

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Mold Town Council Community, Development & Regeneration Committee held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 at Mold Town Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors: Anthony Parry (Chair), Karen Hodgkinson (Deputy Mayor), Geoff Collett, Chris Bithell, Yvon Jones and the Town Manager and Support Officer.

1. APOLOGIES: Councillors Robin Guest, Andrea Mearns, Teresa Nickson, Bob Gaffey (Mayor) and Andrew Lightfoot Streetscene Co-ordinator Flintshire County Council

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

3. STREETSCENE UPDATE

The Town Manager passed on Andrew Lightfoot's apologies and gave members an update on Streetscene activities within the town.

The bases for the gateway signs had now been completed except for the gateway sign on the road from New Brighton which would be completed soon. Work on the pedestrian walkway on New Street car park was due to start imminently. The tourist information sign at the bottom of the steps in the car park off Chester Street had been subjected to criminal damage and the Town Manager was taking forward repairs to the sign which would cost approximately £200, however the cost would be covered by the amount which was held on account at the supplier.

Councillor Parry asked for Streetscene to take forward a request to remove rotten branches from trees on Bryn Coch Lane as they were over hanging and could be dangerous.

Councillor Bithell reminded members that Mold Town Council had committed to maintaining and cleaning the street art within the town and informed members that the art on Chester Street, opposite the old Harley's garage had not been cleaned for sometime. He also informed members that a mockett of one of the faces, which are displayed on the wall of the Daniel Owen Centre and library walkway was, he believed, being stored at the library and Mold Town Council had been previously agreed that this would be displayed at the Daniel Owen Centre. Councillor Bithell also requested the Council fund the purchase of a display cabinet for the artwork for the Daniel Owen Centre. Councillor Hodgkinson confirmed she would take this forward with the librarian to locate the mockett and arrange for this to be displayed at the Daniel Owen Centre.

Resolved: It was resolved for the Town Manager to take forward with the Streetscene Supervisor comments from members. Councillor Hodgkinson confirmed she would take forward with the librarian the transfer of the face mockett to the Daniel Owen Centre.

4. PIGEONS

The Town Manager showed members the draft letter from Flintshire County Council and members approved the letter for circulation to members of the public in addition to temporary notices which would be put up around the Daniel Owen Square.

It was suggested by members that a record of complaints and issues relating to the pigeons and pigeon guano be kept by Mold Town Council and all members of Mold Town Council should be asked to raise any issues relating to this with the Support Officer who would keep the record. This record could then be used when discussing the issues with Flintshire County Council.

Resolved: It was resolved that members approved the letter for circulation and all members of Mold Town Council to be asked to raise issues relating pigeons and pigeon guano so a record can be kept.

5. INFORMATION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Information arising from the minutes of the last Community, Development & Regeneration Committee meeting held on 11th April 2017.

Councillor Collett asked for an update on the blue badge holders and parking signage on New Street car park. Councillor Parry asked for an update on the bus shelter which had been damaged on Wrexham Road. The Town Manager confirmed he would request an update from the Streetscene Supervisor in relation to the signage and bus shelter.

Councillor Bithell informed members that during a meeting at County Hall he had been informed the disabled bays on the High Street were not legally wide enough and to meet the legal requirements, the disabled bays would move to the opposite side of the road, where the road was wider.

Resolved: It was resolved for the Town Manager to request an update, on members questions, from Flintshire County Council Streetscene Supervisor.

5.40pm Councillor Yvon Jones arrived at the meeting.

6. INTERPRETATION PANEL

Members considered a proposal from Tom Woodall, Access and Natural Environment Manager Flintshire County Council for a new interpretation panel to celebrate Mold's transport heritage.

The rationale behind the proposal is to celebrate Mold's transport heritage and highlight images of the Town's past railway station and line as there is little in the town to suggest Mold had a railway station, it is believed the implantation of an interpretation board



would evoke a recent memory for the community and provide additional interest for visitors.

The panels would be produced by IS Group, the company that produced Mold's new tourist information points and boards and will mirror the current Mold interpretation. The cost for design and production would be £2,230.00 and Flintshire County Council have asked Mold Town Council to consider contributing £1000.00 towards the total cost.

The proposed location would be for the panel to be erected at the bottom of Tyddyn Street where the road meets with the Cemetery hill.

Following discussion members approved the contribution towards the cost of the interpretation panel based on members having an input into the information content of the panel and approval of the final design including it having bi-lingual content and that it followed the approach of the other Visitor Information Points. Members also suggested a more suitable location would be at the top of the walkway from Chester Street through to Tesco, which was one of the main entrances to the railway and attracted greater footfall.

Resolved: It was resolved:-

- a) The Committee approved the request for 50% contribution towards the cost and installation of new transport interpretation panel based on members having an input into the information content and approval of the final design.
- b) The Committee recommend the location of the panel be at the top of the walkway from Chester Street through to Tesco with the Town Manager and Councillors Bithell and Collett offering to assist with final decision on location.

7. TOWN GUIDE

The Town Manager informed members the feedback following the publication and circulation of the new town guide had been very positive. The only negative comments received were in relation to the print size, which was small, due to the size of the guide, being bi-lingual and the amount of content within.

20,000 copies had been produced and the publication had been circulated along the North Wales coast and into England. A number of independent retailers had also taken up advertising opportunities within the publication.

The Town Manager asked members to consider making this an annual publication and for 2018 we would need to look at publishing in March / April and a budget of £1,500-£2,000 would need to be considered within 2018 budget proposals.

Councillor Bithell suggested condensing the editorial text as there was quite a lot of information to read. Councillor Hodgkinson made reference to the 'useful information' section which did not provide information regarding the public conveniences and it was noted this would need to be added in future publications. Members suggest the map on the last page, should be extended to cover two pages, which would enlarge the map information and make it easier to view.

The Town Manager informed members he had worked with NWN Media to produce a wraparound feature on the independent shops within the town which was around the



Saturday 1st July free edition of the Leader. This initiative had been very well received by the independent retailers and members of the public. The Town Manager was proposing to repeat this later in the year, November / December time.

Councillor Parry suggested copies should go to the local shops and also the retailers who had advertised. The Town Manager confirmed the next publication, he would look at this being circulated within the week with the standard edition of the Leader and not just with the free paper.

Resolved: It was resolved to approve further publication of the town guide 2018 and a budget of up to £2,000 to be requested within 2018 budget proposals for the project.

8. FESTIVE MARKET

The Town Manager gave members an update on the proposed festive market and confirmed he was liaising with Flintshire County Council regarding permission to use Meadow Place car park as the market location.

Flintshire County Council had requested to be compensated for the loss of the car park revenue from Meadow Place during the festive market period however the Town Manager was in discussions with Flintshire regarding the other car parks, which it was hoped would see an increase in revenue during the festive market period and would therefore compensate for the loss of revenue on Meadow Place car park.

The Town Manager asked members to underwrite up to £1,500 plus allow officer time, this would be to help cover the cost of marketing the event, promotional material, entertainment costs as well as portaloos and fencing hire.

The Daniel Owen Centre Association (DOCA) would also be participating in the festive market and would host indoor stalls and the Town Manager asked the management of the DOCA to discuss and agree a proposed fee which would be budgeted into the costs of the festive market, this would be used to cover the hire cost of the centre and use of the toilets.

It was proposed the market would set up on Tuesday 28th November, the day of the Christmas Light Switch On. The Town Manager was in discussions with Flintshire County Council and Mold Rugby Club regarding the old Kwik Save site being used for market vehicles on the Wednesday and Saturday as well as provide additional parking for visitors.

Resolved: It was resolved to approve £1,500 to be underwritten to cover costs identified in holding the event.



9. PARKING IN MOLD

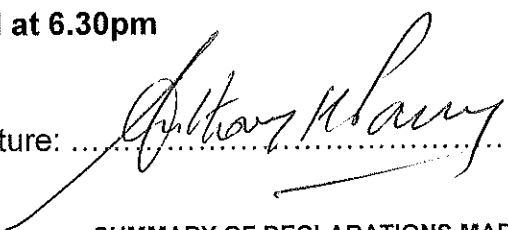
Flintshire County Council are reviewing parking within the town, however this does not deal with traffic management and the implications on the town.

The Town Manager has met with Steve Jones Chief Officer of Streetscene and Transportation and Steve Jones has confirmed he will work with Mold Town Council and put resource into a strategic review of the traffic management approach within the town for the next 5-10 years, within this car park space and redesign would be considered.

It was agreed by members to set up a working group which the Town Manager, Town Clerk and Councillor Collett would join members of Flintshire County Council Highways to develop a town-wide proposal for the CDR Committee to consider and then take forward to full council.

Resolved: It was resolved to approve a working group be set up to put forward a town-wide proposal for the CDR Committee to consider and then take forward to full council.

Meeting finished at 6.30pm

Chairman's signature:  Date: *2/ Sept/ 2017*

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

Community, Development & Regeneration Committee	DATE: 11 th July 17
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
	None	