

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 29th July 2026 (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

Councillors: Joanne Edwards (Mayor), Brian Lloyd, Chris Bithell, Haydn Jones, Nanette Davies, Paul Beacher, Richard Clarke, Robin Guest, Sarah Taylor

Via Zoom: Cllrs. Megan Lloyd-Hughes and Suzanne Thomas. Guest Speakers.

Absent: Cllrs Geoff Collett and Tina Claydon

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk & Finance Officer and Leila Jones, Support Officer

GUEST SPEAKERS: Dave Jolly, Flintshire County Council and Simon Sherbersky, Belong Network via Zoom.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No members of the public in attendance.

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs Pete Dando (Deputy Mayor), Teresa Carberry, Catherine Frances Claydon and Jane Evans, Events & Community Engagement Officer.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Nanette Davies declared an interest in agenda item 8 – Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation.

53. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

54. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that;

54.1 The Minutes of the Community, Development and Regeneration Committee Meeting held on 22nd June 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

54.2 The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 24th June 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

- 54.3 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 29th June 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 54.4 The Minutes of the Extra Cemetery Committee Meeting held on 6th July 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 54.5 The Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held on 7th July 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 54.6 The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 13th July 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 54.7 The Minutes of the Policy & Audit Committee Meeting held on 14th July 2026 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

55. UPDATE FROM DAVE JOLLY (FCC) AND SIMON SHERBERSKY (BELONG NETWORK)

A verbal presentation was provided by Simon Sherbersky of Belong Network with an update on Community Cohesion issues and Stakeholder Placements.

A slide presentation was provided by Dave Jolly of FCC regarding 'Flintshire Thriving Together' collaboratively working together so across Flintshire people can live their best life. He stressed that this presentation and information is not to be shared with the public.

FCC is conducting a six month pilot project with Mold which will then be reviewed to see how this needs to be imbedded longer term. There will initially be Community workshops which will identify group demographics to ensure they have a voice and to encourage people across Flintshire to get involved with their communities.

A Partnership Board is being established with 2 representatives from each Key Stakeholder. Mold Town Council has been asked to appoint 2 members from the Council. A monthly update will be given to Mold Town Council.

Members were invited to ask questions after the presentation and those questions were answered. Dave Jolly (FCC) noted that there will be no FCC representatives on the Partnership Board. The ambition is that the Board will be led by someone from the Cabinet.

Members requested for Mold Town Council to have a representative from each Ward since each Ward has differing issues. Dave Jolly (FCC) replied that the 'Flintshire Thriving Together' Mold Pilot Partnership Board is limited to 2 representatives from each key stakeholder.

Members thanked Dave Jolly (FCC) and Simon Sherbersky (Belong Network) for presenting the 'Flintshire Thriving Together' Mold Pilot project and answering their questions. Members will have a discussion about the project and representatives.

18:40: Guest speakers both left the meeting via Zoom.

A discussion was held after which a proposal was entered and a vote held.

PROPOSAL: Members **requested to engage** in the 'Flintshire Thriving Together' Mold Pilot project and **to appoint** two (2) representatives and two (2) sub-representatives, one from each Ward.

A vote was held with **10 for** and **1 abstain**.

RESOLVED:

Members **agreed** to engage in the 'Flintshire Thriving Together' Mold Pilot project and to appoint two (2) representatives, Cllr Sarah Taylor & Cllr Nanette Davies and two (2) sub-representatives, Cllr Brian Lloyd & Cllr Chris Bithell.

56. ACTION LIST

Members **noted** the ongoing Action List. Confirmed by Town Clerk that completed items will be removed from the Action List after each Town Council meeting

RESOLVED:

Town Clerk to provide Cllr C Bithell with copies of correspondence which has taken place so far with regards to Action Item 150 (Nov2023): Cllr Bithell to take 'Active Travel' forward to FCC, Katie Wilby Head of Streetscene.

57. OFFICER REPORTS

- (i) Members **noted** the previously circulated report from the Events and Community Engagement Officer.

Members **noted** that the Mold Carnival went very well this year and put Mold on the map. Members thanked Jane Evans, Events & Community Engagement Officer for all her work on this fantastic event along with the Carnival Committee and Volunteers. The Traders and local Business were also thanked for the support they provide for the Carnival.

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** Town Clerk to write a formal letter of thanks to the Carnival Committee for the fantastic Mold Carnival event and to celebrate everyone who supported the event including the Volunteers, Traders and local Businesses.

- (ii) Members **noted** the previously circulated report from the Town Clerk and Finance Officer.

Town Clerk thanked Cllr Nanette Davies for taking the lead on the Friends of Maes Bodlonfa initiative and for her continued support in helping to establish the Friends group.

Town Clerk has offered the Mold Town Council offices as a media centre to the organisers of the Lloyds Tour of Britain Women 2026 event for the Mold start on 21st August 2026.

RESOLVED:

Town Clerk to take the issue of e-bikes/CCTV to the Youth Council.

58. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) CONSULTATION

Councillor Nanette Davies declared an interest and withheld from the discussion.

Members **considered** the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order consultation affecting Mold.

RESOLVED:

Following a discussion, Members **approved** Mold Town Council's formal response to the consultation for submission to Flintshire County Council that:

Town Clerk to respond to the consultation on behalf of Mold Town Council as to the following points:

Dog Control PSPO

- Requirements to Place a Dog on a Lead When Required by an Authorised Officer – is this provision necessary as a standalone requirement and Mold Town Council would welcome clarification on who is considered to be an “authorised officer” for the purpose of enforcing this Order.
- Mold Memorial Gardens – Mold Town Council **does not** support the continued prohibition of dogs from entering Mold Memorial Gardens. Instead, the Council believes dogs should be permitted within the Gardens provided they are kept on a lead at all times.
- Naming of Mold Memorial Gardens – The Council would also like to raise a separate issue regarding the naming of this location. The inconsistency of several names regularly causes confusion amongst residents when referring to consultations or official documentation. Mold Town Council therefore requests that Flintshire County Council undertakes a consultation and reaches an official agreement on the name of the park.

Alcohol Control PSPO

- Mold Town Council fully supports the continuation of the Alcohol Control PSPO and agrees with the proposed renewal of the current arrangements.

59. DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION CYMRU

Members **considered** the questionnaire from Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru and to determine whether Mold Town Council wishes to submit a response.

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** that Mold Town Council **will not** respond as a Corporate Body to the questionnaire and that individual Councillors should respond, should they wish to do so.

60. FLINTSHIRE PLACE MAKING STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIP

Members **considered** the invitation to join the Flintshire Place Making Stakeholder Partnership, determine whether Mold Town Council wishes to participate and appoint a representative to attend meetings on the Council's behalf.

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** the nomination of Jo Lane, Town Clerk as Mold Town Council representative on the 'Place Making Stakeholder Partnership Group' and Jane Evans, Events & Community Engagement Officer as Mold Town Council alternative representative.

19:18: Cllr Suzanne Thomas left the meeting via Zoom.

19:18 – Cllr Suzanne Thomas rejoined the meeting via Zoom.

61. PLAY AREA MATCH FUNDING WITH GWELLA / FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

- (i) Members **considered** the proposed Play Area Match Funding with Gwella/FCC for 2026/27 and Mold Town Council's participation.

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** the Play Area Match Funding of £10k (50/50 of £20k) with Gwella/FCC for 2026/27 and that a caveat be included that Mold Town Council would like to see accessible play equipment be considered for the future.

Town Clerk to write to Richard Roberts, Gwella Play Design Officer that Mold Town Council has approved the match funding of £10k (50/50 of £20k). Also to include a caveat that Mold Town Council would like to see accessible play equipment be considered for the future.

- (ii) Members **noted** the update provided on the 2025/26 Play Area Match Funding programme.

62. ONE VOICE WALES INNOVATIVE PRACTICE CONFERENCE

Members **noted** the upcoming One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference.

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** that Mold Town Council **will not** send a representative to the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference as it clashes with Mold Town Council Meeting.

63. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENT IN MOLD

Members **considered** the concerns raised by Cllr Haydn Jones regarding a recent incident of alleged anti-social behaviour at Evans Veterinary Practice, Clayton Road.

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** the Town Clerk to write to North Wales Police seeking clarification as to why police assistance was not provided for this incident and to request information on the response to incidents of this nature within the town.

64. CONCERNS RAISED REGARDING MAES GWERN ROAD

Concerns have been raised by a resident that traffic levels on the Maes Gwern road have increased following the opening of Flintshire County Council's Coed y Ddraig Centre. The resident has also highlighted that sections of the road are affected by potholes and that there are no white centre lines or road markings to help guide traffic. In addition, the play area that forms part of the approved housing development has not yet been constructed, despite being included within the estate's development plans.

RESOLVED:

Town Clerk to write to FCC Planning to ask that the Housing Association be prompted to finish their part of the estate development so that the road can be adopted noting the resident concerns of the unsafe road conditions.

19:34: Cllr Haydn left the meeting.

65. TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES: FINAL ARRANGEMENTS INFORMATION

Members **noted** the final arrangements for the Town Council Surgeries starting in September 2026. Town Clerk confirmed that forms to be returned to Town Clerk.

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** the proposed operational arrangements.

66. CEMETERY STORAGE CONTAINER AND FUNDING ALLOCATION

RESOLVED:

Members approved the recommendation of the Cemetery Committee that funds from 320 EMR – Cittaslow be used to fund the purchase and delivery of the new storage container for Mold Cemetery.

67. COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** the following Community Grant applications.

- (i) £500: Parkfields Community Centre
- (ii) £450: Outside Lives Ltd – Likeminded

68. POLICY & AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

PROPOSED:

(c) Volunteer Registration form

Cllr Bithell **proposed** to remove sections:

- I will keep my volunteering activities separate from any political campaigning or election activity and will not use my volunteer role, Council events or photographs obtained whilst volunteering in a way that could reasonably be perceived as promoting or opposing a political campaign, candidate or party.
- Avoid using my volunteer position for personal commercial gain or self-promotion without the prior agreement of Mold Town Council.

As the proposal did not receive a seconder, the motion lapsed and was not considered further.

A vote was held to **adopt** the below updated policies and documents which have been reviewed and agreed by the Policy and Audit Committee with **10 for** and **1 against**.

RESOLVED:

To **adopt** the below updated policies and documents which have been reviewed and agreed by the Policy and Audit Committee.

- (a) Guidance for Members of the Public Attending Formal Town Council Meetings
- (b) Learning and Development Policy and Training Plan (Version 3)
- (c) Volunteer Registration Form
- (d) Volunteer Policy

RESOLVED:

To **adopt** the below new policies and documents which have been reviewed and agreed by the Policy and Audit Committee.

- (a) Business Continuity Plan
- (b) Community Cohesion and Engagement Policy
- (c) Memorial Safety Policy (Cemetery)
- (d) Accessibility Statement, Audit and Inclusion Policy (Cemetery)
- (e) Scheme of Delegation (Cemetery)

Members thanked the Town Clerk for her continued work compiling the new policies and procedures ensuring the Town Council is compliant.

19:43: Cllrs Megan Lloyd-Hughes and Suzanne Thomas left the meeting via Zoom.

19:43: Cllr Suzanne Thomas rejoined the meeting via Zoom.

69. NOTICE OF PLANNING

Members **noted** the previously circulated report.

70. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS

Members **considered** the schedules previously circulated.

Members **noted** that payments are made in accordance with the powers of local councils.

Month 3 – Community Bank account CB1 £45,848.06 (excl. VAT)

Month 3 – Business Money Manager Account £40,000 (internal transfers)

Month 3 – Events Bank account £9,786.346

Month 3 – Prepaid Mastercard £1,093.53

Month 3 – Mayor's Charity £0.00

Month 3 – Petty Cash £0.00

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

71. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

Members **agreed** exclusion of the public and press from the meeting in order to allow discussion on confidential matters. No members of the public or press were present.

72. FLOTEK IT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Members discussed the options available.

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** entering into a 12-month IT Services and Licences Agreement with Flotek for the provision of Citrix and Microsoft packages at a cost of **£387.75 per month** (excluding VAT).

As Flotek did not provide sufficient notice to allow the Council to undertake a procurement exercise in accordance with Mold Town Council's Financial Regulations before the agreement commenced, Members **agreed** that a compliant procurement exercise will be undertaken before the expiry of the 12-month contract.

73. LEGIONELLA MONITORING EQUIPMENT

Members **considered** the previously circulated report showing the costs for the purchase of two Legionella devices (both types needed) and determine preferred supplier.

RESOLVED:

Members **approved** to purchase the following Legionella monitoring equipment:

- RS-Online
£95.52 (excl VAT) – RS Pro RS51 Wired Digital Thermometer, K Probe, 1 Input(s), 1300 °C Max, ±0.1 K Accuracy.
- RS-Online
£86.15 (excl VAT) – RS Pro Type K Immersion, Surface Temperature Probe 110 mm Length, 10 mm Diameter, 250 °C Max.

Meeting ended: 19:59

Mayor's signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 29.Jul.2026
MEMBER Cllr Nanette Davies	ITEM Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation	MINUTE NO. REFERS 58
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

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