

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community, Development & Regeneration Committee held virtually on-line over video conferencing at 6.00pm on Tuesday 21st November 2023.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Catherine Frances Hill (Chair), Teresa Carberry (Mayor), Robin Guest and Chris Bithell.

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

ABSENT: Councillor Tim Maunders

1. APOLOGIES: Councillor Sarah Taylor (Deputy Mayor)

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

It was **moved** that Councillor Catherine Frances Hill be appointed as Chair.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. DOG FRIENDLY STICKERS

Members considered the previously circulated design and quote received to produce 50 Totally Mold Dog Friendly window stickers which will be distributed to Dog Friendly businesses to place in their windows to indicate customers can bring their dog into the premises. The stickers have the Totally Mold branding and colours.

The quote was accepted at £225.00 for design and print of 50 window stickers.

RESOLVED: to proceed with the quote and the Events & Community Engagement Officer would distribute to businesses.

5. CITTASLOW FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT / INITIATIVE

Members considered the previously circulated information provided by Cllr. Hill regarding the availability of £2,000 grant money from Cittaslow and proposals on how to spend the £2k from Cllr. Hill and Cllr. Beacher.

Cllr. Hill proposed that in conjunction with Flintshire CC, that the completion of the footpath which runs at the back of Chester Road, behind properties and businesses, is carried out but putting down crusher run to make the path more user friendly (less muddy/slippery).

Members were in favour of this proposal but agreed that the £2k available would not cover the cost of the work to be carried out and members raised concerns regarding future maintenance, who would fund this going forward.

Cllr. Hill was asked to take forward with FCC to confirm who owns the footpath and also obtain costings to bring back to the next CDR meeting in February.

Cllr. Beacher had submitted a request for consideration of funding the carving of a large tree stump at the cemetery. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes and bring to the next meeting of the CDR meeting in February.

RESOLVED: For Cllr. Hill to obtain costings and feasibility regarding the footpath along Chester Road and the Clerk to obtain costings for tree stump carving. Town Clerk to feedback to Cemetery Committee costings would be needed for carving of the Cemetery tree to be considered.

6. ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS GRANT FUNDING – FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Members considered the previously circulated information regarding current funding opportunity available through Flintshire County Council (FCC) for town centre activities and events which included (list is not all inclusive) funding for: -

- Street party (to celebrate local heritage for example)
- Community / Training Events (such as First Aid)
- Fun Run
- Music Festival
- Treasure Hunts
- Business Showcasing Event
- Community Arts Festival
- Tourist in your town events

The Clerk confirmed that anyone could apply for the funding.

Cllr. Carberry and Cllr. Hill both suggested additional events to the Mold Town Council events calendar: - Pride event with a parade and a Book Festival. The Events and Community Engagement Officer explained that the MTC events calendar was already busy and workloads would not allow for further additions and that other organisations should be encouraged to take forward the suggestions.

Cllr Bithell advised of a Welsh Festival due to take place next year in November. He advised that fundraising is currently taking place to fund the festival and any additional support would be appreciated.

Following discussion, the following actions were agreed:

Cllr Chris Bithell – to share the funding opportunity with the Welsh festival organisers.

Events and Community Officer – to share the funding opportunity with Theatr Clwyd with regards to Halloween Event and potential Pride Event.

Cllr Teresa Carberry – to discuss applying for funding with Caroline from the Book Shop for Book event.

Cllr. Bithell put forward suggestion to improve the existing street furniture; bins, lampposts, railings etc. It was agreed that this was no a task that MTC volunteers would be able to under take and that this suggestion be discussed on the next agenda items; CDR Budget considerations.

The Events and Community Engagement Officer suggested First Aid and Defibrillator training and members supported this suggestion and requested costs of training be presented at the next CDR meeting.

RESOLVED: For the information to be circulated to relevant groups and costs for First Aid training be obtained from the Welsh Ambulance Trust and be brought to next meeting.

7. NATIONAL LOTTERY AWARDS FOR WALES GRANT – MENS SHED BAILEY HILL PROJECT

Members were asked to support the Clerk submitting a National Lottery grant application for the continuation of the Men’s Shed Project at Bailey Hill. The Clerk confirmed that if the grant was successful this would cover the cost of the Facilitator as this was the only cost involved within the project, the ‘Shedders’ would also be asked to come up with a plan to enable them to self-fund the project going forward.

RESOLVED: Members supported the application

8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was noted that there were no members of Press or public present at the meeting.

9. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION BUDGET PROPOSAL 2023/2024

Members considered the previously circulated report regarding budget consideration for the CDR and current Ear Marked Reserves budget. Officers explained to members that due to current workloads and staff shortage that there had not been sufficient time to detail all budget proposals on the agenda paperwork and asked for acceptance that verbal proposals could be discussed. Members approved additional proposals to be discussed.

The Clerk confirmed the amount remaining within the current budgets, spends and EMR under held under the CDR banner: -

Budget	Budget	Spend to date
CDR Budget	£6,500	£0
Totally Mold website	£2,768	£0
Tourist Information Boards	£16,400	£347

EMR

Town & Environmental	£12,142
CDR Projects	£9,000
Tourist Information Boards	£11,300
Wildflower Projects	£366
Cittaslow Projects	£2,500

9.1 Tourist Information Points:

Currently £27,700 in the budget and EMR for Tourist Information Boards. Members discussed the information boards (also known as Visitor Information Boards) and agreed that a number of them needed more than new vinyl’s and paint due to the extent of damage. It was also agreed that they needed to be more durable and be able to offer protection against damage/vandalism. Following discussion, it was agreed that Officers would seek quotes for new boards and also look at alternative models. Information was requested to be brought to February meeting.

9.2 Replacement event glass panels for the Tourist Information Boards – members approved budget of £1500 which will allow events panel to be replaced up to 5 times a year.

9.3 Defibrillators – members approved proposal for two defibrillators at cost of £900+vat per unit.

9.4 Town Centre street furniture – it was proposed that funding from EMR Town & Environmental and CDR Projects may be able to fund this project and Officers were asked to consult with FCC Streetscene to obtain costs and bring to February meeting.

9.5 CCTV – it was agreed at October’s Town Council meeting that MTC would purchase an additional re-deployable CCTV camera and members suggested that Town and Environmental EMR could be used to purchase the camera.

RESOLVED: That the following recommendations be submitted to the Budget Sub-Group:

CDR Budget Proposal of £3,300 to allow for: -

- £1,500 to allow for replacement event glass panels on the Tourist Information Point changes (5 per annum).
- £1,800 for two defibrillators and outside cabinet

Members requested that a review of the EMR under the CDR banner be reviewed to ensure correct allocation of funds.

For discussion at the next CDR meeting under EMR: -

- The Tourist Information Boards proposals and costings.
- Street furniture repairs to be costed and brought to next CDR

10. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Members approved the dates for future meetings: - 13th February and 23rd April to be held at 6.00pm

Meeting ended at 7.40pm

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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

Chairman’s signature: Date:
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