

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mold Town Council Meeting held at St David's Church Hall, St David's Lane at 6pm on Wednesday 31st January 2024 (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

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

Via Zoom: Cllrs. Bryan Grew, Joanne Edwards and Tina Claydon.

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk and Finance Officer and Jane Evans, Events and Community Officer

Guest: Darren Morris, Lead Officer for Play Development, Flintshire County Council

172. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Chris Bithell, Catherine F Hill and Tim Maunder.

ABSENT: Cllr Haydn Bateman

173. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

174. DARREN MORRIS – LEAD OFFICER FOR PLAY DEVELOPMENT, FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Darren was not present at the start of this item so it was agreed to move on to the next agenda item.

175. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Carberry requested that these additional announcements were recorded:

- Mayor's Christmas Charity Concert was cancelled and a Spring event is currently being organised. Additional details will be shared as soon as information is available.
- A plea to fellow Councillors to respond as soon as possible to officers' emails – many emails are time sensitive.
- Cllr Teresa Carberry virtually attended a meeting with the Town Clerk and Flintshire County Council representatives to discuss maintenance issues within the Town Hall and the current outstanding lease. The meeting went well and it is hoped that progress will be made shortly.
- Congratulations to Bailey Hill's Men's Shed who have recently secured £16,500 from the National Lottery to support the continuation of the project for 12 months. During this time the participants will need to develop a Business Plan to support the projects sustainability going forward.

176. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that;

- (a) The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 29th November 2023 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- (b) The Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting held on the 6th December 2023 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- (c) The Minutes of the Town Council Extra Ordinary Meeting held on the 10th January 2024 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- (d) The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 15th January be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- (e) The Minutes of the Youth and Children's Committee Meeting held on the 15th January 2024 be received and formally approved as a correct record.

177. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Noted
- (ii) It was **agreed** to invite representatives from wsp to give a 15 minutes verbal presentation at the next Town Council Meeting.
- (iii) Noted
- (iv) This item was discussed, it was agreed that Councillors who complete the consultation via Flintshire County Council online link will send a note of the roads requested for consideration to the Town Clerk.

178. DARREN MORRIS – LEAD OFFICER FOR PLAY DEVELOPMENT, FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

18.18pm Darren Morris arrived at the meeting.

Darren thanked the Town Council for all support received over the years for the Flintshire Playschemes that have been hosted in Mold. An overview of the 2023 Playscheme was given including attendance figures at the Parkfields Playscheme which were lower than normal, this was due to a separate scheme running at Ysgol Bryn Gwalia. The plan for this year is to host the playscheme the last three weeks of the summer holidays so children from this area will have 6 weeks' worth of play provision. As mentioned in the Playscheme report, there was some heightened behaviour in the Gas Lane Playscheme. Darren and his team have secured additional funding to provide play opportunities all year round and this is being piloted in Gas Lane. The sessions take place on Tuesday evenings, 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The councillors were invited to drop in to see how the scheme is working.

The Play Development Team are also working on developing an Accredited Volunteering Programme working with young people and adults.

Question and Answer Session

Q. What is the difference between the Playscheme and Fit, Fed and Read provided by Aura.

A. The playscheme is aimed at children and young people whilst the Fit, Fed and Read is aimed at families. Work between the two organisations has now been linked up and will be working together in future.

Q. The Playscheme on Victoria Road has moved from being on the open field to the play area. Is there a reason for this?

A. Not aware that it had moved – fairly new to the role. But will look into it and feedback.

Q. Would Parkfields be considered as another option for year-round play provision?

A. Yes – subject to funding. Any support the Town Council can provide with applying for funding for activities would be appreciated.

Q. Would you be able to report back with the findings from the Pilot Project?

A. Yes

Cllr Teresa Carberry thanked Darren for attending the meeting.

Darren Morris left the meeting.

179. OFFICER REPORTS

The Events and Community Officers report was **noted**. Cllr Carberry thanked the Events and Community Officer for progressing the Covid Snake and for keeping the Mayors Diary.

The Clerks report was **noted**. The Clerk gave further details with regards to the meeting held with Flintshire County Council and advised a meeting has been arranged with Karen Whitney-Lang to further investigate the possibility of applying for funding to complete a Feasibility Study on the Town Hall.

180. DRAFT EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2024

The draft events calendar was **agreed**.

181. MEMBERS ALLOWANCE

It was **agreed** to maintain the same level of allowance for members.

182. PRECEPT/ BUDGET SETTING

The budget set for 2024/25 by the Budget Committee was **agreed** at £409,351.

The suggested precept increase of 5.5% was discussed and a proposal was made to amend the precept increase to 5% (£320,435) and **agreed** with additional funds to transferred from reserves (£30,266) and with the projected income for 2024/25 makes up the full budget needed.

The structure of the management of Mold Cemetery was raised and a request to review was made. It was **agreed** to add this item onto the next Town Council agenda for discussion.

The Double Taxation previously received from Flintshire County Council was also discussed.

Action: Town Clerk to explore further as to whether or not Mold Town Council are still in receipt of this payment.

MOTION raised by Cllr Taylor regarding increasing the frequency of meetings of the Budget Committee from annually to quarterly and for the item of Budgets to be a standard agenda item on all committee meeting agendas was **agreed**.

183. AURA WALES – FIT, FED AND READ COMMUNITY PROJECT

With additional information that has been provided regarding this item the council **agreed** to provide financial support of £1,000 this financial year (2023/24) to Aura Wales for the Fit, Fed and Read Community Project.

184. CITTASLOW

Cllr Sarah Taylor read out the email received from Cllr Catherine F Hill. The question regarding financial support for attending Cittaslow meetings outside the UK was discussed and it was **agreed** that Mold Town Council is unable to provide financial support.

The Town Clerk advised that an invoice for subscription to Cittaslow has been received. A discussion took place as to whether or not the Council should remain a part of the Cittaslow movement.

Action: The Town Clerk was asked to write a report on Cittaslow including the benefits to the Town and to include the full costings associated with being a member (subscription costs/ staff time etc...)

It was **agreed** that Cittaslow Membership be added to the next Town Council agenda for full discussion.

185. STANDARDS COMMITTEE – TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Anyone wishing to apply to send a pen portrait of 250 words to the Events and Community Officer no later than Friday 2nd February.

186. FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT – TOWN HALL

It was **agreed** to share the Fire Risk Assessment with representatives from Flintshire County Council to support in the completion of a Fire Risk Assessment for the whole Town Hall building.

187. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Noted.

188. MEETINGS ATTENDED

- (i) The minutes from the Alyn Works liaison committee were **noted**.
- (ii) The notes from the Bryn Gwalia Residents Meeting were **noted**. Cllr Tina Claydon provided an update with regards to the creation of a residents group and advised that another meeting has been scheduled for Friday 2nd February.

189. ACCOUNTS/PAYMENTS

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 8 Community Bank account CB1 £21,340.22 (excl. VAT)
Month 8 Events Bank account £5,430.37
Month 8 Prepaid Mastercard £936.72
Month 8 Mayors Charity Account £8.00 (bank interest)
Month 8 Petty Cash £0.00
Month 8 Deposit Bond 1 £0.00
Month 8 Deposit Bond 2 £0.00
Month 8 Deposit Bond 3 £0.00
Month 8 Business Money Manager Account £20,000 (internal transfers)

Month 9 Community Bank account CB1 £32,782.90 (excl. VAT)
Month 9 Events Bank account £1,089.89
Month 9 Prepaid Mastercard £457.15
Month 9 Mayors Charity Account £208.00
Month 9 Petty Cash £0.00
Month 9 Deposit Bond 1 £0.00
Month 9 Deposit Bond 2 £0.00
Month 9 Deposit Bond 3 £0.00
Month 9 Business Money Manager Account £30,000 (internal transfers)

RESOLVED: That that the schedules of payments be approved.

190. VACANCIES

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

CDR Committee – 2 vacancies
Planning Committee – 1 vacancy

It was **RESOLVED** to note the vacancies.

Meeting closed at 19.21pm

Mayor's signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 31st January 2024
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

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