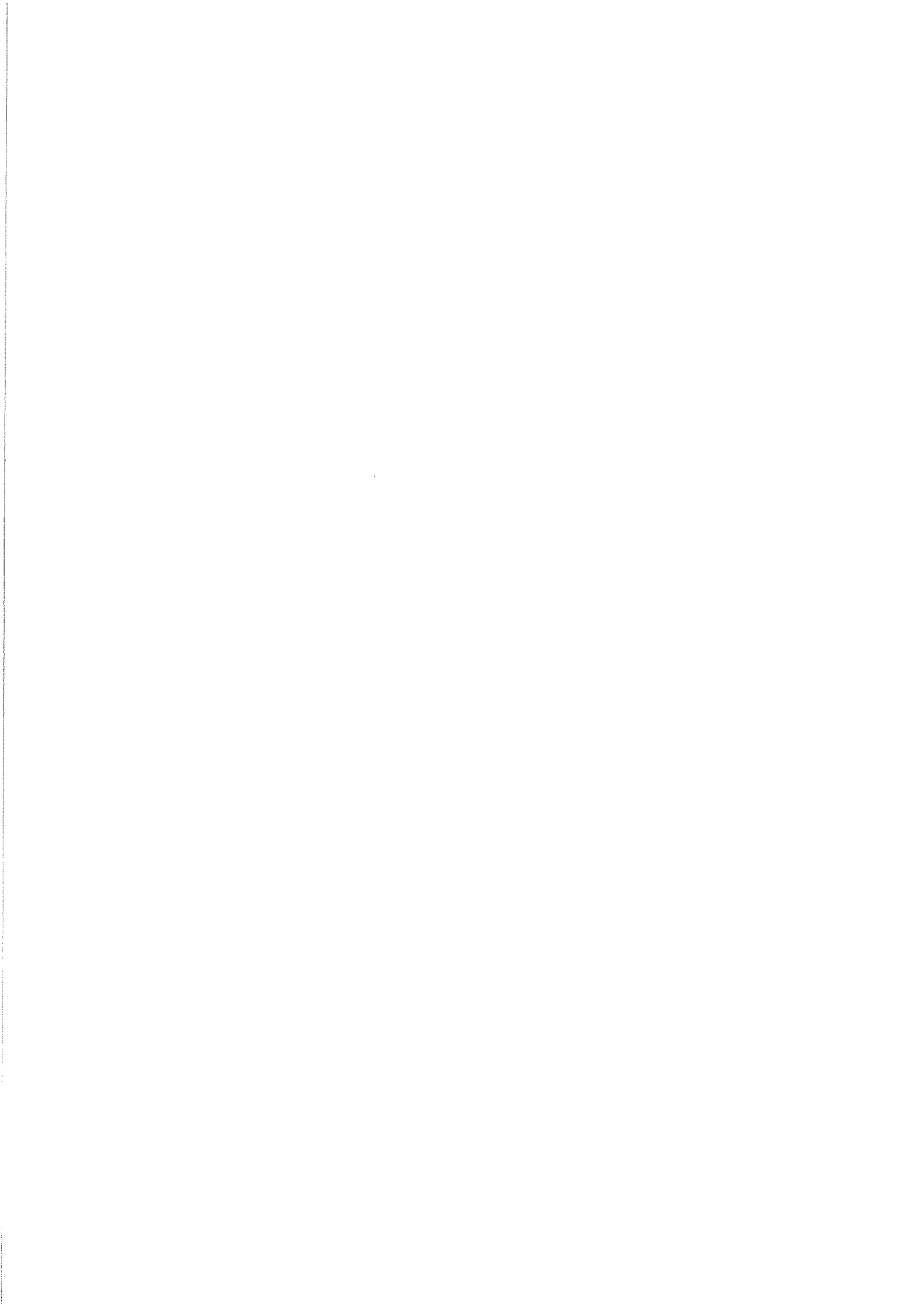
The Internal Audit process for 2025/2026 financial year has now been completed.

The Internal Audit report are included elsewhere on the agenda for Member's consideration and discussion.

Work has also now commenced on preparing for the Full External Audit process, including gathering and collation of all required supporting documentation and financial information in readiness for submission to Audit Wales.

Upcoming Meetings

- 22nd May 2026 – Onsite meeting with representatives from Flintshire County Council at Maes Bodlonfa and Kendricks Field to further discuss Mold Town Council's proposal to establish a Friends Group and identify and agree potential activities that volunteers could undertake at the sites.
- 1st June 2026 – Visit from the WorkNest Health and Safety Officer to undertake the annual review of Mold Town Council's Health and Safety procedures and arrangements across all properties managed by the Town Council.
- 8th June 2026 – Meeting with representatives from Flintshire County Council at the Bailey Hill Centre to discuss ongoing issues relating to the building and potential support arrangements moving forward.



REPORT – Waste Issue Behind Mold Town Hall

Background

Members of Mold Town Council have raised ongoing concerns regarding the accumulation of waste behind Mold Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold. Concerns have also been expressed by local residents regarding the condition of the area and the negative impact this is having on the appearance of the town centre.

The area in question is located directly behind Daniel Owen Square, one of the principle focal points within Mold Town Centre and an area regularly used for community activities, events and public gatherings.

The concerns relate to:

- Significant accumulation of waste and overflowing bins.
- Loose commercial waste being left within the area.
- Unpleasant odours.
- Concerns regarding inappropriate disposal of commercial/ business waste.
- The overall appearance and cleanliness of the location.
- Potential environmental and public health implications.

Photographic evidence was obtained showing the condition of the area during May 2026.



Correspondence with Flintshire County Council

Email to Katie Wilby – Tuesday 12th May

An email was sent to Katie Wilby at Flintshire County Council outlining the concerns raised by Members and residents.

The correspondence acknowledged that Streetscene had recently cleared and tided the area, however the condition had deteriorated again within a short period of time, demonstrating that a longer-term solution was required.

The matter was requested to be investigated as a matter of urgency.

Update Provided to Members

Members were subsequently advised that Rachel Byrne, Business Development Manager responsible for Mold Market, had confirmed that:

- Market bins behind Mold Town Hall would be removed.
- Market traders had been informed they would be responsible for disposing of their own waste appropriately moving forward.
- Markets Officers would monitor the situation to ensure traders were not using public litter bins for trade waste disposal.

It was hoped that the removal of the market bins would improve the overall situation behind Mold Town Hall.

Response Received from Flintshire County Council Streetscene

A response was subsequently received from Chantelle at Flintshire County Council Streetscene.

The response confirmed that:

- Streetscene had been working extensively to attempt to resolve the issues through:
 1. Education of traders and businesses
 2. Engagements with residents and local businesses
 3. Monitoring and investigation of misuse.
- Despite these efforts, ongoing misuse had continued.
- Flintshire County Council had therefore made the decision to withdraw the waste collection service and remove the market bins entirely.
- Market traders had been instructed to remove and dispose of their own waste appropriately.
- Collaboration monitoring arrangements would continue over the coming weeks.

The response also advised that ongoing concerns regarding commercial waste disposal could be reported directly to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) as the monitoring authority.

Referral to Natural Resources Wales (NRW)

Following receipt of the above response, Mold Town Council submitted a formal report to Natural Resources Wales regarding concerns relating to commercial waste disposal behind Mold Town Hall.

The report outlined:

- Persistent issues involving overflowing bins, loose waste and unpleasant odours.
- Evidence of commercial waste being left on Council land.
- Confirmation from Flintshire County Council that previous educational and monitoring interventions had failed to resolve the issue.
- Concerns regarding the potential environmental and public health impact.
- A request for NRW to investigate and consider any appropriate enforcement or guidance measures.

Photographic evidence was submitted as part of the report.

Actions Undertaken by Mold Town Council

Mold Town Council has undertaken the following actions:

1. Raised concerns formally with Flintshire County Council regarding the condition of the area behind Mold Town Hall.
2. Provide photographic evidence demonstrating the extent of the issue.
3. Sought clarification regarding:
 - Bin ownership
 - Permission for bins to be stored on Council owned land
 - Monitoring and management arrangements.
4. Updated Members regarding actions being taken by Flintshire County Council and Mold Market Management.
5. Maintained ongoing communication with Flintshire County Council Streetscene and Market Management representatives.
6. Formally reported concerns to Natural Resources Wales regarding potential inappropriate commercial waste disposal and environmental concerns.
7. Requested investigation and enforcement consideration by NRW.

Current Position

At present:

- Market bins have been removed from behind Mold Town Hall.
- Market traders have been instructed to dispose of their own waste responsibly.
- Flintshire County Council and Mold Market representatives are monitoring the situation.
- Natural Resources Wales has received a formal report from Mold Town Council.
- Concerns remain regarding the continued disposal and storage of commercial waste within the area and the long term management of the location.

Further updates remain dependent on ongoing monitoring and responses from Flintshire County Council and Natural Resources Wales.

