**MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Mold Town Council Community, Development & Regeneration Committee held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 10th October 2017at Mold Town Hall.

**PRESENT**: Councillors: Anthony Parry (Chair), Karen Hodgkinson (Deputy Mayor), Andrea Mearns, Teresa Nickson, Chris Bithell, Robin Guest, Yvon Jones and the Town Manager.

Also Present: Dan Read, proprietor of Music is Now Event Management

**10. APOLOGIES:** Councillors Bob Gaffey (Mayor), Geoff Collett and the Support Officer.
 **11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

**12. MOLD LIVE**

Councillor Parry welcomed Mr Read, proprietor of Music is Now Event Management to discuss a proposal to hold an event in Mold called “Mold Live” which is a live music event and would follow a similar approach to a successful event in Chester.

Mr Read referred to the proposal document that had been previously circulated to members and explained that he had an affinity with Mold through family connections and had lived in the town. He was impressed with the vibrancy in Mold and the type of events that the Town held. He believed that Mold offered an opportunity for an event similar to Chester Live and was intending to organise something similar over the August Bank Holiday weekend in the town.

The approach would be for multi-venues, involving primarily local public houses and other venues that could hold live music, for example, St Mary’s Church Hall, social clubs and potentially Theatr Clwyd. He explained that he would also like to include an outdoor street event, possibly on Mold High Street. Primarily, local talent performing original music would feature and performers that included use of the Welsh language would be encouraged.

He explained that Mold Live would be organized on the basis of a Community Interest Company whereby any money raised would be ploughed back into the event, so that it (and other events) could be funded for the longer term. It was to be organized primarily by volunteers and hoped for sponsors to come forward.

Councillor Mearns asked about the type of music to be included. Mr Read explained that all types of music would be included and not restricted to one particular genre, for example in Chester performers had ranged from choirs, classical, jazz, blues, instrumental and he sought genres to suit the venue. He illustrated that in Y Pentan, they already held successful Rock nights, whilst the Fat Boar would be more suited to acoustic music.

Councillor Parry asked how the event made money, as many of the venues already provided their entertainment free of charge. Mr Read explained that this approach would continue, however he would also seek other venues could make a charge through ticket sales and he would also be seeking some grant funding.

Members raised concern about their being a potential clash and confusion with the successful “Live on the Square” event which is to continue in 2018 and the event must not detract from the other events which the Town Council already supported.

Councillor Jones raised an issue of not approaching sponsors who were already funding Mold’s existing events as there were only a finite number of sponsorship opportunities within a town the size of Mold.

Mr Read agreed and explained that he wished to work in collaboration with the Town Council and organisers of other events. He viewed that Mold Live would not compete, but was intended to compliment what already took place.

Councillor Hodgkinson brought up the importance of the street market to Mold and that the event shouldn’t compete with it. Mr Read agreed and stated that any street festival would take place on the Sunday.

The Town Manager stated that he was pleased to hear that he wished to work with the town and the community volunteers who were already organising successful music events; however the comment had been passed as to “why he had chosen Mold and what did he hope to personally gain”. Mr Read informed the committee that he believed Mold was the right place to hold an event of this type and whilst he knew he personally was not going to make money from the event, certainly in the short to medium term, he did believe that in the longer term he may be able to take a fee for his services but was not concerned if this wasn’t possible as he did enjoy organising events. He stated that Mold Live would contribute towards the overall reputation he and his event company enjoyed.

The Town Manager asked what Mr Read therefore wanted from the Town Council as capacity of officers and volunteers were already stretched. Mr Read said he recognised this situation. He asked the Town Council for their backing and support, possibly a financial contribution and access to the public areas for which the Town Council already held a Premises Licence. He stated that whilst he already had sufficient volunteers to make the event a success, he hoped that at least some of the organising group that formed the Community Interest Company would come from the Mold area and possibly the Town Council. Other community volunteers would also be more than welcome to become involved.

Councillor Parry thanked Mr Read for his attendance and useful discussion with the Committee members and they would consider his proposal.

**Resolved:** Following subsequent discussion it was resolved that:

To agree in principle for Mold Town Council to endorse and give its support to the Mold Live event with the following proviso’s:

1. Mold Live being organised via a Community Interest Company is the most favoured approach with members of the Mold community actively involved.
2. Mr Read to meet with members of the organising group of Live on the Square to ideally establish joint support for each event and if possible, work together for the benefit of all and especially the town.
3. It doesn’t conflict or compete with the established events in the town Council already supported.
4. A more detailed Event Plan is produced and agreed by the Town Council, to ensure no reputational or financial risk exists for Mold Town Council.
5. When an Event Plan is agreed, a request for financial support could be considered.
6. If local sponsorship is sought, to confer with the Town Council as to whether the approach may jeopardise any current arrangements with that potential sponsor.

**Dan Read left the meeting at 6.15pm**

**13. MINUTES**

 **Resolved:** It was resolved that:

a) The minutes of the meeting of the Community, Development & Regeneration Committee meeting held on 11th July 2017 received and approved.

 **14. INFORMATION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Minute 3 - Councillor Hodgkinson confirmed that she was taking forward the relocation of the moquette from the Library to the Daniel Owen Centre but this had not as yet taken place.

Minute 4 - The Town Manager introduced a letter that had been agreed by Flintshire County Council for distribution to anyone seen feeding pigeons in the town. Apart from a couple of typing errors the letter was approved by members.

**15. INTERPRETATION PANEL**

The Town Manager introduced a draft of the proposed Railway Station Interpretation Panel. Following discussion, it was members agreed that the Mold Town Council & Cittaslow logo’s should be included on the panel. To keep in line with the Visitor Information Panels, it was suggested captions should be inserted for the photographs which are included on the panel.

Councillor Mearns suggested the look of the transportation panels should match the new interpretation panels which are being produced for the Bailey Hill, these have a “rusted look” metal surround.

It was requested members sign off the finished design before they go into production.

**Resolved**: It was resolved that:-

a) The transportation panel include the Town Council and Cittaslow logo

b) The design is in keeping with the current Visitors Information Panels

c) The ‘rusted look’ of the Bailey Hill panel is included

d) Members sign off the finished design before they go into production.

**16. STREETSCENE UPDATE**

The Town Manager provided members with an update on the town’s streetscene from Andrew Lightfoot, Streetscene Supervisor Flintshire County Council, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Flintshire County Council (FCC) had commissioned a survey of the drainage system at Love Lane car park and it had been discovered that the drains from the town, which ran along King Street, finished at the “soakaway” for the car park drainage. It was believed that this was the cause of the Love Lane car park flooding and as a result FCC intended to connect that drain to the main drain running along Denbigh Road which hopefully will resolve flooding issues.

The proposed pedestrian walkway across New Street car park had now received funding approval and was being undertaken within the next month

The High Street slabs which had been “repaired” by contractors with concrete had now been addressed.

Flintshire County Council had confirmed they had no objection to an outside defibrillator cabinet being installed on the outside of the New Street public convenience and the Town Clerk had now submitted planning application to FCC.

The damaged bus shelter on Wrexham Road had now been replaced.

Following discussion, members asked the Town Manager to take forward the following issues with the Streetscene Supervisor:-

* The autumnal leaves were now in urgent need of being cleared in the town.
* The bus station lighting was in need of attention, especially as dark evenings were fast approaching.
* The covers to the BT access points in the town were slippy and dangerous and members had received complaints from people slipping over. The most urgent need being the cover on the High Street outside Mold Bookshop.
* Members asked if the hole in the anti-pigeon mesh alongside Nationwide Building Society and the Clocktower building could be repaired.
* Members asked for consideration to be made to install at least one electric vehicle charging point in a town centre car park.
* It was requested the dangerous branches on trees in Bryn Coch Lane be addressed.
* Members requested an update on position regarding the town footpath slurry that went up to and around trees embedded in footpaths.
* Members requested clarification on the process FCC undertakes, should there be a request for a residents parking scheme.

**Resolved**: It was resolved that the Town Manager would take forward members requests and concerns with the Streetscene Supervisor.

**17. FESTIVE MARKET**

The Town Manager provided members with a verbal update on the progress for the Christmas Market. Councillor Mearns raised a concern that on setting up the market, due diligence must be paid to pedestrians passing the site and especially children attending the Christmas Lights switch-on.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to note information.

**18. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REVIEW**

The Town Manager gave members an update on the first meeting of the Traffic Management review for the town. He informed members that the Town Council had been requested to provide an updated list of issues and proposals which members felt should addressed to assist positive traffic management in the town. The Town Manager provided members with a list of issues first identified in 2013.

Councillor Parry raised his concerns that the proposed Victoria Road cycleway was to go ahead contrary to views expressed by him and a number of residents that the proposal was not fit for purpose. Councillor Bithell informed the members that as a County Councillor for the area, proper consultation had taken place on the issue and that apart from the odd exception; Flintshire County Council had concluded that there was a majority in favour of the proposed cycleway and allied traffic management measures. The matter was now proceeding to the statutory notices.

Members disputed the conclusion that the proposal had been properly consulted on and requested that the Town Council make further representation to Flintshire County Council on the matter and it was requested the Town Clerk follow up this matter with Flintshire County Council.

**Resolved**: Following discussion it was resolved:

a) To request the Town Clerk to make enquiries with Flintshire County Council on the current status of the proposed Victoria Road cycleway and the Town Council’s ability to make further representations.

 b) To request the Town Clerk circulate the 2013 traffic issues list to all members asking for their current observations and that the CDR Committee would then review suggestions and decide on which issues to refer to Flintshire County Council for attention.

**19. CCTV IN THE TOWN**

The Town Manager informed members that he had received requests from Flintshire County Council (FCC) CCTV manager that there was areas within the town not covered by CCTV which were causing problems in achieving effective monitoring. He also added that North Wales Police had requested the Town Council’s support in providing them with a redeployable CCTV solution to be used in hotspots for crime / substance misuse / anti-social behaviour.

The Town Clerk had indicated to the Town Manager that a budgetary provision was already in place of £11,000 for CCTV; however the total cost for both the FCC and North Wales Police request would be substantially more than this and therefore the CDR Committee would have to make a request to full Council for additional funding if it was felt that the Town Council should accede to the requests.

Currently only one quote had been received from FCC and North Wales Police, which is contrary to the Town Council’s financial regulations for making sizeable purchases. Councillor Mearns pointed out that the quote from FCC was very poor and not sufficiently specific to allow any decision to be made. Councillor Parry raised the issue of the “Exclusions” shown on the quote as to how these were to be financed and what were the costs involved. He also sought information on what FCC were contributing to the request.

**Resolved**: It was resolved to agree in principle that the CDR Committee would support both requests, however greater detail was required before any decision was made and any proposal must comply with Town Council financial regulations.

**Councillors Bithell, Hodgkinson, Nickson and Guest left the meeting at 7.20pm**

**Due to only three members of Council remaining in the meeting, the committee was not quorate, remaining members held an informal discussion only on agenda items 20 and 21 until the meeting closed.**

**Meeting finished at 7.30pm**

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS**

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

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

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| **Community, Development & Regeneration Committee**  | **DATE: 10th October 2017**  |

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| **MEMBER** | **ITEM** | **MINUTE NO. REFERS** |
|  | None |  |