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Members of Mold Town Council

20th March 2026

Members of the Council

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Mold Town Council to be held at **6.00pm on Wednesday 25th March, 2026** in Mold Town Council Offices, Unit 10, Daniel Owen Precinct, Mold CH7 1AP. Also available by Video Conferencing as a hybrid meeting see link below.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet', is written over a horizontal line.

Town Clerk and Finance Officer

AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public are welcome to speak on items listed on the agenda. Up to 15 minutes is allocated, with a maximum of 5 minutes per subject.

At the Chair's discretion, a member of the public may raise a matter not on the agenda for up to 5 minutes. The Council cannot make decisions or debate non-agenda items at the meeting, but these may be noted for future consideration.

The Chair may intervene to maintain order, stop irrelevant or disorderly remarks, or adjourn the meeting if necessary.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To **receive** apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To **receive** any known declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To **receive** the Mayor's Announcements

4. MINUTES

4.1 To **receive** and approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 25th February 2026 (attached).

4.2 To **receive** and approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting held on the 4th March 2026 (attached).

4.3 To **receive** and approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 10th March 2026 (attached).

4.4 To **receive** and approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Youth and Children's Council Committee meeting held on the 10th March 2026 (attached).

4.5 To **receive** and approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Policy and Audit Committee meeting held on the 11th March 2026 (attached).

4.6 To **receive** and approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 17th March 2026 (attached).

4.7 To **receive** and approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Community, Development and Regeneration Committee meeting held on the 18th March 2026 (attached).

5. BELONG NETWORK

To **receive** verbal update from Guest speakers: Simon Sherbersky and Mike Waite on The Belong Network work in Mold.

6. ACTION LIST

To **note** the attached updated Action List.

7. OFFICER REPORTS

(i) To **receive** a report from the Events and Community Engagement Officer (attached).

(ii) To **receive** a report from the Town Clerk and Finance Officer (attached).

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) To **consider** the letter received from Gwella, regarding Fit, Fed and Read (attached)
- (ii) To **note** the letter received from NEWSAR (attached).
- (iii) To **consider** the correspondence received regarding Factory Pool Lane.
- (iv) To **consider** letter from Gwella, regarding Match Funding.

9. REPORT AND ACTION PLAN FROM MOLD TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING DAY

To **consider** the attached report.

To **consider** the attached Action Plan.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR SARAH TAYLOR

To **consider** a Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Sarah Taylor:

That Mold Town Council resolves to introduce an informal indicative vote prior to the Annual Meeting of the Council to identify a preferred candidate for the office of Deputy Mayor, for the purpose of enabling appropriate arrangements for the Mayor Making event and supporting a smooth transition between office holders.

The formal election of the Deputy Mayor shall take place at the Annual Meeting of the Council in accordance with statutory requirements.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR SARAH TAYLOR

To **consider** the attached motion regarding the Bailey Hill Tripartite Agreement – Bailey Hill Centre.

12. POLICY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations: That the Council resolves to:

1. **Confirm** that the current Financial Regulations remain in force and require no alterations (attached)
2. **Adopt** the updated Risk Management Strategy and Operational Risk Assessment (attached).
3. **Adopt** the following policies and documents:
 - (a) Publication Scheme
 - (b) Local Resolution Policy
 - (c) Vexatious Policy
 - (d) Information Technology (IT) and Digital Communications Policy

13. FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

To **consider** the attached report and recommendations from the Finance Committee.

14. ASSET REGISTER 2025/26

To **consider** the attached aster Register for the Town Council 2025/26 and resolves to approve it as a correct record of the Council's assets for the financial year.

15. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES WORKING GROUP UPDATE

To **receive** a verbal update from the Public Conveniences Working Group.

16. PURCHASE OF BINS

To **consider** the attached report regarding the purchase of bins for use at Town Council supported community events.

17. INTERIM AUDIT 2025/26

To **note** the attached interim audit for 2025/26.

18. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING

To **note** the attached report.

19. ACCOUNTS/ PAYMENTS

To **approve** the attached schedules showing all accounts – Month 11, noting that payments are made in accordance with the powers of local councils.

NOTE:

Members of the press and public may attend this meeting (but not speak unless by prior arrangement with the Town Clerk and Finance Officer).

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89282178432?pwd=30a4yPzsufbbWdZq8oKW7hIPAgb5Ut.1>

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Mayor engagements since 26th February 2026 – 26th March 2026

Date	Event
26-Feb	Community Awards
27-Feb	Mayor's Charity Ball - Flint
28-Feb	Kidsbank Flintshire market stall
06-Mar	Judging of the St David's Day window competition
06-Mar	Visit to St David's School
06-Mar	Mayor of Flintshire County Council Charity Dinner
07-Mar	Judging Mold Pie competition as part of National Pie week
16-Mar	Funeral for the Mayor of Buckley Consort (Husband)
19-Mar	Guest Night of Under Milk Wood
20-Mar	Mayor Prestatyn Cllr Carol Holliday's Charity Ball
21-Mar	Presentation to winner of Clwyd Community Theatre Association (CCTA) One Act Play Festival

Deputy Mayor engagements since 26th February 2026 – 26th March 2026

Date	Event
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4.1.

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 25th February 2026 (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

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

Via Zoom: Cllrs. Pete Dando, Suzanne Thomas and Teresa Carberry; and Guest Speaker Karen Whitney-Lang – Flintshire County Council, Regeneration Team.

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk & Finance Officer, Jane Evans, Events & Community Engagement Officer and Leila Jones, Support Officer.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Sergeant NPT Steph Rowley – NW Police Neighbourhood Policing Team
Karen Whitney-Lang – Flintshire County Council, Regeneration Team

ALSO PRESENT:

6 members of the public in attendance and 2 members of the public via Zoom.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident speaking on behalf of MATAs Mold addressed the Council and delivered a statement. At the conclusion of the address, sealed envelopes were distributed to Councillors.

18:40: Public Participation session ended.

143. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors: Brian Lloyd and Megan Lloyd Hughes.
Apologies were received in advance from Councillor Pete Dando advising he would be late to the meeting.

144. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Joanne Edwards, Nanette Davies, Sarah Taylor, and Teresa Carberry declared an interest in agenda item 11 – Mold Town Council Uniform Recycling Initiative.

145. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

146. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that;

146.1 4.1 – Councillor Haydn Jones proposed a motion to amend the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held of 28th January 2026, item 130, so that it reads as follows:

The Town Clerk is to write to the Neighbourhood Policing Team to seek clarification and request enforcement of the 500 meter exclusion zone around Poundland, which it is understood exists, as advised by a County Councillor, to ensure that protesters remain at least 500 meters from the premises.

A vote was held with **10 for, 0 against, and 4 abstaining**.

RESOLVED:

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

146.2 The Minutes of the Community, Development and Regeneration Committee Meeting held on 3rd February 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

146.3 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 9th February 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

147. NORTH WALES UPDATE ON CRIME AND ASB

Sergeant NPT Steph Rowley – NW Police Neighbourhood Policing Team presented a verbal update on the Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Mold and the use of CCTV in policing.

Sgt. Rowley confirmed that an incident had taken place and advised that there is no ongoing risk to the public.

Sgt. Rowley advised that discussions have taken place regarding the CCTV camera currently located in Gas Lane, which is considered no longer necessary in that position. A formal request from the North Wales Policing Team will be submitted to the Clerk in relation to relocating the camera to an alternative site.

Sgt. Rowley will follow up on the request to move the CCTV camera accordingly.

Sgt. Rowley answered Members' questions:

The Neighbourhood Policing Team are looking at other areas across North Wales into how they are dealing with e-bikes and e-scooters. She informed Members that e-bikes and e-scooters can be seized.

Sgt. Rowley stated that residents can assist the police by reporting incidents.

Crime figures for certain areas of Mold could possibly be high due to a spike in shoplifting for those areas.

CCTV has been invaluable in assisting with prosecutions.

Sgt. Rowley is in talks with the parking wardens regarding the no return after 30 minutes enforcement on the High Street. The NPT have also had a recent meeting with Flintshire County Council Highways for parking around schools.

Go Safe requests can be put in areas where speeding has been identified.

Mayor Paul Beacher thanked Sgt. Rowley for attending tonight's meeting and providing Members with the update and answering questions.

148. DRAFT MOLD PLACEMAKING PLAN

Karen Whitney-Lang – Flintshire County Council, Regeneration Team provided Members with an update on the Draft Mold Placemaking Plan and upcoming consultations.

There are 10 stages of the Plan and of the 7 towns in Flintshire within the Plan, Mold is on stages 5 & 6. The 1st draft public consultation will be held between 27 February-16 March 2026. There are 7 identified priorities (subject to change) and further work is needed to strengthen the 'people' focused priorities. The FCC Regeneration Team are proposing a meeting with Mold Town Council and others within the next 6 weeks.

18:32: Councillor Pete Dando joined the meeting via Zoom.

The upcoming consultations are: 2nd March and 11th March 2026. Tonight's meeting is a consultation to provide Mold Town Council with an update.

There will be a short survey of key questions with scaling of 1-10, strategic document, 3-5 drafts and then go to FCC Cabinet for approval to the next stage. Once plan is approved it will move to an action plan and this should be around Autumn time.

Members asked how much has been allocated? There are 7 towns, £247k has been allocated to develop the plans in all 7 towns. So far, £4.8 million pound grant funding has been secured using the plans created.

Members made comments on the plan:

Members asked for independent businesses and traders to be included in these consultations via a specific meeting for them. Also mentioned were concerns that ongoing unfinished projects need to be completed before new projects are started, derelict and untidy properties and areas of Mold need to be addressed.

18:49: Member of the Public joined the meeting via Zoom.

Members also mentioned that distinction between revenue and capital funding needs to be made clear.

Members stated that the Plan alluded that not much happens on Daniel Owen Square which is untrue. It is regularly used for Mold markets, Mold Town Council events and other events. Mold is a cultural Centre with Theatre Clwyd and wider cultural groups.

Emphasis needs to be made that Mold is a hub for approximately 55k people and reaches further than just the 10k population of Mold.

Town Clerk requested details of the consultation so that MTC can share. Karen Whitney-Lang will send on Friday after the consultation link goes live and will circulate the press releases. She will also send dates to the Town Clerk to meet with MTC in April.

Mayor Paul Beacher thanked Karen Whitney-Lang for attending tonight's meeting and providing Members with the update and answering questions.

19:00: Karen Whitney-Lang – Flintshire County Council, Regeneration Team left the meeting.

149. ACTION LIST

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

150. 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.

Town Clerk thanked Leila Jones, Support Officer, for her work organising the successful Bailey Hill Centre Open Day on 18th February 2026.

151. CONSULTATIONS

- (i) Members **noted** the Community Reviews under the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2025 – Draft Proposals.

(ii) Members **noted** the Draft Planning Enforcement Policy Consultation.

152. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

Members **considered** the Member's Allowance for 2025/2026.

It was **noted** that the Member's Allowance is not automatic and must be applied for by submission to Town Clerk.

A vote was held with **12 for, 1 against, and 1 abstaining**.

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** the Member's Allowance for 2025/2026

Chair – £500

Councillors:

£156 – Allowance to recognise Councillors incur costs to do their role

£52 – Payment in respect of telephone, broadband

Total: £208

153. MOLD TOWN COUNCIL UNIFORM RECYCLING INITIATIVE

Councillor Teresa Carberry thanked Emma Lyth, Support Officer, for assisting with the organisation of the storage room.

A discussion was held and it was **agreed** that the Uniform Recycling Initiative is a needed benefit and used by the residents of our community.

A vote was held with **10 for, 0 against, and 4 abstaining**.

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** that Mold Town Council will continue to fund storage facilities at the Daniel Owen Centre for the Uniform Recycling Scheme for 2026/27 at a cost of £1,320 per annum.

Members further **approved** the proposed amendment to continue the funding arrangement whilst exploring alternative options for storage and distribution.

Alternative storage and distribution for the Uniform Recycling Initiative will be explored.

154. FUTURE OF LOVE LANE CAR BOOT

A discussion was held and Members **considered** all options.

Town Clerk thanked those members who attended the meeting with Flintshire County Council to discuss the possible transfer of the Love Lane Car Boot to Mold Town Council.

It was **proposed** that Mold Town Council would not take over the operation of Love Lane Car Boot.

A vote was held with **10 for, 4 against, and 0 abstaining**.

RESOLVED:

Mold Town Council will not take over the operation of the Love Lane Car Boot.

155. CONSIDERATION OF CITTASLOW MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Catherine Frances Claydon thanked four members of Mold Cittaslow Working Group for attending the meeting, two in person and two via Zoom, in support of her motion.

A discussion was held and Members **considered** two motions brought forward.

Members **noted** Cittaslow ideals are embedded in much of what we do now as a Town Council.

Motion from Councillor Catherine Frances Claydon:

That Mold Town Council:

1. Approves the 2026/27 Cittaslow membership fee to maintain official status through the 20th Anniversary year.
2. Authorises the expenditure of £2,000 currently held in earmarked reserves-funds which have been accumulated from Cittaslow International grants/projects over the duration of our membership.
3. Resolves that these funds be used exclusively for the 'Cittaslow 20' Anniversary Programme (Museum exhibition, community events and business engagement).
4. Mandates a strategic review of membership by December 2026 to determine the path forward for 2027.

A vote was held with **5 for, 7 against, and 2 abstaining**.

The motion was not carried.

Motion from Councillor Haydn Jones:

Councillor Haydn Jones has put forward a motion not to continue with Cittaslow membership, noting that the town has paid for membership for 20 years and that the cost

now outweighs the benefit. Only three towns remain actively involved in the movement. Council previously agreed in January 2024 to continue membership for a further two years, but it is considered that insufficient change has occurred to justify renewal. It is therefore recommended that Council cease Cittaslow membership starting 2026/2027.

A vote was held with **7 for, 5 against, and 2 abstaining.**

RESOLVED:

Mold Town Council will cease Cittaslow membership starting 2026/27.

Town Clerk to arrange the cease of Cittaslow membership for 2026/27.

20:06: Councillor Robin Guest left the meeting.

20:07: Two members of the public on Zoom left the meeting.

156. A MAYORS CADET

Cllr Paul Beacher spoke on the consideration of introducing a Mayor's Cadet. After discussion, it was agreed not to proceed with the initiative.

RESOLVED:

Members **agreed** not to introduce a Mayor's Cadet for Mold Town Council.

157. GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AND SILENT SOLDIER – BAILEY HILL

Members **agreed** Events & Community would take forward the proposals to Flintshire County Council to seek permission and obtain costings. The information is to be reported back to Mold Town Council Members for a final decision regarding the following:

Garden of Remembrance - to reduce the issues currently experienced when laying a cross due to solid ground. Suggested to redo the area with soil and cover with finer stones.

Silent Soldier – to relocate the Silent Soldier near to the Garden of Remembrance. Suggested location next to the tree overlooking the Garden of Remembrance.

158. FACILITIES OFFICER RECRUITMENT

The Town Clerks report regarding the Recruitment Process of the Facilities Officer was **noted.**

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** the recruitment outcome and **approved** the commencement of the new Facilities Officer on the 2nd March 2026.

20:13: Sgt NPT Steph Rowley – NW Police Neighbourhood Policing Team left the meeting.

159. BUS STATION TOILETS

A discussion was held and Members **considered** two motions brought forward.

Motions from Councillor Sarah Taylor

1. Public Statement

Confirming that Mold Town Council is seeking information from Flintshire County Council regarding the future of the Bus Station Public Toilets, but has not received sufficient detail to make a decision. The statement will note that the Council will consult with residents before reaching a conclusion.

2. Letter to Flintshire County Council

Formally raising concern that required financial, operational and legal information has not been provided and requesting that this be supplied as soon as possible and before any further discussion or decisions can take place.

A vote was held with **12 for, 0 against, and 1 abstaining.**

RESOLVED:

Motion 1:

Town Clerk and Cllr Sarah Taylor have delegated authority, to issue a public statement.

Motion 2:

Town Clerk and Cllr Sarah Taylor to write to Flintshire County Council raising concerns regarding the lack of information provided to the Town Council so far and requesting sufficient financial, operations, and legal information to allow the Town Council to consider a potential asset transfer.

160. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING

Members **noted** the previously circulated report.

161. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS

Members **considered** the schedules previously circulated.

Month 10 – Community Bank account CB1 £46,682.49 (excl. VAT)

Month 10 – Events Bank account £1,531

Month 10 – Prepaid Mastercard £473.80

Month 10 – Business Money Manager Account £95,000 (internal transfers)

Month 10 – Petty Cash £5.98

Month 10 – Mayor's Charity £0.00

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

Mayor Paul Beacher thanked members of the public for attending.

Meeting ended: 20:20

Mayor's signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 24.09.2025
MEMBER Cllr Teresa Carberry Cllr Sarah Taylor Cllr Joanne Edwards Cllr Nanette Davies	ITEM Mold Town Council Uniform Recycling Initiative	MINUTE NO. REFERS 153 (c)
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

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MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cemetery Committee held on 4th March 2026 in Town Council Offices, Unit 10 Daniel Owen Precinct, Mold and via Zoom.

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Beacher (Mayor), Haydn Jones, Nanette Davies, Richard Clarke, Chris Bithell and Sarah Taylor.

VIA ZOOM: Councillor Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor)

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk and Finance Officer and Matt Williams-Cooke, Cemetery Superintendent

26. APOLOGIES

None.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

28. MINUTES

It was **resolved** that the minutes from the previous meeting held on 3rd December 2025 were approved.

29. CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Cemetery Superintendents report was **noted**.

The Cemetery Superintendent provided a brief update advising that grass cutting schedule has started today and all equipment has been checked and are in working condition.

30. STORAGE FACILITIES

Members discussed the report provided outlining the various options available for new storage provision within the Cemetery. It was **noted** that planning permission would not be required.

It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk progress with obtaining formal quotes for containers and ground preparation work.

31. GREEN FLAG APPLICATION

It was **noted** that the Green Flag Application along with the Cemetery Management Plan has been submitted. The application fee of £466.80 inclusive of £77.80 VAT, has also been paid.

32. CEMETERY COMPLAINT

The Cemetery Complaint Report was noted.

33. MOLD CEMETERY 150TH ANNIVERSARY - 2027

The Committee discussed the suggestion that Mold Town Council should celebrate 150th anniversary of Mold Cemetery with projects such as inviting local organisations to create bunting, which could be displayed within the Cemetery.

It was resolved that the 150th anniversary should be celebrated and that groups, organisations and members of the community should be invited to take part.

34. CEMETERY BUDGET

The Cemetery Budget for 2025/26 was noted.

35. EAR MARKED RESERVES

The ear Marked Reserves for the Cemetery were noted.

36. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was resolved to exclude the public and press from the meeting.

37. DAMP PROOFING QUOTE COMPARISONS

The committee discussed the quotes received for undertaking Damp proofing work in the Cemetery Lodge.

It was resolved to progress with the quote from JW Plastering & Damp Proofing at a cost of £1,500 and the spend would come from 318 EMR – Cemetery Lodge.

Meeting ended at 18.32ppm

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS
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CEMETERY COMMITTEE	DATE: 04.03.26
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

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Chairman's signature: Date:

4.3

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held by Video Conferencing on 9th February 2026.

PRESENT: Councillors Sarah Taylor (Chair), Paul Beacher (Mayor), Brian Lloyd, Richard Clarke, Haydn Jones and Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor).

Officer: Jo Lane, Town Clerk and Finance Officer

Absent: None

APOLOGIES:

50. APOLOGIES

None

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

52. MINUTES

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 9th February 2026 are agreed as a correct record.

53. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To following applications were considered:

(a) PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION - ADV/000099/26

PROPOSAL: Proposed sub-division of internal ground floor to create an A1 retail shop and an A3 coffee shop, with replacement fascia advertisement.

LOCATION: 12, New Street, Mold, CH7 1NZ

TARGET DETERMINATION DATE: 01 Apr 2026

No comments were made by the Planning Committee.

b) PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION - FUL/000098/26

PROPOSAL: Proposed sub-division of internal ground floor to create an A1 retail shop and an A3 coffee shop, with replacement fascia advertisement.

LOCATION: 12, New Street, Mold, CH7 1NZ

TARGET DETERMINATION DATE: 01 Apr 2026

No comments were made by the Planning Committee.

(c) PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION - FUL/000118/26

PROPOSAL: Subdivision of an existing ground one-bedroom flat to create a self-contained studio flat and a smaller one-bedroom flat.

LOCATION: 9 Gordon Terrace, King Street, Mold, CH7 1LD

TARGET DETERMINATION DATE: 09 Apr 2026

Members discussed the application and raised concerns regarding the lack of parking provision associated with the proposed development.

It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk submit comments to Flintshire County Council Planning highlighting the concerns regarding the absence of parking provision.

(d) PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION - NMA/000177/26

PROPOSAL: Application for non-material amendment following planning permission FUL/000756/22 - Repositioning of glazed frame roofing system.

LOCATION: 70, Glan Aber, Bryn Awelon, Mold, CH7 1LU

TARGET DETERMINATION DATE: 27 Mar 2026

No comments were made by the Planning Committee.

(e) PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION - FUL/000178/26

PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing garden room, erection of a single storey side extension and single storey rear extension, height to match existing roof level, internal modifications.

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

TARGET DETERMINATION DATE: 24 Apr 2026

No comments were made by the Planning Committee.

(f) PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION - FUL/000193/26

PROPOSAL: Demolition of the existing former ATS building and erection of a new block of flats with soft landscaping and parking Existing - brickwork, metal roof Proposed - Cream brickwork, such as dusk multi brick colour, light grey composite cladding & light grey windows and doors, flat roof Site area - 837 m²

LOCATION: A T S EUROMASTER, Wrexham Road, Mold, CH7 1HS

TARGET DETERMINATION DATE: 29 Apr 2026

The proposal involves the demolition of the existing former ATS building and the construction of a three storey block of flats. The development would comprise of three two bedroom apartments, two one bedroom apartments and three studio apartments. A

residential property lies to the rear of the site, with access via the side of the existing building.

During discussion, Members raised concerns regarding insufficient parking for a three storey development and mentioned potential flooding issues. It was noted that the number of flats may be excessive for the site and questions were raised as to whether the scale and design are in keeping with the surrounding area. Members also observed that the proposed building would be significantly taller than the existing structure.

Despite these concerns, the principle of the development was welcomed.

It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk write to Flintshire County Council Planning to submit the Council's comments, reflecting the above considerations.

54. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(i) Correspondence Case – FUL/000098/26 – agenda item 4(b)

(ii) Correspondence Case – FUL/000045/26

(iii) Correspondence Case – FUL/000118/26 – agenda item 4(c)

(vi) Correspondence Case – ADV/000099/26

The Planning Committee had no comments on the above correspondence.

Meeting closed at 18.13pm

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS
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PLANNING COMMITTEE	DATE: 09.03.26
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

Chair's signature: Date:

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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 9th March 2026 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Pete Dando (Chair), Catherine Frances Claydon, Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor) and Megan Lloyd Hughes

Officers: Jo Lane, Clerk and Finance Officer

Absent: Councillor Teresa Carberry

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Councillors Chris Bithell and Suzanne Thomas

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

28. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **resolved** that the Minutes from the meeting held on the 14th January, 2026 were accepted as a true record.

29. FEBRUARY 2026 PRIMARY SCHOOL YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor Pete Dando provided an update from the most recent Primary School Youth Council meeting. He advised that Councillor Paul Beacher, Mayor, attended to distribute certificates for the Mayor's for Peace Art Competition.

The Youth Council received a talk from Richard Roberts of Gwella regarding the play areas in Mold. This was followed by a worksheet activity where members considered what activities are available in Mold that are accessible to all.

As a final task, attendees created posters promoting the Mold Spring Clean. These posters have since been shared with the Spring Clean Committee.

It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Primary School, Youth Council Meeting on the 5th February 2026.

30. UPDATE ON SECONDARY SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

The Town Clerk advised that no response has yet been received from Mold Alun regarding Members attending a School Council meeting.

A contact for Ysgol Maes Garmon is still needed.

Action: Town Clerk to email Cllr Catherine Claydon.

31. TO AGREE DATES FOR NEXT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was **resolved** that the next Primary School, Mold Town Youth Council Meeting would be scheduled for Thursday 21st May.

It was **resolved** that the Youth and Children's Committee would meet again on Monday 27th April to agree an agenda for the Primary School Meeting and to receive an update on Secondary School involvement.

Meeting closed: 18.41pm

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS
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Youth and Children's Committee	DATE: 09.03.26
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

Chair's signature: Date:

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Policy and Audit Committee held at Mold Town Council Offices and via Video Conferencing on Tuesday 10th March 2026.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Councillors Paul Beacher and Pete Dando

Zoom: Councillor Teresa Carberry

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk and Finance Officer

23. APOLOGIES

In the absence of the Chair it was **resolved** that Councillor Pete Dando chair the meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillor Sarah Taylor (Chair) and Tina Claydon.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

25. MINUTES

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Policy and Audit Committee Meeting held on the 20th January 2026 are approved as a correct record.

26. TO REVIEW THE BELOW POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

a) Financial Regulations

It was **resolved** to recommend to Full Council that after review no changes are required to the above document.

27. TO CONSIDER THE BELOW UPDATED POLICIES/ RISK ASSESSMENT

(a) Risk Management Strategy
(b) Operational Risk Assessment

It was **resolved** to recommend to Full Town Council adoption of the updated above policy and risk assessment.

28. TO CONSIDER THE BELOW DRAT POLICIES

(a) Publication Scheme
(b) Local Resolution Policy
(c) Vexatious Policy

(d) Information Technology (IT) and Digital Communications Policy

It was **resolved** to recommend adoption of all above policies to Full Town Council.

29. INTERIM AUDIT 2025/26

The committee **noted** the comments made on the Interim Audit and thanked the Town Clerk for her work with regards to the Interim Audit.

The meeting closed at 18.23pm

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

POLICY & AUDIT COMMITTEE	DATE: 10.03.26
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
None		

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Chairman's signature: Date:

4.6.

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 17th March 2026 in the Town Council Offices, Unit 10, Daniel Owen Precinct, Mold and via Zoom.

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Beacher (Mayor), Chris Bithell and Joanne Edwards.

VIA ZOOM: Councillors Robin Guest (Chair), Teresa Carberry and Suzanne Thomas.

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk and Finance Officer

30. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Tina Claydon and Geoff Collett.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robin Guest declared an interest in Agenda Item 5.

32. MINUTES

It was **resolved** that the minutes from the previous meeting held on 9th December 2025 were approved.

33. UPDATE ON 2025/26 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Members **noted** that £1,305 remains available for Community Grant distribution in the current financial year. It was discussed what would happen to any unspent funds within this cost code at year end and a suggestions was made that an Earmarked Reserve (EMR) could be established to allow underspends to be transferred. This would create a fund to support financial assistance a higher level than is currently available through the Community Grants scheme.

It was also suggested that the Community Grant budget should be reviewed in 2027/28 with a view to a potential increase.

ACTION: To include an item on the next Finance Committee agenda to consider the establishment of an EMR.

ACTION: To consider increasing the increasing the Community Grant budget as part of the 2027/28 budget-setting process.

Members **noted** the reports from Cor Y Pentan and Nightingale Hospice and emphasised the importance of receiving such reports to enable the Council to understand how funds have been spent and the impact on the community.

34. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM BRITISH FINAL OF ONE ACT PLAYS

As Councillor Guest had declared an interest in this item, the Mayor, Councillor Beacher, took the Chair for this consideration. A proposal was made and seconded to provide financial assistance of £1,000.

Resolved: That Financial assistance of £1,000 be provided.

35. FINANCE REPORT AND 2025/26 BUDGET

The Clerk highlighted key areas of the report to Members in relation to estimated underspends and overspends and answered questions raised.

Resolved: That the report, including the current budget position for 2025/26 be accepted.

36. EAR MARKED RESERVES

The Ear Marked Reserves overview was noted.

37. YEAR END AND SUGGESTED VIREMENTS AND EMR MOVEMENTS

Members considered the report and **resolved** to recommend to Full Council to:

1. **Approve** the proposed virements between cost codes for the 2025/26 financial year, as outlined in the report, to offset overspends against available underspends within the Council's budget.

2. **Approve** the proposed transfers to Ear Marked Reserves.

3. **Delegate** authority to the Town Clerk and Finance Officer, in conjunction with the Mayor, to make minor adjustments to the figures detailed in the report where necessary, once the final income and expenditure figures for the financial year are confirmed.

It was **noted** that the previous transfer of £32,130 from EMR 316 to General reserves would take place at financial year end, and that underspends withing the Cemetery and Bailey Hill budgets will be transferred to their respective Earmarked Reserves.

38. VAT RETURN 01.11.25 TO 31.01.26

Members noted the VAT return for 01.11.25 to 31.01.26.

Meeting ended at 18.33pm

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE	DATE: 17.03.26
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
Councillor Robin Guest	5.	34.

Chairman's signature: Date:

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MOLD TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community, Development & Regeneration Committee held virtually via Zoom at 6.00pm on Wednesday 18th March 2026.

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Beacher (Mayor) (Chair), Teresa Carberry, and Robin Guest

Officers: Jo Lane (Town Clerk and Finance Officer), and Emma Lyth (Support Officer)

ABSENT: Geoff Collett and Megan Lloyd Hughes

As a Councillor was unable to attend until 6.25 pm, it was agreed to delay the start to ensure the meeting was quorate. The meeting commenced at 6.25 pm.

49. APOLOGIES

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Catherine Frances Claydon, it was **resolved** that Cllr Beacher would chair the meeting.

Jane Evans (Events & Community Engagement Officer), Councillors Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor), Chris Bithell, and Catherine Frances Claydon

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

51. MINUTES

It was **resolved** that the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 were approved.

52. HANGING BASKET REPORT

The Support Officer gave a verbal summary of the feedback received from businesses about taking ownership and responsibility for the town's hanging baskets.

It was **resolved** that Mold Town Council will continue with the supply and installation of the town's hanging baskets for one more year (2026/27), and that businesses will be notified that financial support for hanging baskets will cease at the end of the 2026/27 financial year.

53. BAILEY HILL LODGE – TENANCY AND PROPERTY UPDATE

Members considered the attached report.

It was **resolved** to proceed with all recommendations below:

(a) Tenancy Agreement – **Approved** the addition of the tenant's partner to the tenancy agreement, with associated costs of £160 to be met by the Council.

(b) Pest Issue – Ladybirds – **Agreed** to implemented in-house measures immediately to manage infestation and engage specialist if the problem persists.

(c) Water Leak, Bathroom – **Noted** that the Facilities Officer resolved the leak at a cost of £27.27.

(d) Fire Alarm System – **Noted** that the damaged panel was replaced by Snowdonia; system fully restored and compliant.

(e) Men's Shed Project – Donation – **Resolved** to allocate the £272.60 donation to Men's Shed Project EMRs to fund additional sessions.

(f) Men's Shed Evaluation – **Resolved** that the Town Clerk submit a funding application to support a comprehensive external evaluation of the project.

54. OVERVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence between MTC and FoBH was discussed and **noted**.

It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk respond on behalf of Mold Town Council, with the response circulated to all officers included in the original email.

Meeting ended at 7.02pm

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

Community, Development & Regeneration Committee		DATE: 18.03.26
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MOLD TOWN COUNCIL ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

CURRENT ACTION LIST – March 2026

2023-2024

MINUTE NO.	DATE	ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	RESULT (IF ANY)	SIGN OFF DATE
150. (ii)	November 2023	Letter from Ysceiflog 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	Completed Ongoing
202.	February 2024	Creation of rota for monthly reconciliation	To create a rota for Councillors to undertake monthly reconciliation with Town Clerk	To be arranged after financial year end.	Ongoing.

2024-2025

MINUTE NO.	DATE	ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	RESULT (IF ANY)	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.	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 Emailed Cllr Collett to confirm if Salt Bin has been placed. 08.07.25 – Emailed FCC for update. 01.10.25 – Email sent to FCC for update. It has been confirmed that this Salt Bin was never installed.	Ongoing

MINUTE NO.	DATE	ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	RESULT (IF ANY)	SIGN OFF DATE
213 (i).	April 2025	Correspondence	Town Clerk to find out the exchange rate and bank fees for the 2000 Japanese Yen annual membership fee for Mayors for Peace	Funds have been exchanged on the Town Councils Equals Card – 2,000 Yen available. Payment just needs to be made.	

2025-2026

MINUTE NO.	2025-2026 DATE	ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	RESULT (IF ANY)	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.	Ongoing
76.	September 2025	Audit of Public Benches	Mold Town Council Staff to map the locations of benches and determine responsibility for maintenance and liability.	Item delegated to Emma	Ongoing
98.	October 2025	Personnel Committee	Town Clerk to incorporate the 2 statutory leave days into overall annual leave entitlement. Town Clerk to adjust MTC annual leave to match FCC's scale. Town Clerk to introduce a formal Christmas / New Year Shutdown for Office Staff. (Closed 24 Dec – Reopens 2 nd Jan).	Office staff have booked off Christmas Office shut down period. HR system requires updating with new annual leave entitlements. Formal note to go to all employees and added to Personnel Files.	Completed
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,	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	Ongoing

MINUTE NO.	2025-2026 DATE	ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	RESULT (IF ANY)	SIGN OFF DATE
109 (i)	November 2025	Officer Reports	Nanette Davies, Sarah Taylor, Robin Guest, Chris Bithell, Geoff Collett and Haydn Jones. Events and Community Engagement Officer to work with the Mold Independent Group and that the Group be allowed to use the Totally Mold logo and colours within their branding and promotion (to tie in with the Totally Mold website and current branding for the town).		Ongoing
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.	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.		
121	November 2025	New Website – Tender Consideration	Town Clerk to move forward with the quotation from WISS for Mold Town Council's new website.		Ongoing
130	January 2026	Officer Reports	Town Clerk to write to NW Police to enquire about the 500 meter exclusion zone for demonstrations around residences of asylum seekers	Email sent 30.01.26 to Cllr Collett to clarify source of information for draft letter. Response received and shared with members on 16.03.26	Completed
135	January 2026	UK Town of Culture Competition	Town Clerk to submit a registration of interest for Mold	Currently arranging meeting with potential partners.	Ongoing

MINUTE NO.	2025-2026 DATE	ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	RESULT (IF ANY)	SIGN OFF DATE
148	February 2026	Draft Mold Placemaking Plan	Town Clerk to confirm Members availability regarding availability for additional meeting	Informal consultation currently 'live' Scheduled for 2 nd April 2026	Completed
153	February 2026	Mold Town Council Uniform Recycling Initiative	Explore alternative storage and distribution for the Uniform Recycling Initiative		
155	February 2026	Consideration Of Cittaslow Membership	Town Clerk to arrange the cease of Cittaslow membership for 2026/27		
157	February 2026	Garden Of Remembrance And Silent Soldier – Bailey Hill	Events & Community would take forward the proposals to Flintshire County Council to seek permission and obtain costings.		Ongoing
159	February 2026	Bus Station Toilets	Town Clerk and Cllr Sarah Taylor have delegated authority, to issue a public statement.		Completed
159	February 2026	Bus Station Toilets	Town Clerk and Cllr Sarah Taylor to write to Flintshire County Council requesting sufficient financial, operations, and legal information to allow the Town Council to consider a potential asset transfer.		Completed



Officer Update Report – March 2026

Item 7 (i)

Report from the Events and Community Engagement Officer

TOWN TRADING/ INFORMATION:

NCAR (North Clwyd Animal Rescue) have moved into the former Oxfam unit in the precinct

Hughes Pharmacy will be relocating to the large end unit (opposite Dominos), expected to be in by August.

Indoor market –

The Black Bull Farm Shop have taken on a second unit (from Eco Blooms) to turn into a community & commercial space. Offering space for reach out programmes and other community groups as well as training session and other plans for the space to be confirmed

Currently 2 empty units within the indoor market

Daniel Owen Precinct Planting – the planters have been installed, along with two benches (with flower beds). The open bins that where in the middle have also been removed and not yet replaced. The older benches have also been removed (4 benches that seated 4 people each) and been replaced with two benches (that seat 2 people), so the number of seats has been reduced from 16 to 4. We have received a number of comments from the public regarding the scheme including; the lack of seating, bins not being replaced straight away and there has been an increase in rubbish already in this area, the planters have been left dirty and comments regarding the funding spent which could have been spent on public toilets.

I have contacted FCC to request they ask the Landscapers to come back and clean the planters as they have been left with dirty water and soil marks.

MEETINGS ATTENDED / OTHER INFORMATION

Mold Food & Drink promotion –with Niall Waller, Rich Jones, Jon Thomas(FCC) and a number of food / drink businesses to discuss 'shaping the Future of Mold's Food & Drink Scene' following the initial meeting with traders. Further meetings to be held

Flintshire Kidsbank – the Mayor and I met with Kidsbank on 28th February and we discussed the school uniform recycling stall. Kidsbank have confirmed that they would be happy to take the non logoed uniform once they have completed the extension on their warehouse (due to be completed end of March).

MTC FORTH COMING MTC EVENTS

Sunday Gathering Markets will commence on 29th March. If anyone would like to volunteer to either help set up the market (from 7.30am), assist in the café (9.30am – 2.00pm) or general stewarding from 9.30am – 2.00pm, please let me know.

Historic Mold Guided walks will commence on 29th March and schedule will be announced shortly. There will be 3 tours per date and total of 8 subjects (which coincide with the Sunday Gathering Market dates). We have over 100 people on the waiting list who either attended one of the tours last year or were not able to get on.

Easter Fun Day Saturday 4th April at Bailey Hill, volunteers are required.

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS for the Easter tombola – unused items, unwanted gifts, almost new books, toys, bottles etc all donations appreciated as the tombola helps to fund the free event.

Mayors Charity Dinner Saturday 11th April – if anyone would like to attend, please let me know ASAP to reserve.

Live on the Square Sunday 3rd May – due to price increases regarding event infrastructure (portaloos, security and fencing), the ticket price will increase from £10 to £12 (this includes VAT) to cover the increase and tickets will go on sale at the end of March

Volunteers will be needed and an email to be sent nearer the time with hours and rolls to be covered.

Defibs – The Physio-Control LIFEPAC CR Plus defibrillator has been discontinued in the UK as of April 1, 2019. While support and consumables for the CR Plus were available for several years following, support is ending around 2026-2027.

There are currently 15 Lifepak defibs in the community which have been donated to the businesses / groups by Mold Town Council. Our Support Officer will be contacting all businesses to advise them of the discontinuation and recommend they look into purchasing the ZOLL AED Plus Semi-Automatic Defibrillator (as recommended by Ambulance Service), these defib take Duracell batteries so cheaper in the long term, however they do cost £925 +vat to purchase.

- Boots Pharmacy
- Bryn Griffith Working Mens Social Club
- Clubhouse & Community Gardens
- FLVC
- KMA Tool Hire
- Masonic Hall
- Mold ABC Boxing Club
- Mold Alex FC
- Mold Alun School
- Mold Crown Court
- Mold Library
- Queen's Head
- Tate & Lyle
- Mold Tennis Club
- Y Pentan

If members wanted to fund replacements, there is money remaining in the CDR budget £2,656 for this year which would enable purchase of 2 defibrillators and also CDR EMR £10,000 which could be used to purchase further defibs.

Mold Tennis Club are currently in the process of looking into funding or sponsorship to replace their defib as they can no longer get replacement pads, therefore the defib in the park is currently out of service.

UPDATE ON VACANT UNITS AND BUSINESS FOR SALE

Marketed By	Address of Unit	Tenant	Sale/ Rent	Status	Additional Information
BA Commercial	13-15 Chester Street	Empty	To Let	Available	Former Molyneux
CBRE	High Street (Halifax)	Empty	Leasehold	Available	No longer showing on CBRE website
St Davids Commercial	The Cross	Empty	For Sale	Available	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)
Reid & Roberts	Daniel Owen Precinct	Tasters Delicatessen	For Sale	Business still trading	Business only for sale (not building)
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
Acuitus Limited	48/50 High Street	Former Nat West	For Sale		Auction 26 th March
Forge Property Consultants Ltd	51 High Street	Former Tails a Waggin	Sale	Under offer	Current tenants above shop
Mason Owen	New Street	Empty	To Let	First floor offices above Iceland	Former Newcis

Marketed By	Address of Unit	Tenant	Sale/ Rent	Status	Additional Information
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 March 2026 Report

Facilities Officer

The new Facilities Officer commenced work on 2nd March and is currently undergoing their induction period. As part of their onboarding, the Support Officers have developed comprehensive maintenance schedules covering Mold Town Council's key sites, including the Town Council Offices, Cemetery and Bailey Hill Centre/ Lodge, as well as external assets such as benches, Tourism Information Panels and salt bins. These schedules provide the Facilities Officer with clear guidance and structure, ensuring consistency and continuity in the upkeep of all Council managed properties.

The transition of responsibilities previously managed by myself and the Support Officer, particularly the caretaking duties at Bailey Hill Centre is being carefully phased across to the Facilities Officer being trained to operate independently, ensuring all operational and maintenance functions are maintained to the Council's standards.

As part of this transition, notice has been given to the cleaning company currently used by the Council, with the contract ending at the end of March. This will allow the Facilities Officer to take on responsibility for overseeing cleaning and general maintenance going forward, helping to bring everything under one role and improve day-to-day coordination.

Training Attended

I attended training on the 4th March, Introduction to Cemetery Management for Parish and Town Clerks delivered by ICCM and 12th March, End of Year Webinar provided by Rialtas.

Meeting with Blue Douglas

I had a meeting with Blue Douglas on 11th March regarding Rock Youth and the outreach work currently taking place in Mold. While the project was originally based at the King Christian Centre, it has, over recent years, transitioned to a more flexible outreach model. Blue is now developing a new initiative involving the redevelopment of a trailer to support outreach activities across the town and is currently exploring locations where electrical outlets may be available to facilitate this. As part of the project, he is also looking to establish a steering/working group and has expressed an interest in involving a Town Councillor. Blue has been invited to attend the April Town Council Meeting to present the project to Members directly and respond to any questions.

UK Town and Culture 2028 – Expression of Interest

Following a meeting with potential partner agencies with regards to the Town of Culture competition, it was agreed that Mold should submit an Expression of Interest, with Mold Town Council acting as the lead organisation. A steering group, made up of representatives from partner organisations, will be established to oversee the process.

Actions have been agreed to support the submission. Outside Lives have developed an electronic form which can be shared with partners and residents to provide input on key themes, including the town's identity, cultural distinctiveness, heritage, inclusivity and community engagement. All organisations wishing to be involved have been asked to send across a letter of support on official headed paper to support the Expression of Interest.

A tight deadline has been set, with responses required by 23rd March. A draft EOI will be circulated to members and partners on the 25th March, with comments requested by end of play on the 27th March. The final submission will be completed and submitted by 31st March.

One Voice Wales National Awards 2026 – Submission Opportunities for Mold Town Council

Closing date: 30th April 2026

1. Best Governance Initiative

Potential Submission: Mold Town Council Annual Report 24-25

Why: Demonstrates transparency, accountability, effective financial management and volunteer/Community Engagement.

2. Best Use of Digital Resources

Potential Submission: TotallyMold

Why: Modern, bilingual digital engagement promoting local businesses, events and tourism.

3. Best Heritage and Culture Initiative

Potential Submission: Mold Historic Tours

Why: Preserves local heritage and promotes cultural understanding through a variety of guided tours and activities. The initiatives engages residents and visitors with Mold's history and notable figures.

4. Best Tourism Initiative

Potential Submission: Sunday Gathering Artisan Market

Why: The monthly Artisan Market attracts visitors to Mold, supporting local businesses and boosting the towns economy. It raises the profile of local produce and locally made items, giving small producers and artisans a platform to showcase their products. Volunteer engagement ensures smooth operation and surplus funds are reinvested into town centre improvements, enhancing community benefit.

5. Best Community Engagement Initiative

Potential Submission: Inclusive Community Events

Why: Mold Town Council delivers a variety of free, accessible events aimed at the whole community, including Easter Fun Day, Mold Carnival, and Christmas Lights Switch-On. These events promote community cohesion, provide opportunities for residents to interact with the Council, and celebrate local talent.

6. Best Youth Engagement Initiative

Potential Submission: Mold Town Youth Council

Why: Promotes leadership, civic participation, intergenerational dialogue and ensures youth perspectives inform council decisions.

7. Best Older Persons Initiative

Potential Submission: Bailey Hill's Men's Shed Project

Why: Reduces social isolation, improves wellbeing and provides opportunity to develop skills.

8. Best Cost of Living Crisis Initiative

Potential Submission: Uniform Recycling Initiative

Why: Supports residents in financial hardship, reduces household costs, and strengthens community resilience.

Mold Place Making Plan – People Priorities Workshop

Date and Time: Thursday, 2nd April at 6pm.

Duration: 1 hour 30 mins

Venue: Community Clubhouse and Gardens, Park Avenue, Mold

Facilitator: Chris Jones, Chris Jones Regeneration

MTC representatives: Cllrs Robin Guest, Pete Dando, Sarah Taylor and Nanette Davies.

Purpose of the workshop:

- Understand the current position of your organisation, community or voluntary group in Mold.
- Explore how you contribute to town centre life.
- Identify collaboration with other groups and organisations.
- Understand your organisation's future goals, aspirations and requirements to achieve them.

Outcome: The information gathered during the session will inform the People priorities and future opportunities to be included in the final draft of the Mold Place Making Plan.

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Ask for/Gofynner am Michelle Thomas
Direct Dial/Rhif Union 01352 702430
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email: Linda.bletcher
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Via Email: townclerk@moldtowncouncil.org.uk

Dear Clerk,

Re: Fit, Fed & Read Community Programme

I am writing to you following the conclusion of the summer 2025 Fit, Fed & Read community programme, which was successfully delivered across nine locations in the county over a five-week period during July and August. Enclosed, you will find a report and infographic highlighting key statistics and headline information about this year's scheme. These materials also include participant testimonials that provide valuable feedback on how vital this programme is to our communities.

The Fit, Fed & Read programme is a collaborative, multi-agency initiative involving a wide range of public sector partners to address critical issues such as health inequalities, food poverty, community cohesion, literacy, and physical and mental well-being.

While the programme has been running for the past five years, its continuation was at serious risk prior to summer 2024 due to the Welsh Government's termination of the holiday hunger funding. Fortunately, Flintshire's Sport Development team, working in partnership with others, was able to secure smaller funding streams to ensure the scheme could proceed. However, at this time, we are actively exploring other funding sources to support the summer 2026 programme, though nothing has been confirmed yet.



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To ensure the continued delivery of this highly valued and much-needed service, we are seeking support from Town and Community Councils where the programme operates. Specifically, we are requesting a financial contribution of £1,000 from each Town and Community Council, as you generously supported us last year. By requesting support early, we hope this funding can be incorporated into the programme's running costs and included in our budget-setting process for 2026/27.

We are more than happy to join any upcoming Town and Community Council meeting to discuss and advocate the benefits and outcomes of this programme, or to answer any further questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued support of the Fit, Fed & Read programme.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Vaughan Thomas
Active Communities Manager

What was the impact of Gwella's Fit, Fed and Read programme on Flintshire communities during Summer 2025?



FIT, FED & READ

In Gwella, we deliver the national **Fit and Fed** programme with our Library colleagues providing the **Read** element!

300



300 stories shared with families every week

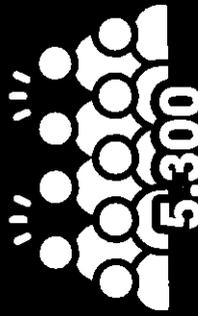
We delivered sessions across **9** communities



The scheme exemplifies a **whole family approach** as **80%** of families engaged with the programme had **3 or more** family members attending sessions



A **multi-agency approach** to the delivery of the programme with key funding partners being Farrall's Group, North Wales Police & Crime Commissioner, Town & Community Councils and Good Food Flintshire



5,300 families and young people attended the **45** sessions held over five weeks



800 Summer Reading Challenge packs distributed



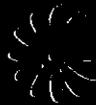
3,520 meals distributed across all sessions



110 volunteering hours recorded by our young ambassadors



45 sessions delivered to develop children's skills and creative confidence





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[BY EMAIL]

events@moldtowncouncil.org.uk

North East Wales Search & Rescue CIO

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Loggerheads

Mold

CH7 5LB

March 12th, 2026

Dear Jane,

THANK YOU

On behalf of everyone at NEWSAR, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Mold Novemberfest Committee for your generous support and donations to the team.

As you may know, NEWSAR relies solely on donations and support from the general public to continue our lifesaving work in the community. At present, the team is facing increasing financial pressures. The rising costs of maintaining and repairing our operational vehicles, combined with the rapidly deteriorating condition of our base, mean that support from organisations like yours is more important than ever. Ensuring our vehicles remain reliable and that our base remains a safe and functional hub for operations is vital to our ability to respond quickly and effectively. Your support through Novemberfest helps us meet these growing challenges and continue providing this essential service to the community.

Please pass on our sincere appreciation to everyone involved in organising the event. The effort that goes into making Novemberfest such a successful community occasion is clearly reflected in the positive impact it has on local groups like ours.

Thank you once again for your generosity and for supporting NEWSAR.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Morris
Fundraising Officer & Team Member
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Jo Lane

From: [redacted]
Sent: 06 March 2026 16:24
To: Jo Lane
Cc: 'Andrea Mearns'; 'Aileen Law'
Subject: Factory Pool Lane closure to walkers March 2026 Anwyl Development Ddol Derwen
Attachments: con-factory-pool-lane-mold-010925_621246c088.doc

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Good afternoon

Could I ask for the Town Council's support please, as I try, as the local Ramblers Cymru volunteer, to get Factory Pool Lane reopened to walkers (and cyclists, and any horse-riders). It has been closed, without legal authority to date, by Anwyl developments as part of the Gwernaffield road Development (Ddol Derwen)

When considered at Planning Committee, Anwyl's proposal was reported as follows:

*"The site layout can be broken into two parts. The northern element of the site, north of Factory Pool Lane, has been retained as an open green space and will also accommodate the surface water drainage attenuation basin, as well as the play area and multi-use games area. **Pool House lane is retained and will become a pedestrian and cycle way which links the two parts of the site as well as Denbigh Road and Gwernaffield Road. This will divert traffic away from known problems at Dreflan, but it will also retain Factory Pool Lane as a rural lane to be used as a walking and cycling route. The retention of this minor road, with its hedgerows and mature trees forms a distinctive landscape feature and firm edge to the development. The road forms a strong physical and landscape feature which provides the opportunity for a logical urban extension to the settlement. Enhanced planting along this western edge of the site and the open space and SuDS features between Denbigh Road and Factory Pool Lane will soften the appearance of the proposed development within the landscape.***

A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was obtained in autumn 2025 -copy attached, but this only prohibited vehicles. The Order specifically says pedestrian access will be maintained (N.B. no reference to cyclists or horse-riders!).

Unfortunately it was brought to my attention on Thursday morning that the lane had been barriered off and was impossible to access by walkers. I visited site on Thursday afternoon and found this to be true. I was unable to contact anyone on site directly because the site telephone number given was incorrect.

I have since been in contact with FCC (Streetscene and Planning) and Anwyl office at Ewloe. I understand FCC is to arrange an immediate Emergency TRO to prohibit pedestrians (on safety grounds) for a few days while the lane is re-opened. I understand there is to be a site meeting next week – I have not been invited!

If your Council is consulted on any proposals I should be grateful if you could stress the importance of re-opening this link across the north side of Mold.

Thank you
Howard White

Ramblers Cymru volunteer, Mold
7 Tan Y Coed
Mold
CH7 1LS

PS I see the riverside path off Denbigh Road and far end of railway path (near Synthite boundary) is also closed by a TRO but I cannot, as yet, find out why. Do you have any information please? There seems to be a sign saying "beware plant movement".....



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Jo Lane

From: handjwhite@tiscali.co.uk
Sent: 09 March 2026 15:03
To: Jo Lane
Cc: 'Andrea Mearns'; 'Aileen Law'
Subject: FW: Closure of public paths and railway path Mold - sewer construction near Denbigh Road and riverside
Attachments: Has Made Footpath 4 Mold Town.doc; Has Made Footpath 4 Mold Town_cy.doc
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Jo
See email re Welsh water works near Denbigh road.
For info on scheme see welsh water website -In your area – page

Howard

From: Stuart Jones <stuart.jones@flintshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 09 March 2026 14:41
To: handjwhite@tiscali.co.uk
Subject: RE: Closure of public paths and railway path Mold, sewer construction near Denbigh Road and riverside

Good afternoon Howard,

I have been dealing directly with Dwr Cymru regarding this particular temporary closure. We initially did a 5 day closure last year to allow for some trial hole drilling to take place in anticipation of this wider scheme which is ultimately required due to the Anwyl development near Factory Pool Road. The current works are sewer requisition works and require a connection running down Public footpath No. 4 (alongside the old garage), across the old railway line (Bovril path) and over private land to the River Alyn. I have met Dwr Cymru and their agent regarding the temporary closure and the notices will be on the website shortly. There was a small understanding in terms of the Bovril path because we anticipated it would need restricting but not to the extent it has been. I spoke to Dwr Cymru two weeks ago about this and advised that further signage was required from the detailing the alternative loop that should be available on the ground. I was assured they would draft some signage and make arrangements for this onsite but it sounds like this has not occurred (which is disappointing).

I am particularly concerned that it has been restricted along Footpath No. 4 along the river as this has not been discussed at all and was not included as part of the Temporary traffic restriction order. I will visit the site as soon as I can and come back to you with comments regarding any proposed action.

For information, I have attached the English and Welsh notices which will be on the website shortly.

Cofion/Regards

Stuart Jones

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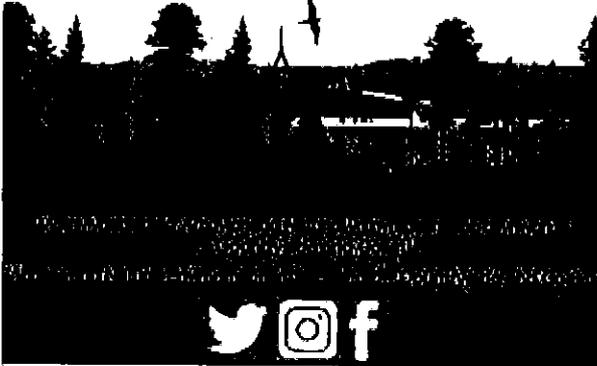
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Together we can all help to keep Flintshire safe

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From: handiwhite@tiscali.co.uk <handiwhite@tiscali.co.uk>

Sent: 07 March 2026 17:45

To: services@dwrcymru.com

Cc: [Stuart Jones](mailto:stuart.jones@flintshire.gov.uk) <stuart.jones@flintshire.gov.uk>; [John Roberts \(hotmail\)](mailto:John.Roberts@hotmail.com) <Johnandviv49@hotmail.com>; 'Aileen Law' <aileen65@talktalk.net>

Subject: Closure of public paths and railway path Mold - sewer construction near Denbigh Road and riverside

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Hi

I have received complaints from local walkers that paths have been closed recently near Denbigh road, without apparently any advance notice to users, or explanation of the work involved.

I have since found your web site and some information which says work is to last until May 2026

No notice of the temp TRO, if one has been obtained, is contained on FCC PROWay website, so public is still in the dark.

Pity you did not talk to us first!

(It was myself that obtained the grant of money, from the Bovril Challenge, to surface the Railway path in 2010. It was re-opened by the local MP!)

I appreciate that the work needs doing, in order to minimise future flooding. However it seems your work area has made BOTH the riverside path 5 and the Railway path into cul-de-sacs, whereas previously they made a well-walked, popular riverside walk on the edge of the town.

I should be grateful if you could investigate as a matter of urgency providing some sort of "concessionary" path route linking the 2 path ends –

You may find that, by providing such a route, you save your site work force a lot of "grief" and complaints from walkers!!

I am copying this email to the local PROWay officer, Stuart Jones

Howard White
Ramblers Cymru volunteer, Mold

Tel: [REDACTED]

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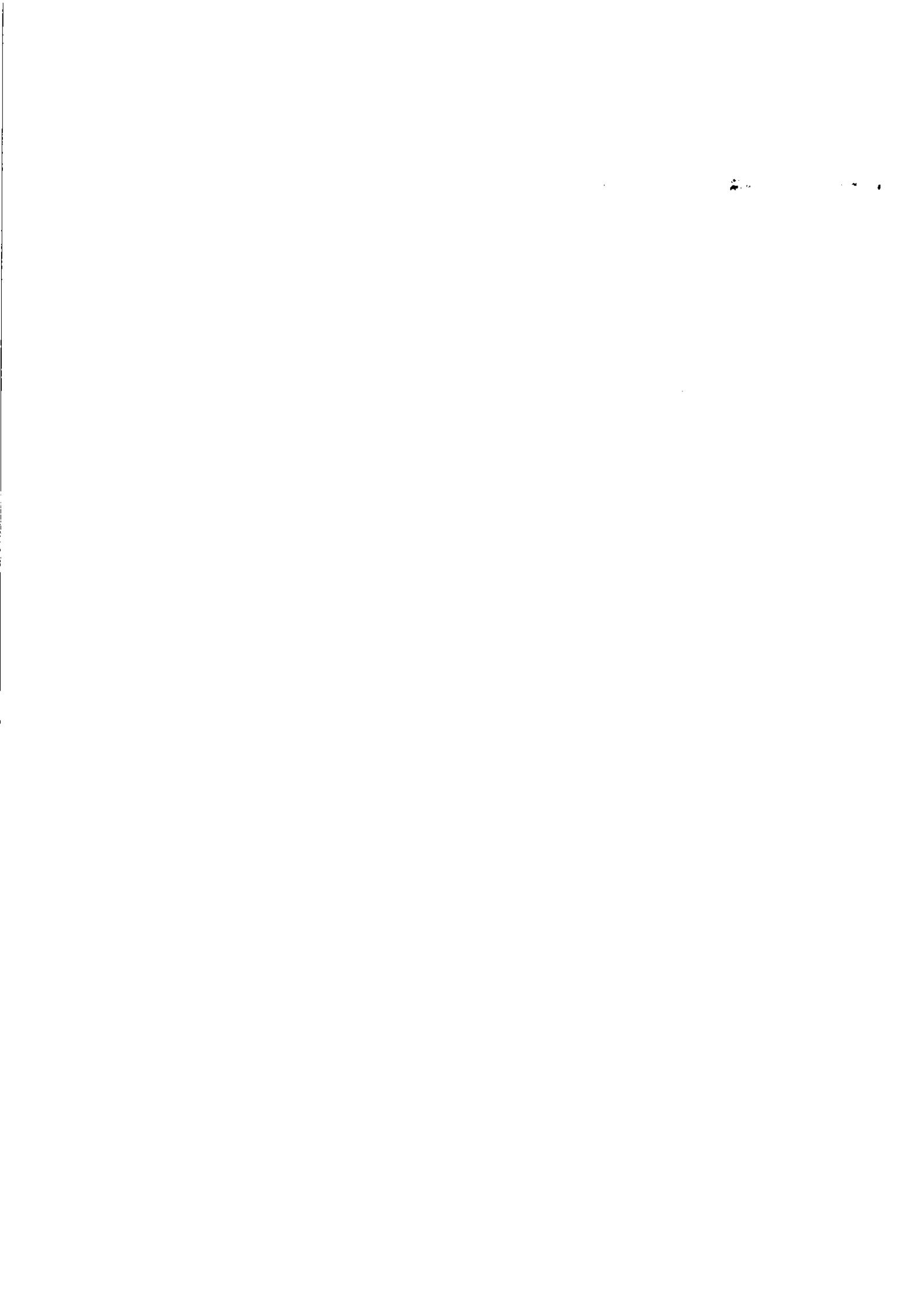
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Notice of Temporary Prohibition of Pedestrians Order
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 - Section 14
Public Footpath No. 4 in the Community of Mold Town

Flintshire County Council has made an Order which will prohibit pedestrians from using that section of Public Footpath No. 4 in the Community of Mold Town from its junction with Denbigh Road at NGR 323443 364619 for an approximate distance of 250 metres in a north westerly direction to the junction with old railway line at NGR 323586 364815.

The reason for the closure is to facilitate sewer requisition works by Dwr Cymru. There is no alternative route available.

The Order will come into force on 13 February 2026, or as soon as possible thereafter. The footpath will be closed for 6 months, or until the earlier completion of the works, subject to a maximum period of six months

Dated 6 February 2026



Gareth Owens
Chief Officer (Governance)

Ty Dewi Sant
Ewloe
Flintshire
AB/3334920



FLINTSHIRE DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

From Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) Cost Code THW911 4122

To Corporate Services; Legal Division

My Ref: ST/30/2/0

Date 19th June 2025

Enc: Yes

TEMPORARY CLOSURE BY ORDER: MOLD

Would you kindly arrange for a temporary road closure notice to be advertised and made, the details of which are as follows:-

<u>Period of Closure</u>	From Monday 1 st September 2025 subject to a maximum period of 18 months
<u>Roads to be Closed</u>	Factory Pool Lane, between its junctions with A541 Denbigh Road and Gwernaffield Road.
<u>Reason For Closure</u>	Construction for Anwyl Homes Development.
<u>Applicant</u>	Anwyl Homes
<u>Recommended Alternative Route</u>	Will be signed accordingly by the use of prescribed signs

Pedestrian access through the restriction section will be maintained throughout the period of the closure.

I enclose a map locating the section of roads to be restricted.



For Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)

FLINTSHIRE DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

PLEASE SUPPLY LOCATION PLAN

Type of Works

Construction of the spine road serving the new development proposed to the south of Denbeigh Rd, that will be crossing the Pool House Lane. 30mph speed limit extension is proposed to the west of the Denbeigh Rd & Pool House Lane junction.

APPLICANT TO CONTACT STREET WORKS SECTION ON REMOVAL OF CLOSURE

Please supply Company Name and contact details of Signing Contractor:

Company Name: Anwyl Homes

Contact Name: (TBC)

Address:
Anwyl House, Clos Dewi Sant

Tel:

St David's Park, Ewloe

Fax:

CH5 3DT

Mobile:

Notes:

A minimum of **seven working days** notice is required for an Order of **three days** or less - £972

A minimum of **six weeks** notice is required for all other Orders - £2,365

A cheque for £ is enclosed made payable to *Flintshire County Council*

Signed:

Name: (block letters)



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Jo Lane
Town Clerk and Finance Officer
Mold Town Council
The Town Hall
Earl Road
Mold
CH7 1AB

Your Ref/Eich Cyf	MF/Letter/0326
Our Ref/Ein Cyf	MF/0326
Date/Dyddiad	18 March 2026
Ask for/Gofynner am	Richard Roberts
Direct Dial/Rhif Union	01352 702466
Email/Ebost	richard.roberts@gwella.wales

Via Email: townclerk@moldtowncouncil.org.uk

Dear Clerk,

Match Funding Scheme Improvements to Children's Play Areas 2026/27

I am pleased to advise that Flintshire County Council has allocated £105,000 from its 2026/27 budget for the match-funding of improvement works to children's play areas. For 2026/27, the match-funding scheme will be managed by Gwella, the Local Authority Trading Company (LATCo) wholly owned by Flintshire County Council,

Flintshire County Council and Gwella wish to work in partnership with Town & Community Councils on a match-funding basis (£ for £) and seek expressions of interest for the 2026/27 scheme.

It is important that the County Council targets its future investment towards those sites of greatest need in terms of play deprivation and strategic importance. Earlier in 2025/26, Gwella commissioned an independent play consultancy to carry out a condition survey of each of the County Council's 200 outdoor play areas. The 2026/27 match-funding scheme is, therefore, aligned to the recommendations of the independent play review and based upon the following principles:

- Only sites identified by the play survey as requiring an upgrade and investment will be considered to meet the match-funding criteria.
- Historically, whilst expressions of interest tend to be between £1,000 and £10,000, it should be noted that Gwella will consider proposals in excess of £10,000 for the 2026/27 match-funding scheme. Please note that such requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and must align to the County Council's investment strategy.

Working in partnership with.
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Deeside Leisure Centre, Chester Road West
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The County Council seeks support for and engagement with the match-funding scheme from all Town & Community Councils. Once this support is established, the County Council will recognise the additional play investment needs of towns and villages through the appropriate allocation of capital funding.

To assist your members' match-funding decision, Gwella's Play Design service has identified the following play area within your community as being most in need of investment:

- **Parc Alun Play Area**

In order that we have an agreed programme in place, I would be grateful if you can confirm your expression of interest to Richard Roberts, Gwella's Play Design Officer, by 31 May 2026. The outcome of your expression of interest will then be reported back to you at the earliest opportunity. I also need to advise that Gwella and the County Council cannot guarantee that all expressions of interest will be approved.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Roberts on 01352 702466 or via richard.roberts@gwella.wales.

Thank you for your continued support of children's play.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Jones
Head of Business Improvement & Performance (Gwella)

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MOLD TOWN COUNCIL AWAY DAY
JANUARY 24TH 2026

*Aim : To gain a shared understanding of what the
Town Council provides, agree priority areas moving
forward and establish a clear sense of purpose to
inform future planning.*



WHAT ARE THE INVISIBLE TASKS, THE DAY-TO-DAY DEMANDS THAT TAKE TIME AND FOCUS AWAY FROM PRIORITIES?

- Explaining to residents that the Town Council can't do anything about a particular issue.
- Responding to emails, requests, forms etc.
- The amount of emails
- Preparing content for TC meetings
- Understanding which department or person to contact at FCC
- Dealing with enquiries from the public
- Dealing with conflicting priorities
- Time management
- Diary/Time management – work/home/council
- Answering phone calls
- Dealing with complaints
- Chasing FCC
- Invoice discrepancies
- No replies to emails, waiting for Councillors to answer
- Shift work making it difficult to attend meetings
- FCC enquiries – people coming into the office for FCC recycling bags, Bus passes, complaints, etc as Connects has reduced opening hours
- Long term sickness
- FCC lack of communication on major issues
- Demands of the day job
- The unexpected
- Caretaking
- Maintenance issues, problems arising at the Bailey Hill Centre that need dealing with promptly
- Visitors to the office
- Having to do tasks immediately (whilst also trying to answer phone and deal with enquiries)
- Waiting 30 min plus for FCC to answer phone
- Talking to FCC is difficult
- Residential concerns
- Parking on yellow lines
- Not knowing who the person is to contact at FCC
- Being passed on to multiple people when dealing with FCC

Overall Summary

The Town Council team manages a wide range of responsibilities, balancing public-facing duties, administrative work, and operational tasks, often under time pressure and with limited resources. They navigate complex communication challenges with Flintshire County Council (FCC), including delays in responses, difficult enquiries, and the need to understand which department or contact to approach.

Despite these challenges — juggling emails, phone calls, urgent maintenance issues, and the unexpected demands of daily operations — the Councillors demonstrate remarkable commitment and passion. As volunteers, they carry out these duties on top of their other professional and personal responsibilities, consistently prioritising the needs of the town and its residents. Their dedication ensures that the community receives responsive, thoughtful support, and they take pride in contributing meaningfully to the life and wellbeing of the town.

Key Insight: The Town Council's work is characterised not only by the complexity and volume of tasks but also by the extraordinary goodwill, perseverance, and civic-mindedness of its volunteer Councillors.



AGREEING A SHARED PICTURE OF CURRENT DISCRETIONARY PROVISION

Mold Cemetery
Bailey Hill Centre (including Lodge – Flat)
Events
Tourist Information Panels
Hanging Baskets
Christmas Lights and Tree
CCTV
Salt Bins (green)
Summer Playschemes
Community Grants
Annual Financial Support
Mayoral Duties and Business Support
Websites
Cittaslow Membership
Uniform Recycling Scheme

Mold Cemetery

<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
Important to have coordination- crucial for all	Autonomy over the cemetery
Families deserve dignity/proper process and procedure	Visible asset that is of a high quality
Standards would fall	If we don't run it then we won't have one
No say over the cemetery	Town Cemetery is award winning
Residents would have to go out of the area	Supporting Mold Community

Bailey Hill

<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
Danger of withering	Brings visitors to town
Centre not open to public; park would still be accessible	Celebrating history
Outcomes have not met limited expectations	Open space close to town centre
Free up finances for other projects and commitments	Well maintained
	Ideal for dog walkers

Events

<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
We would lose community spirit	Highlights businesses in town
We would lose community cohesion and involvement	Creates opportunities for youth and volunteering
	Creates footfall for businesses
	Puts Mold on the map
	Income generating and lots of events are self-funding
	Makes us visible as a Town Council
	Attracts more visitors and business
	Enhances community spirit
	Sets Mold apart from other towns
	Community events bring the people of Mold together and they are proud and appreciative of what Mold has.

Tourist Information Panels

<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
They will look unkept and out of date	Signposting
Big cost	History, educational
Some not beneficial	Visualisation for visitors
Regular updates are needed which is costly	Taking pride in the town
	Presents a positive image for visitors

Hanging Baskets

<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
Tubs would be more effective than baskets	Presents a positive image to visitors
Need to be more evenly distributed	look nice , visible to public
Cost is high	
Lack of character in town	
Trouble getting a contractor	
High liability	

Christmas Lights and Tree

<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
A lifeless Town (Grinchville)	Public profile, lots of good comments
Ties in with many Christmas events	Public outcry if not there
	Needs further investment
	Got to keep them
	Draws in visitors
	Community and children
	Switch on ceremony
	Presents a positive image to visitors

CCTV

<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
People may feel wary, not comfortable in town	Potential deterrent for crime
No service level agreement with FCC	Helps people feel secure, in turn comfortable around town
Are they in the right place?	Makes people feel safe
High cost to move cameras	

Salt Bins (Green)

<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
More reliant on FCC	Can address residents demands
Resident complaints	Reduces accidents
	Town Council positive reputation
	Safety for residents
	Uses quite a bit of staff resources

Summer Playschemes

<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
They may not run	Supports families in school holidays
Families have to go elsewhere for service	Not every child would have a holiday
Complaints if they are stopped	Provides games and food
Lots of sports clubs in Mold already	Maybe reduce to just 1 x 3 weeks?
Should this be FCC priority?	Provides children with entertainment in local town – no need to travel
Usage is falling	

Community Grants

<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
Charities may not be able to function Local focus not national	Supporting local people
Look elsewhere for money	New ideas and initiatives can be funded
Lack of evolution	Keeps small community groups going
	Supporting local people
	Community involvement and it is valued
	Positive public profile and helps meet wellbeing goals

Annual Financial Support

<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
Lessen group's ability to function	Supporting musical and historical culture of the town
Without Mold's priority to toilets Daniel Owen, limited facilities available	Future
Lots wouldn't survive without the support	Enhanced partnership working with other organisations that support community
	A safety net for the charities we support
	A commitment and security for the named charities , centres etc

Mayoral Duties and Business Support

<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
Lack of visibility	Sense of pride
It would look like Mold Town Council didn't care much about the town	High Profile
Charities would lose out	Charities are supported and promoted
Lack of charity support	A visible presence
	Highlights new businesses
	Raises money for charity
	Keeps Mold town Council visible in people's minds
	Promotes the town

Websites

<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
Disgruntled public if information is not easy to find	Legal obligation top priority
Essential to have up to date, well organised website these days – it is a first port of call	Raises business profile of Mold
People in town wouldn't be able to access easily information about Mold, the Town Council and events, meetings and decisions	A good website is important to showcase
We would not meet legal requirement	Creates a positive first impression

Cittaslow Membership

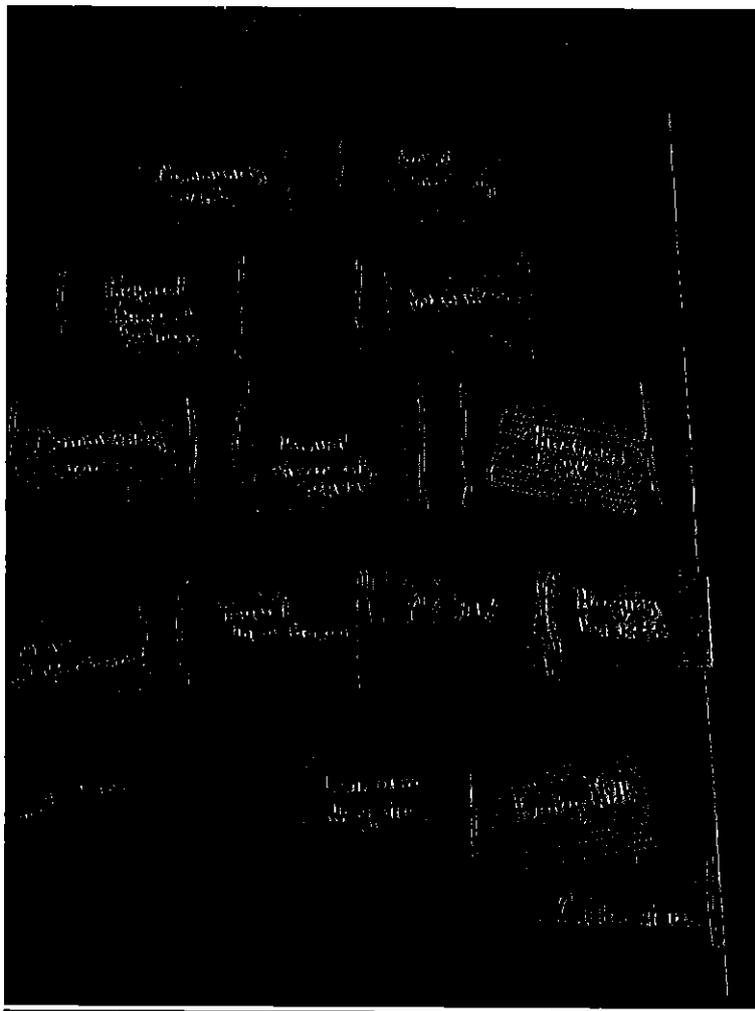
<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
Very few towns involved	The community deserve to be told that it is costing money and nothing is gained
None	Nobody really knows what it is
Focus could be put towards 'Totally Mold' and free up funds	Community spirit
Only 2 or 3 town councils involved in all of UK	Puts Mold on the map
It is not value for money; money could be put to better use	Celebrating local culture and heritage
Frees time and money for other projects	International connections share best practice
	Sets us apart from other towns
	Community celebration – 20 th anniversary 2026
	Only 2 councils out of 1,500 in it
	High cost – what have we got from it?

Uniform Recycling Scheme

<u>Impact of Not Being a Priority</u>	<u>Impact of Being a Priority</u>
Children with no uniform	Supports families
Someone else would have to do it	Excellent scheme for families in need
	Environmentally friendly
	Positive reputation for Town Council
	Storage is an issue – we pay to store

IDENTIFYING TOP PRIORITIES

This is the result of the diamond ranking on the focus and importance for priorities moving forward



There was unanimous feeling that Mold Cemetery would be seen as a 'given'

**QUESTIONS THAT NEED ANSWERS IN ORDER TO
MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION ABOUT THE
PUBLIC TOILETS**

Public Toilets
How much time would need to be allocated to staff them?
What will the cost be of running them?
What is the exact state of the building – survey?
Are there other businesses or organisations we can be partnered with?
Are there any funding/grants/sponsorship opportunities?
Why can't FCC keep them? Other local authorities have managed to do this.
What will be the true cost, insurance, cleaning etc?
What is the impact on the precept?
Who pays for the cost of upgrades?
Whose responsibility would it be for ongoing maintenance?
Travel hub – should be linked to Active Travel – Welsh Govt funding etc
What benefit would MTC get from taking on the toilets?
Would it be a permanent asset transfer?
Why can't FCC apply for all the various grants available and MTC give a contribution towards running costs?
Would we charge for use?
What would need to go for MTC to financially afford to take on the toilets?
What would be the financial oncost to the public and how would we put forward the increase if this was the case?
What about the business that is running from there? Would this be a part of the transfer?

Key Finding

The majority of these questions have been put forward to FCC and as yet, very little and in most cases, no information has been given. In order for MTC to make an informed decision this information needs to be forthcoming given the potential large financial commitment this undertaking would be and the knock-on effects that funding this would have to other priorities that the council funds.

QUESTIONS WHICH NEED TO BE ANSWERED IN
ORDER TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION ABOUT
LOVE LANE

Love Lane Car Boot
Would it be possible to move it closer to the Town centre, it is too far out in a car park which floods – ie to the Daniel Owen Car park
If it works well, it could be a benefit to other businesses as well
It would need good advertising
What would the costs be – insurance, liability, responsibility?
Would it be possible to change the time of it?
Could we have the market too ?
Why can't FCC keep it and actively promote it?
Does it need to be weekly?
What are the implications for paying staff – sick leave, annual leave ?

Key findings

Mold Town Council have put forward many of these questions and are awaiting replies, again this information is needed in order to make a fully informed decision.

Who Do We Serve?

Residents, visitors, tourists, businesses, community, charities, young people, emergency services, One Voice Wales, other town councils, FCC, surrounding villages, 60,000 in the community, schools, sports clubs.

If Mold Town Council Did Not exist what would be the things that people noticed?

The Daniel Owen Centre would struggle without the annual supplement from MTC.

No coordination of the cemetery – who would run it?

Information about issues in Mold would not be there for residents.

Residents would not be informed of decisions which would impact them.

Bailey Hill Centre would be run/managed by FCC and friends of Bailey Hill charity only.

No decisions would be made on local matters.

No community events

Community initiatives we fund would struggle and possibly cease.

No voice for Mold residents

No financial support for organisations.

Vacant property on Daniel Owen Precinct

No tourist information panels.

No community grants.

No contact through social media platforms

No Christmas tree and lights

Increased disconnect between residents and FCC

Wellbeing of/for children would suffer as there would be no playschemes

No business support and promotion

No sense of community and pride

FCC would have increased pressure on them

Risk to Daniel Owen Centre

Lose the town identity

No playgrounds

Lack of security, no CCTV

We would lose shops

No weekend increase in footfall

Nowhere to go

This exercise was designed to show the difference that the Town Council makes, something that is sometimes hard to find time to reflect upon with the demands of the role.

In summary

If the Town Council ceased to exist, the impact on Mold would be immediate and deeply felt. Core community assets such as the Daniel Owen Centre would be at risk, with reduced coordination, funding, and long-term security, while community grants and financial support for local organisations would disappear, causing many initiatives and events to struggle or cease altogether. There would be no local voice to represent residents or inform them of decisions affecting their daily lives, widening the disconnect between the community and Flintshire County Council. Essential services and facilities such as playgrounds, CCTV, the cemetery, and children's wellbeing programmes would lack coordination or oversight, while business support, tourism promotion, weekend footfall, and town-centre vibrancy would decline. The loss of community events, Christmas lights, social media communication, and shared spaces would erode civic pride, weaken the town's identity, and leave residents with fewer places to gather, connect, or feel a sense of belonging — ultimately leaving Mold not just less supported, but less *itself*.

What difference do we aim to make as a Town Council – words, phrases to reflect this as a basis for a mission statement.

Build a sense of community, improve the quality of life, have a positive impact on people's lives, community participation, improve the environment, empower people, causes, volunteering, share compassion and kindness with people, a communication outlet, wellbeing for people, promote awareness of local democracy and services, safe, prosperous, a tourist destination, vibrant, cohesive, community spirit, youth engagement, to make a positive difference, cultural, innovative, a successful town, identity, belonging, celebrate success, public engagement, supporting everyone in town, meeting their needs and aspirations, make Mold even better than it is, be proud to call Mold home for myself and residents to say the same.

I have some possible starting points for a mission statement:

Option 1 – Community & Belonging Focused

"To build a vibrant, cohesive, and caring community where everyone feels a sense of belonging, pride, and opportunity to thrive."

Option 2 – Action & Impact Focused

"To make a positive difference in people's lives by empowering residents, promoting participation, and enhancing the quality of life in Mold."

Option 3 – Celebratory & Aspirational

"To celebrate Mold's identity and success while fostering community spirit, engagement, and wellbeing for all residents."

Option 4 – Comprehensive & Inclusive

"To support and empower the people of Mold, promoting community engagement, wellbeing, culture, and a safe, prosperous, and vibrant town for everyone to call home."

Option 5 – Short & Punchy

"To strengthen community, improve lives, and make Mold a place everyone is proud to call home."

Shorter versions

Option 1 – Community & Belonging Focused:

"Building a vibrant, caring, and empowered community that everyone is proud to call home."

Option 2 – Impact & Engagement Focused:

"Making a positive difference in Mold by fostering connection, wellbeing, and community spirit for all."

Option 3 – Aspirational & Forward-Looking:

"Empowering residents, celebrating culture, and creating a safe, thriving, and proud town for today and tomorrow."

Possible Tag lines

Option 1:

"Proud to connect, empower, and inspire Mold."

Option 2:

"Building community. Enhancing lives. Celebrating Mold."

Option 3:

"For a vibrant, thriving, and proud town."

Option 4:

"Mold: Together, Thriving, Proud."

Option 5:

"Connecting people. Celebrating culture. Strengthening home."

Where does our work/funding as a Town Council overlap/step into FCC responsibilities?

Playschemes

Salt bins

AHP

Street Scene Queries

Tourism

FCC Connects Queries

CCTV

Play Area upgrades

Bailey Hill Centre

Signage

Parking lot – items for further discussion

QR codes on notice boards for MTC website and Totally Mold

Bailey Hill

Ask children what activities would make them want to attend playschemes

Public Toilets/love lane

A restart of county forums

Information on statutory duty for MTC and FCC – who should do what?

Issues with knowing who to contact – which department in FCC

IF the town council had to cut funding in order to priorities for example the toilets, what would it be?

Cittaslow

Salt bins

Hanging Baskets

Bailey Hill



Mold Town Council

Priority Development Plan 2026-2027 - DRAFT

One-Page Summary

Mission Statement:

To strengthen community, improve quality of life, and ensure Mold remains a vibrant, proud town for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Mold Town Council Priority Development Plan 2026-2027

Purpose

This document sets out the priority areas identified by Members during the Town Council Away Day. It provides a clear focus for the forthcoming year while ensuring the continued delivery of core services.

The plan enables the Council to:

- Focus resources effectively
- Monitor progress and impact
- Support strategic decision-making
- Evaluate at year end

Context

Mold Town Council delivers a wide range of services and community support initiatives that contribute significantly to the quality of life of residents and the vitality of the town. The Away Day provided an opportunity for Members to reflect on current provision, future challenges, and areas where focused attention would provide the greatest benefit to the community.

While all existing services will continue, the following priority areas have been identified for focused development during 2026-27. This plan provides a framework for delivery, monitoring and evaluation during the municipal year.

Priority Areas:

- Mold Cemetery
- Community Events & Town Identity
- Public Assets & Facilities Management
- Website & Communication
- Civic Leadership & Mayoral Engagement

Priority Action Plan 2026–27 – Operational

Priority Area	Objectives	Key Actions	Lead/Responsibility	KPIs
Operational Efficiency & Staff Management	Reduce overload, clarify responsibilities and improve workflow	Conduct full staff workload review to identify repetitive/ non-essential tasks. Develop SOPs for common enquiries (FCC, Cemetery, Bailey Hill, events, emails, phone). Assign single point of contact for each FCC department. Implement time-blocking and diary management Prepare handover/ cover plan for absences.	Town Clerk/ Staff	Average email response less than 48 hours. Staff satisfaction measured quarterly. Reduction in repeated FCC escalations.
Community Assets & Facilities Management	Ensure safe, accessible and high quality facilities.	Bailey Hill Centre: Assess condition, progress new lease, provide community access. Mold Cemetery: Maintain standards, continue with digital records and increase signage.	Town Clerk/ Facilities Officer/ Support Officer/ Town Clerk/ Cemetery Superintendent	Progress lease negotiations Reduction in reactive maintenance requests. Resident/ visitors satisfaction with facility. Maintain cemetery to high standard and achieve Green Flag. Further implement digital record systems. Install signage at key points Positive feedback from visitors/ residents.
		Salt Bins & Hanging baskets: Review and create policies.	Town Clerk/ Facilities Officer/ Support Officer	Review and publish policies for maintenance, placement and replacement. Complete audit of all salt bins and hanging baskets.
		CCTV: Review locations, maintenance and service agreements.	Town Clerk	Ensure all cameras have valid service agreements and maintenance plans.
		Public Toilets: Cost analysis, staffing, grants and accessibility.	Town Clerk	Complete full cost analysis and staffing plan.
Events, Engagement and Tourism	Enhance community cohesion, economic	Maintain and grow core events.	Events and Community	Attendance at events increased. Increase in Volunteers – recruitment and retention.

	benefit and town visibility.	Implement marketing via social media, websites, notice boards and community magazines.	Engagement Officer	Positive feedback
Governance, Policies and Compliance	Maintain governance, statutory compliance and risk management	Review and adopt policies. Keep Asset Register up to date. Maintain oversight of grants, financial support and budgets.	Town Clerk/ Councillors/ Policy and Audit Committee	100% policy adoption. Annual audits show no major issues. Risk assessment and policy reviews on schedule.
Communications & Public Engagement	Improve information flow, transparency and accessibility.	Maintain new website and social media with clear guidelines. Develop standard response for FCC related queries. Promote resident participation in initiatives and surveys.	Town Clerk/ Events and Community Engagement Officer	Increase public engagement Enquiries responded to within 48 hours. Positive public perception annually.
Prioritisation and Financial Planning	Align resources to priorities while maintaining sustainability.	Annual priority review. Identify core services to retain. Evaluate optional services for potential funding adjustments. Model costs and precept impact for new initiatives. Develop long term financial plan including reserves and risk mitigation.	Town Clerk/ Finance Committee/ Councillors	Budget Forecast 3- 5 years Clear ranking of services All services assessed for feasibility.
Partnership and External liaison	Improve relationships and efficiency with FCC, business, charities and local organisations	Create single point of contact directory for FCC/ partner agencies. Continue to encourage restart of County Forums. Establish MoU's or Service Agreements with partners for shared services.	Town Clerk/ Councillors	Reduce FCC response time. Increase partnerships. Clear escalation procedures in place.
Monitoring and Review	Ensure ongoing effectiveness, transparency and accountability.	Quarterly performance review for all priority areas. Maintain risk register. Annual review of staff workload Report progress to Council meetings. Annual planning days established	Town Clerk/ Councillors	Action plan delivery Positive stakeholder feedback Compliance maintain with clear reporting.

Summary/ Key Principles:

- Protect core community services
- Prioritise resources based on impact, need and public benefit
- Improve operational efficiency to reduce staff stress and maximise output
- Strengthen communication and transparency with residents and partners.
- Maintain financial sustainability while being responsive to community needs.
- Celebrate Mold's identity, culture and cohesion through civic engagement and visibility.

