

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community, Development & Regeneration Committee held virtually on-line over video conferencing at 5.30pm on Tuesday 20th April 2021.

PRESENT: Councillors: Teresa Carberry (Mayor), Sarah Taylor (Deputy Mayor) Geoff Collett (Chair), Andrea Mearns, Anthony Parry, Robin Guest and Chris Bithell.

Jo Douglass, Business and Regeneration Officer, Jane Evans, Events & Community Engagement Officer, Martin Jones (Vaughan Davies). Rachael Byrne (Business Development Manager FCC)

19. APOLOGIES: None

ABSENT: Councillor Trevor Arnold, John Reynolds (Reynolds International).

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10th November 2020 be received and approved as a correct record.

22. STREETSCENE UPDATE.

The Events & Community Engagement Officer updated Members that Andy Lightfoot, Streetscene Flintshire County Council didn't have an update to provide other than the one-way system in the Highstreet had now been removed.

Discussion took place regarding the extension and fencing in of the outside seating area to the rear of the Red Lion. Members outlined the history on this matter as it had been the subject of correspondence with Flintshire County Council by both the Town Clerk and the Chair of this Committee. Following a brief discussion, the Town Clerk agreed to make further enquiries and report any update to Members at the next Town Council meeting. He stated there were forms and procedures available to lodge a claim for right of way by established usage over many years. The Mayor agreed to try and engage in a conversation with the owners/occupiers of the Red Lion.

Councillor Robin Guest wished to thank Andy Lightfoot for the paving and re-surfacing works to the entrance to Griffiths square car park.

Members also discussed

- the lack of planting in the Daniel Owen Square and the planters at the Bus Station.
- Concerns were also raised regarding the cleanliness of the Bus Station.

- It was requested that a letter to be sent to Streetscene & Transportation to outline the concerns.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Town Clerk would place an item regarding the Red Lion on the next Town Council Meeting.
- ii) That the Town Clerk would write to Andy Lightfoot to thank him for the works to entrance of Griffiths Square Car park.
- iii) The Chair Cllr Geoff Collect to write to the Streetscene & Transportation to outline the concerns raised.
- iv) Information in the update was noted.

23. MOLD TOWN WEBSITE

The Business & Regeneration Officer provided Members with an update in that very positive feedback had been received on the new 'TotallyMold' website and it has great coverage in the press and in national news. Considerable work is now being undertaken to ensure the Business listing is up to date and accurate, with almost 300 Businesses / Service providers now listed over 42 different categories.

Work will now also continue on developing a 'what's on guide' and events listing when able to do so. As per the budget approval a PR company will be engaged to undertake articles/blogs to keep the hit rate on the website high and encourage footfall to the town.

RESOLVED: that the information in the update be noted.

24. COMMUNITY REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Members considered the previously circulated report regarding the Community and Regeneration Committee.

Discussion took place on how the Committee works in terms of its structure, Terms of Reference, membership and potential duplication. It was suggested that some of the items could have been addressed through task and finish groups and some of the items of the Terms of Reference were very generic and some duplicated those within the responsibility of the Town Council. Consideration was also given to using different ways of engagement with the community and business community.

Given the current pandemic and the focus on Town Centre recovery and funding streams from Welsh Government and having Flintshire County Council representative on the Committee it was agreed to recommend retention of the Community and Regeneration Committee and review the terms of reference to be more focused and concise.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be recommended:

- (1) To retain the Community, Development and Regeneration Committee;
- (2) Re-examine and re-draft a more concise and focussed Terms of Reference of the Committee; and
- (3) That a small sub group of 3 to 4 Members be engaged to carry out this process.

25: COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Martin Jones requested that Townscape Heritage be placed on a future meeting, the Business and Regeneration officer explained that there was limited demand received to date. Councillor Andrea Mearns also reminded Members that previous schemes in Holywell and Flint had been managed and administered by Flintshire County Council Planning Department Conservation section, however they would not be in a position to do this for Mold and Mold Town Council would need to take on financial risk with upfront payments and there was also a resource implication. It was agreed to review what funding streams were available through Welsh Government for Town Centre recovery once available and work in conjunction with Flintshire County Council Regeneration team.

RESOLVED: To review funding streams once available and work in conjunction with Flintshire County Council Regeneration Team.

Meeting ended at 7.00pm

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

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| Community, Development & Regeneration Committee | | DATE: 20 th April 2021 |
| MEMBER | ITEM | MINUTE NO. REFERS |

Chairman's signature: Date:

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