



MOLD TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2023 TO APRIL 2024



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Introduction

Mayor's Report 2023-24

Welcome to this Annual Report.

It is my sincere hope that you will take the time to read this report. It illustrates how all Mold Town Council members, both employees and Councillors, support and work for the community they serve. We are fortunate to have an incredible team of people working within the Town Council who are fuelled with passion, integrity, dedication, creativity, and talent, and selflessly give their all for this town. I give my personal thanks to my fellow Councillors, all 15 of them, for their efforts and hard work throughout this Civic Year. They have willingly given countless hours of their time, for the benefit of our town and its' community.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve this community and Town Council as Mayor. My Consort, Mr Ian Francis and I, have met so many wonderful people in the last 12 months, and we have nothing but gratitude for the goodwill and support we have received, throughout the year. We have been privy to front row seats to so many achievements, kindnesses and acts of civic pride and charity.

We have had changes in key roles this year, but change is not something to be feared, but seen as our dance partner. As a Town Council we have required new personnel. My thanks to both Mr Arfon Williams-Cooke for his 31 years of dedicated service as our town Cemetery Superintendent, and Ms Helen Belton, our former Town Clerk and Finance Officer, for their time and commitment to service in the interest of our community – their contribution is noted and appreciated by so many. Diligence and hard work have enabled us to recruit two great people to join our team, Mrs Jo Lane, as Town Clerk and Finance Officer, and Matthew Williams-Cooke our new town Cemetery Superintendent. They are already both held in high regard.

My theme for the year was 'Youth. Culture and Diversity'. This community has shown its support to this theme by raising over £8000, which has now been distributed to Theatr Clwyd Music Trust, North Wales Superkids, Daniel Owen Festival and Asylum Link Merseyside, to support local environmental projects. I am pleased to say that I was actually able to donate £200 to each of North Wales Superkids and Flintshire Foodbank, at Christmas time last year.

My thanks for every single penny raised to support these charities and to all the businesses who supported the Mayoral Dinner, so generously.

Mold is a town set to fair because of its greatest asset – a caring, go-ahead and forward-thinking community, as exemplified at the recent Community Awards Evening.

My thanks to the Deputy Mayor Cllr. Sarah Taylor, who has helped and supported me throughout the year, doing as always, a marvellous job.

I conclude by wishing our new Mayor Cllr. Brian Lloyd and his consort and wife, Jean, all the very best for their forthcoming Mayoral Year. I know it will be memorable and enjoyable.

Mold is truly a wonderful place in which to live and work. I commend this report to you.

Councillor Teresa Carberry
Mayor of Mold Town Council
2023/24



From the Town Clerk

On behalf of the Officers of the Council may I welcome you to this 2023/24 Annual Report of Mold Town Council.

The Annual Report is required by law under the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021.

The Annual Report outlines the Council's aims, objectives and aspirations. As well as illustrating any achievements, enhancements and positive effects that the Town Council has had on the town, its inhabitants and visitors alike. The report also outlines the Council's contribution to the Well-being and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and Flintshire and Wrexham Public Services Board – Our Wellbeing Plan 2023-2028.

As Town Clerk and Finance Officer my responsibility is:

- to advise and support the Council, manage its finances and ensure it operates within the law, independently and objectively whilst recognising that the Council as a whole is responsible for its decisions;
- to lead and support the officer team which carries out the functions and decisions of the Council.

It is a privilege to carry out these functions and I would like to thank all Mold Town Council officers for their dedication, commitment and sheer hard work which sometimes goes well beyond day-to-day expectations.

The teams within your Council consists of Councillors, Staff, and the very many volunteers who assist with our events and projects. Working together enables us to make great things happen. I would like to that this opportunity to thank everyone for their support, encouragement and the huge amount of time given for the benefit of others and Mold.

Finally, I would like to thank members of the public, business and organisations who have contributed to our work here in Mold. Also, the help and assistance given by Flintshire County Council Members and Officers, together with local partners, has been invaluable and much appreciated.

Working for Mold Town Council this year has been a pleasure and I feel extremely proud to be working with such a supportive group of staff, councillors and volunteers.

I hope you find this annual report an informative and helpful document.



Jo Lane, Town Clerk and Finance Officer

About this Report

Introduction to Mold Town Council Annual Report

This annual report sets out to inform Mold residents, businesses and visitors, about the activities which have been undertaken by the Town Council during the period of May 2023 and April 2024. The Annual Report includes an overview of the Council, Council activities and focuses on responding to statutory duties outlined in a number of Acts which are mentioned below:

The Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015

The Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 is a piece of challenging legislation promoted by the Welsh Government which aims to improve further the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales now and for the longer term.

In order to meet the requirements of the Act, Flintshire Public Service Board (PSB) was established to prepare and publish a Well-being Plan for Flintshire, a draft of which it completed in November 2017. In 2023 Flintshire Public Service Board (PSB) and Wrexham Public Service Board joined together to make one single body and published a new 5-year Wellbeing Plan, 2023 to 2028 and have produced two broad well-being objectives to help to tackle inequality and improve well-being:

- Build flourishing communities by reducing inequalities across environment, education, employment, income and housing.
- Improve community well-being by enabling people of all ages to live healthy and independent lives.

The full Wellbeing Plan for Flintshire and Wrexham can be found:

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Policy-and-Performance/PSB/Flintshire-and-Wrexham-Public-Services-Board-Well-being-Plan-2023-2028.pdf>

The Environment Wales Act 2016

The Environment Wales Act 2016 delivers against Welsh Government's Programme for Government commitment to introduce new legislation for the environment. This positions Wales as a low carbon, green economy, ready to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act places a duty on all public authorities, when carrying out their functions in relation to Wales to “seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity” wherever possible within the proper exercise of their functions. In doing so, public authorities must also seek to “promote the resilience of ecosystems”. Section 6 also requires public authorities to consider the effect of decisions taken, or activities carried out within Wales, but also in relation to biodiversity outside of Wales.

Under subsection (6), public authorities must prepare and publish a plan setting out what they propose to do to maintain and enhance biodiversity. Having regard to any guidance given by the Welsh Ministers, and the documents listed in legislation.

Further information regarding this act, can be found:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/3/contents>

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 was passed on 20 January 2021. It provides for the establishment of a reformed legislative framework for local government elections, democracy, governance and performance. The Act outlines new duties in relation to the following requirements:

- Access meetings from multiple locations;
- Provide opportunity for public participation at public council meetings;
- Prepare and publish an annual report
- Prepare and publish a training plan to support training for councillors and council staff; and
- Other provisions which impact on community and town councils

Further information regarding The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils can be found:

<https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-08/statutory-guidance-for-community-and-town-councils.pdf>

The report covers the municipal year of Councillor Teresa Carberry's year of office as Mayor of the Town Council. Elections for the Town Council took place during May 2022 with eleven previous and five new Councillors elected to serve on the Council for five years.

This report includes examples of many of the Council's services which are delivered to all age groups in a variety of forms. The report describes Mold Town Council services which contribute to the well-being of Mold and its community.



About Mold Town Council

Mold Town Council was created in 1974 following the re-organisation of local government and the disbanding of Mold Urban District Council. It is one of 34 Town and Community Councils in Flintshire.

Mold is the County town of Flintshire. Flintshire County Council became the unitary authority after a re-organisation of local government in Wales in May 1996.

Mold has a population of circa 10,209 (estimate) and for local government purposes the Town is divided into four electoral wards, Mold Broncoed, Mold East, Mold South and Mold West, with four town councillors representing each Ward.

A Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor are elected each year by the Council at the Annual Meeting, which is held during May. The Mayor receives an allowance to cover the costs involved in undertaking civic duties; the Town Council provides an allowance for all councillors, this is mandatory, although they can refuse to accept it if they wish.

Details of the elected members and how to contact them are available at www.moldtowncouncil.org.uk Notices of meetings, agendas, reports and minutes can also be viewed here, along with many governance documents and other information about the Council.

Mold Town Council's aims:

- To promote and represent the community's views and aspirations at local, county, regional and national levels
- To serve those who live in and work in Mold and those who visit the Town
- To promote Mold as a place to live, work, shop and invest in and a place to visit
- To provide effective and efficient services that give value for money and to improve those services as needed
- To strive to improve the quality of life for all residents of Mold

To achieve these aims, Mold Town Council has agreed the following objectives:

- To consult with the community to establish its aspirations for the future
- To promote the vitality and viability of Mold
- To encourage and participate in, partnership and agency working with the public, private and voluntary sectors to achieve quality services in all areas for the betterment of Mold its residents and visitors
- To promote sustainable policies that strive to improve the environment to meet the needs of residents and visitors for both the present and future
- To help create a socially inclusive and caring community that embraces all residents and which seeks to develop their wellbeing, knowledge, understanding and mutual co-operation

- To strive for a pleasant, clean and safe environment
- To deliver quality services that provides value for money and to review those services on a regular basis
- To support local voluntary groups that seek to assist residents and visitors to Mold

Mold Town Council | **Cyngor Tref Yr Wyddgrug**

The Town Hall | **Neuadd y Dref**

Earl Road | **Ffordd yr Iarll**

Mold | **Yr Wyddgrug**

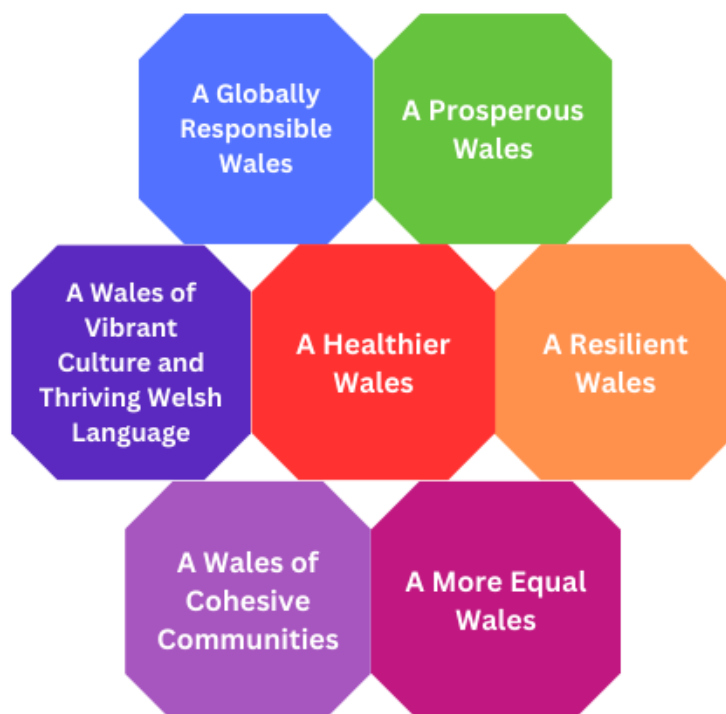
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Mold Town Council's Contribution to The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, 'the Act', defines sustainable development as the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by acting, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the well-being goals. In this regard Mold Town Council recognises the role it has to play. Therefore, it will promote sustainable development in how it goes about meeting its duty under the Act and when working for and with the community that make up its area.

The Act puts in place seven well-being goals. These well-being goals are indivisible from each other and explain what is meant by the well-being of Wales. The Council embraces these well-being goals and will place them at the heart of its forward planning and decision-making arrangements to improve the general quality of life (well-being) within its administrative area. The seven goals are as follows:



To achieve the above Well-being goals it is imperative that the Council works with key partners, agencies and organisations. In order to meet the requirements of the Act, Flintshire Public Service Board (PSB) was established to prepare and publish a Well-being Plan for Flintshire, a draft of which it completed in November 2017. The membership of the board includes a number of public services and bodies. Recently the Public Service Boards of Flintshire and Wrexham have come together as a single body and released the new 'Our Well-Being Plan 2023-2028'.

A Prosperous Wales

“An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing fair work.”

In 2023-24 Mold Town Council organised a comprehensive Events Calendar for the Town. Much thought is given to where events will be held within the Town to increase the positive impact for local traders. All events are able to take place due to a skilled and dedicated team of volunteers. The events which were held during 2023-24 include:

Mold Community Awards - Ceremony was held in May 2024 at the local Rugby Club. The awards acknowledge the outstanding contribution and commitment of groups or individuals living or working within Mold Town or supporting Mold residents.

Live on the Square – organised, delivered and funded by Mold Town Council and its volunteers

Easter Fun Day - a free event, organised, delivered and funded by Mold Town Council and its volunteers

Bailey Hill Medieval Day – organised, delivered and funded by Mold Town Council and its volunteers.

Mold Carnival - a free event, organised, delivered and funded by Mold Town Council and its volunteers

Mold Food & Drink Festival - Financial Support and volunteers provided by Mold Town Council, and Town Councillor involvement in organising committee.

Daniel Owen Festival – Financial support and promotion from Mold Town Council and Town Council Officer acts as telephone contact person for the festival.

Town Bonfire – Organised by Mold Fire Station and Mold Alex, Mold Town Council provide financial support and promotion of the event.

Novemberfest – Organised, delivered and funded by Mold Town Council and its volunteers.

Remembrance Sunday – Organised by Mold Town Council

Christmas Lights switch on evening – Organised, delivered and funded by Mold

Mold Festive Market – Organised by Flintshire Markets with entertainment organised by Mold Town Council

Events such as Mold Carnival created many opportunities for local traders to promote and advertise their business through our sponsorship scheme. Traders also have the opportunity to attend events with stalls to sell goods and promote business as well as many local charities who attend to raise awareness and funds. When events are held in the town centre, many businesses stay open late or open on days they don't normally trade due to the footfall created by our events.

Mold Town Council continue to build good working relationships with many businesses and business networks. Support is provided to business to help promote themselves via social media and from Civic visits. We continue to build our business mailing list which helps us to disseminate information quickly to businesses and share information such as training and funding opportunities.

Our TotallyMold website is provided bilingually and provides opportunities for businesses to promote themselves and encourages trade. The website provides information to visitors on parking, events, which businesses are dog friendly and where water bottles can be re-filled free of charge as well as links to local accommodation and places of interest.

Mold Town Council aims where possible to contract local contractors to provide our public services such as the maintenance of our hanging baskets, works at Mold Cemetery, installation and maintenance of the Christmas lighting.

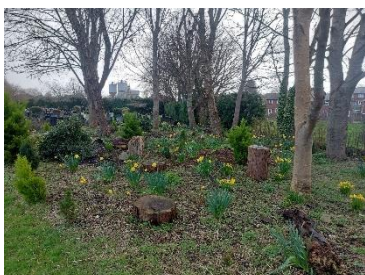
A Resilient Wales

“A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).”

Mold Town Council manages and maintains the only current active burial site within Mold Town. The day to day running of the site is overseen by two paid members of staff. On average 60 burials take place each year.



We continue to make improvements to Mold Cemetery, specifically around offering a greener service to residents. This includes planting a variety of trees such as beeches, limes, oaks to name a few, to create shaded areas around the site. A section of the cemetery which cannot be used for burials has been turned into a wild flower garden to support a variety of bug life as well as planting a number of shrubs and hedges to support local wildlife. Old trees are also recycled in this area to create natural habitats for visiting wildlife.



Mold Town Council continue to be an active partner in the Bailey Hill Project which is a historical site, a Scheduled Ancient Monument and public park situated at the top of the high street in a conservation area.

Mold Town Council funded the 100 colourful hanging baskets which are displayed across the town, the six barrier baskets in King Street car park and the planting in the six Welcome to Mold signs.

Mold Town Council are one of the principle organisers of the 'Mold Spring Clean' event in the town, working in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy, Flintshire County Council Streetscene and Mold Plastic Reduction Group. The aim of the Spring Clean is to encourage and support businesses, groups and residents to volunteer time to help keep the town clean and tidy, as well as providing information on the importance of recycling. The Town Council also provides the opportunity throughout the year for groups, businesses, organisations and schools to borrow litter picking equipment to undertake volunteering throughout the year.



A Healthier Wales

“A society in which people’s physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.”

During the financial year 2023-24 Mold Town Council has provided financial assistance for Aura Fit and Fed programme as well as to Flintshire County Council to provide active playschemes for local children during the summer holidays.

Financial Support has been provided to a variety of groups this year including Mold ABC Boxing and Outside Lives who provide opportunities for residents which help to improve physical and emotional well-being.

During events hosted by Mold Town Council, local sports and community groups are given the opportunity to showcase their groups and recruit new members.

Mold Town Council has also taken over the responsibility of managing the Men’s Shed project on Bailey Hill. This project is about bringing likeminded people together, sharing skills, worries, concerns and having fun! As a by-product, attending a project like Men’s Sheds often reduces social isolation, loneliness and offers a safe space to allow men to deal with mental health concerns while remaining independent. The success of the project has been recognised Nationally as the project received an award from Green Flag UK for best health initiative for 2023. Mold Town Council has also been successful in securing £16,500 for the National Lottery so the project can continue for another 12 months.



As in previous years we have provided:

£10,000 match funding for play area improvements; in Chapel Street play Area, replacing and repairing the play area and equipment.

£5,000 Financial Support to the Daniel Owen Association to support with the upkeep and sundries for the toilet facilities for the use of residents and visitors to Mold Town Centre.

A More Equal Wales

“A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio-economic background and circumstances).”

During the year 2023 to 2024 Mold Town Council has hosted a number of free community events including;

Easter Fun Day - a free event for families, entertainment includes a children’s entertainer, character visits, children’s crafts and a visit from the Easter Bunny and Bunny friends who give an Easter egg to all those attending.

Mold Carnival - a full day of entertainment provided free of charge with over 400 community performers taking part, other performances which are free to watch have included Titan the Robot, a 10 ft T-Rex and stunt show. There is also a number of other activities provided free of charge. The free fun day is aimed at all ages and all abilities.

Christmas Light Switch on – the annual switch on of the town’s Christmas lights (which are funded by MTC) with performances from local school choirs, character visits, the town band and Father Christmas who after turning on the lights greets children at his festive Grotto.

Mold Town Council events are so successful due to the community volunteers who offer their time freely to support the running of all Mold Council events. We provide opportunities for all ages and abilities to volunteer and support events, volunteering helps develop skills, increase confidence and make friends.

We host three ticketed annual events, Live on the Square, NovemberFest and Bailey Hill’s Medieval Day. Tickets for these events are set at affordable price. Any surplus from these events goes towards funding the free events that we host.





Our Financial Assistance programme provides financial support to a variety of groups in the Town. This year we have supported the following groups/ organisations:

- Gŵyl Daniel Owen Festival
- Mold Choral Society
- Suitcase Theatre
- Bethesda Church
- Mold Ex Serviceman’s Club
- Mold ABC Boxing
- Outside Lives

Mold Town Council also provide annual financial support to the following groups/ organisations/ events:

- Flintshire Foodbank
- Daniel Owen Association
- Fire Service Bonfire Event
- Gŵyl Daniel Owen Festival
- Mold Food and Drink Festival
- Gwyl Gerdd Dant Festival

During Councillor Carberry Mayoral term, the Mayor’s fundraising appeal raised £8,000 which was donated to her chosen charities-

- £4,000 Theatr Clwyd Youth Music Trust
- £2,000 Gŵyl Daniel Owen Festival
- £1,689.55 North Wales Superkids
- £1,495.97 to Asylum Link Merseyside (supporting environmental projects in Mold).



Uniform Recycle Initiative

Councillor Teresa Carberry continues to run the **School Uniform Recycling Stall**. With residents donating school uniforms which Cllr. Carberry offers free of charge to those that need, from a stall inside the Daniel Owen Centre. The uniforms are now stored inside the Town Council store room. The uniform initiative allows us to recycle and re-use school uniforms and ensures that items with plenty of wear left in them do not end up in landfill.



A Wales of Cohesive Communities

“Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.”

Mold Town Council continue to take a proactive role to help ensure that residents and visitors feel safe within our town. We have 3 CCTV cameras which are placed in areas of concern highlighted by residents and supported by North Wales Police.

Through a Service Level Agreement with Flintshire County Council Mold Town Council fund the current CCTV provision in the Town. This equates to 12 fixed operational cameras in the Town. The cost of the service for 2023/24 was £3,974.

We work closely with North Wales Police, taking a lead role in supporting Shop Watch. National and Independent Retailers in the town has met with the Town Council and Police for Flintshire Against Business Crime to discuss crime affecting the business community and share intelligence.

Councillor Brian Lloyd attends and represents the Mold Town Council at all of South Flintshire Police consultation events.

Mold continues to buck the trend with many new businesses opening and expanding in the town. Officers offer a variety of support to help promote local businesses and seeking additional opportunities such as grants, funding and support.

Parkfields Community Fridge (which opened November 2020) continues to provide an invaluable service to the community, ensuring food and toiletries are available free of charge to all those that need. Mold Councillors Haydn Jones, Tina Claydon and Megan Lloyd Hughes are involved in the scheme as the representative of MTC and Trustees of Parkfields Community Centre. The project which aims to reduce food waste and ensures that nobody in our community goes hungry. It provides free food and essential personal hygiene to those in need in Mold. The Community Fridge receive their supplies via donations from supermarkets, purchased via grant funding and donations from the community and local businesses and our open twice a week.

A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language

“A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.”

Mold Town Council celebrates and promotes the Welsh language at all council events, this includes all promotional material and Welsh language performers, where available.

Our Events and Community Officer continues to work with local Welsh Language groups to support them in providing Welsh language events within the Town, such as Menter Iaith, Gŵyl Daniel Owen Festival and Cor Y Pentan.

Bailey Hill Project

Mold Town Council promotes the local Welsh History of our Town through our partnership with Flintshire County Council and local charity Ffrindiau Bryn y Beili ~ Friends of Bailey Hill on the Bailey Hill Project where we host a variety of activities, events and guided tours.

Cadw Open Doors - is a Wales' annual contribution to the European Heritage Days initiative, which invites heritage organisations, private owners, local authorities and others to open their doors or offer activities to the public free of charge during September. Bailey Hill took part in the 2022 event and offered FREE guided tours of Bailey Hill, followed by tea and coffee in the newly redeveloped centre. The event was well attended and will become an annual event for Bailey Hill.



Guided Tours – We continue to provide Guided Tours for local interest and community groups, as well as educational sessions for school as uniformed groups.

A Different View, Art Project - The Artist's aim for the project was to introduce the community to the ancient Welsh board game of Gwŷddbwll / Wood Sense, through a series of interactive workshops which covered the background to the game in the history, folklore and mythology of Wales. Gwŷddbwll is a perfect analogy for the turbulent past of Bailey Hill.



13 bronze sculptures have been fixed high in the trees around the park. The site will have to be thoroughly explored to find them all. And then the puzzle of which treasure is represented by which sculpture will have to be solved in order to claim a unique prize. A one-off treasure. A bronze Gwŷddbwll set. This project was launched in 2023.

The Bailey Hill Tripartite was again successful in achieving Green Flag Status for Bailey Hill Park.

This year a financial donation has also been provided towards Gwŷl Cerdd Dant – a Welsh Festival due to take place in Mold in November 2024.

A Globally Responsible Wales

“A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.”

Mold Town Council regularly reviews its work to ensure that all services, events and activities provided are making a positive contribution to the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Mold and Wales. This has resulted in changes to practices such as banning single use plastics at events, providing recycling bins at all Town Council run facilities and events.

Cittaslow

Mold Town Council continues to support the Cittaslow initiative and provides funding to cover the cost of Membership. The aims and objectives of Cittaslow Mold are shaped by the principles of Cittaslow UK which are:

- Encouraging diversity rather than standardisation.
- Supporting and encouraging local culture and traditions.
- Working for a more sustainable environment.
- Supporting and encouraging local produce and local products.
- Encouraging healthy living especially through children and young people.
- Working with the local community to build these values.

These form the overall vision of Cittaslow Mold that are achieved through the delivery of specific goals. The Town Council strives to recognise the Cittaslow Goals within all activities it carries out. These goals include the environment, infrastructure, the quality of urban fabric, encouragement of local produce and products and hospitality and community. Through our Cittaslow status we have attracted interest nationally and internationally, hosting visits to share best practice.



Aspirations for 2024-2025

At its Annual Meeting held on the 8th May 2024, the new Mayor of Mold, Councillor Brian Lloyd was elected to serve as Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year and stated that during his Mayoral term he will be supporting local charities:- the Daniel Owen Community Association, Mold Club House & Community Gardens and Hope House Mold Friends and his aim will be to help raise their profiles and also support through fundraising events.

For the new Municipal Year, Mold Town Council strive to:

- Continue providing high quality, low cost activities and events for residents and visitors.
- Ensure Mold Cemetery is maintained to the highest standards and offers excellent service.
- Support local community groups and organisations with financial support through our Community Grant scheme.
- Actively work with our partners to safeguard local historical site, Bailey Hill Park and promote its importance.
- To continue to provide funds for local play schemes and other activities that benefit our children and young people.
- To support CCTV as an option when attempting to prevent and fight crime as well as anti-social acts.
- To strengthen the Cittaslow Mold Initiative and create a new Working Group to continue to work towards the Cittaslow goals.
- Provide a variety of volunteering opportunities and continue to support existing volunteers to learn new skills.
- Support local businesses and continue to grow links and relationships with local businesses owners.
- Provide a safe Town for residents and visitors including maintaining 7 Defibrillators situated across the town.
- Seek new ways to be more environmentally friendly and reduce the Council's Carbon footprint and energy costs.
- To continue to promote Mold as vibrant community to live, work and visit.
- Continue to serve the local community and its residents.
- Operate with sound governance and integrity in an open, transparent, and democratic manner complying with legislation and within the Council's powers.

We are conscious of our responsibility towards maintaining Mold's ongoing vibrancy and vitality; however, this must be balanced against our responsibility towards our resident Council Tax payers, who only make up approximately 15% of people using the town. The Town Council continues to consider its accommodation, as the Town Hall is without lease at present. Funding will be needed either for a new home, a new lease or purchase or funding for repairs if the Town Hall remains the Town Council's home for the future.

Our Objectives

The Council has adopted the following principles, as its Council long term objectives.

To contribute towards the delivery of:

- ✓ A Prosperous Mold.
- ✓ A Resilient Mold.
- ✓ A Healthier Mold.
- ✓ A More Equal Mold.
- ✓ A Mold of Cohesive Communities.
- ✓ A Mold of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language.
- ✓ A Globally responsive Mold.
- ✓ A Competent Council.

These overarching goals were identified in our Annual Report published in 2016 which provide a framework for the delivery of future projects.

The Council will embrace the principles of Sustainable Development detailed in Flintshire's Well-being Plan 2017-2023 of Long-Term Planning, Prevention, Integration, Collaboration and Involvement to deliver these goals.

- Long term: the importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long term needs.
- Prevention: how acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.
- Integration: considering how public bodies' well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.
- Collaboration: acting in collaboration with any other person that could help the Council meet its well-being objectives.
- Involvement: the importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the Council serves.

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

2023-24 Financial Summary

Mold Town Council decides on the level of precept by the preparation of a draft Budget. The draft budget is created on the basis of the Town Councils financial situation, likely costs during the financial year as well as the likely income from services provided.

The total forecasted expenditure for 2023-2024 financial year was £416,995.

The estimated Town Council income was £101,836

The funding requirement for the financial year was £315,159

The Precept for 2023-24 was set at £304,500 with the shortfall coming from Mold Town Council general reserves.

A summary of the main areas of the budget expenditure for 2023-24 are shown below:

Cost Code	Expenditure £
Administration	£150,076
S137	£32,293
Town Hall	£38,927
Cemetery	£82,561
Open Spaces	£8,500
Grants	£14,200
Capital Spending	£10,000
Service/ Property Provision	£33,700
Bailey Hill	£46,738
TOTAL	£416,995

The Town Council has adopted a Member's Code of Conduct and a register of interests is kept. Each Councillor must declare any interest they have in items to be discussed at each meeting and all interests are noted in the minutes.

Each year an Internal and External Audit is undertaken. The Internal Audit was completed by JDH Business Services Ltd and the External Audit is undertaken by Audit Wales.

All of Mold Town Council's minutes, accounts and contact details can be viewed on the council's website or by emailing the Town Clerk at townclerk@moldtowncouncil.org.uk

During 2023-24 Mold Town Council also signed up to the Civility and Respect Pledge and has developed a training plan for members of staff and elected members which can be viewed on the Town Council Website.

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Full Council and Committee meetings 2024/25

22nd May 2024
26th June 2024
31st July 2024
25th September 2024
30th October 2024
27th November 2024
29th January 2025
26th February 2025
26th March 2025
24th April 2025

Annual Meeting 7th May 2025

Date of meetings, agendas and minutes of all the meeting of the Council and Committees are available on the Council's Website:

<http://www.moldtowncouncil.org.uk/Mold-TC/Default.aspx>

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mold Town Council is committed to community engagement and therefore warmly welcomes members of the public to attend this meeting. Mold Town Council Standing Orders allow for 15 minutes to be allocated under the 'Public Participation' item on the agenda with up to 5 minutes allocated per subject.

Those wishing to address the meeting under Public Participation must:

- Have notified the Town Clerk of their interest to speak by 4.30pm the day before the Town Council Meeting.
- Direct all comments/ questions to the chairman of the meeting.

Members of the public should note that the council will only discuss and is only allowed to take decisions on topics that are publicised on the agenda. In the event of no issues being raised, the Town Council meeting to commence at 6pm.



Schedule of Committee Meetings

The following dates are suggested for meetings of Mold Town Council Committees during the next year:

Cemetery Committee (Hybrid)	Community, Development & Regeneration Committee (Online only)
5 th June 2024 – 6pm 4 th September 2024 4 th December 2024 5 th March 2025	19 th June 2024 – 6pm 15 th September 2024 15 th January 2025 9 th April 2025
Planning Committee (Online only)	Personnel Committee
3 rd June 2024 – 6pm 1 st July 2024 29 th July 2024 26 th August 23 rd September 2024 21 st October 2024 18 th November 2024 16 th December 2024 13 th January 2025 10 th February 2025 10 th March 2025 7 th April 2025 6 th May 2025 (Tues)	To be organised as and when required
	Finance Committee (Hybrid)
	4 th June 2024 – 6pm 10 th September 2024 10 th December 2024 7 th January 2025 (provisional) 11 th March 2025
Policy and Audit Committee (Online only)	Youth and Children’s Council Committee (Online only)
18 th June 2024 – 6pm 15 th October 2024 21 st January 2025 18 th March 2025	17 th June 2024 3 rd September 2024 Additional meetings will be arranged as and when needed.