Mold Town Council

Cyngor Tref yr Wyddgrug

Annual Report 2025/26

YOUR TOWN, YOUR COMMUNITTY, YOUR TOWN COUNCIL

A year of local events, community support, greener spaces and a more accessible Town Council

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A message from the Mayor....

It has been a tremendous honour and privilege to serve as Mayor of Mold during 2025/26. Throughout the year, I have had the opportunity to represent the Town Council at a wide range of civic, charitable, cultural, educational and community events across Mold and wider regions.

This year has highlighted the strength, compassion and community spirit that exists throughout our town. I was proud to attend events celebrating local achievements, support volunteers, recognising businesses, promoting the arts, commemorating important national occasions and helping raise awareness for many worthy causes.

Among the many memorable occasions were the 80th Anniversary commemorations of VE Day and VJ Day, Mold Carnival, Remembrance events, community award evenings, charity dinners, school and community presentations, business openings, theatrical productions at Theatr Clwyd and numerous civic services across Flintshire and neighbouring authorities.

Supporting local charities and organisations was a central focus throughout my mayoral year. I was proud to nominate Macmillan Cancer Support (Flintshire & Wrexham) and Flintshire Kidsbank as my chosen charities. Thanks to the support and generosity of residents, local businesses, community groups, fellow councillors, volunteers and everyone who attended fundraising events throughout the year, together we raised over £7,000 in support of these outstanding organisations.

During the year, the Council was also pleased to welcome a new member of staff, Rob Williams, who joined the team as our Facilities Officer. His appointment has strengthened the Council's operational capacity and support for the Council's buildings and facilities.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to my Consort, Eira, for her support, encouragement and companionship throughout this busy and memorable year. Her support at events and throughout my mayoral term has been greatly appreciated.

I would also like to place on record my sincere thanks to my fellow councillors, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Joanne Edwards, Town Clerk and Council staff for their support, professionalism and commitment throughout the year. Their hard work behind the scenes ensures the continued success of the Town Council and the many events and services delivered for our community.

Finally, I would like to thank the residents of Mold for their kindness, encouragement and community spirit. Serving as Mayor has been an unforgettable experience and one I will always look back on with great pride.



Councillor Paul Beacher

Mayor of Mold 2025/26

From the Town Clerk....

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Mold Town Council's Annual Report for 2025–2026, reflecting on another busy and rewarding year for our town.

As Town Clerk and Finance Officer, I have the privilege of working alongside dedicated staff, elected Members, community organisations, local businesses and volunteers, who all help make Mold a welcoming, vibrant and thriving place to live, work and visit.

One of the year's most significant milestones was the relocation of the Town Council offices to Daniel Owen Precinct, in the heart of Mold. More than simply a change of address, this move reflects our commitment to making the Council more visible, approachable and accessible, providing residents with a convenient place to seek advice, raise concerns and engage directly with their Town Council.

Throughout the year, we have continued to deliver and support a wide range of services, projects and events. Our community events remain a particular source of pride, bringing people together, supporting local businesses and celebrating Mold's history, culture and community spirit.

Our commitment extends beyond the activities we organise ourselves. Through our Community Grants Scheme and wider financial support, we have helped local charities and organisations deliver valuable initiatives, including Fit, Fed and Read, Flintshire Foodbank, and local music, heritage and community festivals. We have also continued to champion young people's voices through Mold Town Youth Council, encouraging them to contribute to decisions affecting their town.

Alongside this work, we remain committed to the careful management of Mold Cemetery and Bailey Hill, protecting these important heritage assets while supporting biodiversity, environmental sustainability and community well-being.

Reflecting on the year, what stands out most is the remarkable community spirit that makes Mold so special. Our achievements are only possible because of the dedication, generosity and cooperation of the many people and organisations who contribute to our town.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Mayor and all Town Councillors for their continued dedication and support. I am particularly grateful to our small team of staff, whose hard work, flexibility and commitment enable the Council to deliver such a varied programme of services and activities. My thanks also go to our community partners, businesses, volunteers and residents for their invaluable contributions.

I hope this report provides an enjoyable insight into our work and celebrates the people, partnerships and achievements that continue to make Mold a town we can all be proud of.

Jo Lane

Town Clerk and Finance Officer

Understanding Your Council

OUR VISION

Mold Town Council is proud to champion the town, its people and its future. We work every day to make Mold a thriving, welcoming and vibrant place where residents, businesses and visitors can flourish.

Our mission is to:

- Be the voice of the community, representing the views, needs and aspirations of Mold at local, county, regional and national levels.
- Support everyone who lives, works or visits here, ensuring that Mold continues to be an attractive and inclusive town for all.
- Promote Mold as a destination, encouraging people to live, work, invest and spend time in our historic market town.
- Deliver high-quality services that provide excellent value for money while continually seeking opportunities to improve.
- Enhance quality of life by supporting initiatives that make Mold cleaner, greener, safer and more connected.

Your Council, Your Voice

This Annual Report summarises the activities and achievements of Mold Town Council for the civic year May 2025 to May 2026. It follows the approach of the previous Annual Report, illustrating the Council's contribution to the seven national well-being goals and its role in supporting Mold residents, businesses and visitors.



The report is prepared in the context of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. It also explains how Council activity contributes to the objectives of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and to biodiversity and ecosystem resilience under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. The seven goals provide a useful framework for presenting our work; the report does not imply that every statutory duty under the Well-being Act applies directly to the Town Council.

Established in 1974, Mold Town Council represents the county town of Flintshire. Mold has four electoral wards: Broncoed, East, South and West each normally represented by four elected Town Councillors. Flintshire County Council is the principal authority responsible for many county-wide services, while Mold Town Council delivers and supports local facilities, initiatives and community activities.

The Council aims to represent local views, support an inclusive and welcoming town, promote economic and social vitality, protect local heritage and the environment and secure value for money through transparent and accountable decisions.

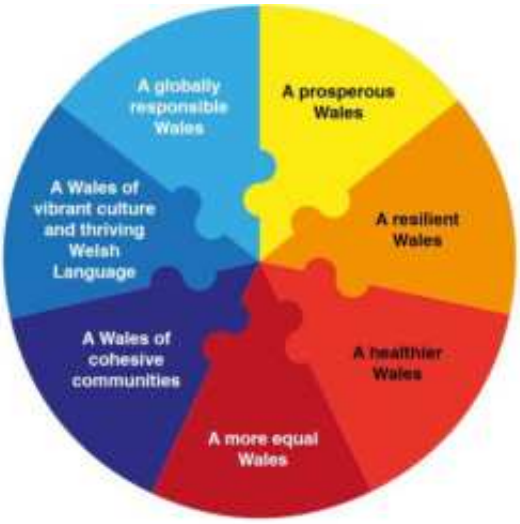
Understanding the Well-being Goals and Regional Priorities

Mold Town Council is committed to improving the well-being of our community and working with local partners to contribute to wider national and regional priorities.

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 establishes seven national well-being goals, which encourage long-term consideration of the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales.

The Seven National Well-being Goals

1. A Prosperous Wales – Supporting a thriving economy, businesses and opportunities.
2. A Resilient Wales – Protecting biodiversity, green spaces and the natural environment.
3. A Healthier Wales – Supporting physical and mental well-being.
4. A More Equal Wales – Encoraging inclusion, accessibility and opportunities for everyone.
5. A Wales of Cohesive Communities – Supporting safe, welcoming and connected communities.
6. A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language – Celebrating heritage, arts, traditions and the Welsh Language.



7. A Globally Responsible Wales – Encouraging sustainability and responsible use of resources.

How to Read This Report

RED | WELL-BEING GOALS · Shows which of the seven national goals each project or activity supports. A project may contribute to more than one goal.

GOLD | LOCAL WELL-BEING CONNECTION · Identifies relevant local contributions towards the Flintshire and Wrexham Public Services Board Well-being Plan 2023 – 2028.

Where appropriate, the report also refers to the North Wales Safeguarding Board Strategic Business Plan 2025–2026, particularly in relation to safeguarding, community safety and support for vulnerable residents. This is a separate framework from the Public Services Board Well-being Plan.

These references describe how the Town Council's own services, initiatives and partnerships contribute locally to wider priorities; they do not imply that the Council is responsible for delivering either regional plan.

By showing these connections, the report explains not only what the Town Council has achieved, but how its work helps make Mold a stronger, healthier, greener and more connected community.

A new home in the heart of Mold

WELL-BEING GOALS ▪ A More Equal Wales | A Wales of Cohesive Communities

LOCAL WELL-BEING CONNETION · flourishing communities/ improving access

More visible. More approachable. Easier to visit.

The opening of the Town Council's offices at Unit 10, Daniel Owen Precinct, in April 2025 marked an important milestone. Moving into the town centre was about much more than changing address: it created a welcoming, recognisable point of contact for residents, community organisations and visitors.

Residents can now visit the office during published opening hours to ask about the Town Council's services, seek information, raise local issues and learn how to participate in the work of their Council.

Why this matters to Mold?

Being accessible is part of local democracy. A visible town centre office helps people understand who their Town Councillors are, which services the Council provides and how they can have their say. It also creates more opportunities for conversations with residents and local groups.



Come and see us

WELL-BEING GOALS ▪ A More Equal Wales | A Wales of Cohesive Communities

Mold Town Council ·Unit 10, Daniel Owen Precinct, Mold CH7 1AP
Public Open Hours - Monday to Friday, 10am to 2pm · 01352 758532 / 751819

Celebrating Mold

WELL-BEING GOALS ▪ A Healthier Wales | A Wales of Cohesive Communities | A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language

LOCAL WELL-BEING CONNETION · supports flourishing communities through accessible celebrations, participation and cultural activity.

VE Day – May 2025

The Council marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a free community celebration on Daniel Owen Square attended by more than 400 people. Entertainment included Mold Town Concert Band, Nercwys Primary School pupils and period music, alongside historical displays and free refreshments supported by volunteers and Army Cadets.







Mold Carnival – July 2025



The annual town Carnival was held on 6th July on Maes Bodlonfa fields which were turned into a vibrant hub of colour, laughter, music and fun for Mold's biggest free community event. This year's entertainment was provided by over 400 community performers including; Transformer Robots, DJ Cookie, Urban Fusion, Cor y Pentan and 50 Hertz.

The ever popular talent competition Time2Shine also drew a big crowd as finalists took to the stage. The fun fair was jam packed throughout the day as were the many stalls and food & drink vendors.



The Football Association of Wales, in partnership with McDonald's, also hosted free fun football activities throughout the day which proved very popular.



This year Mold Carnival introduced something just for the adults - It's a Knock Out challenge which brought inflatable fun and challenges to the 14 teams from local businesses, groups and charities who all battled it out, dressed as superheroes, builders, princesses and many more team costumes.

Throughout the day, more than 15 local charities and non-profit organisations were in attendance, hosting stalls to raise awareness of the vital work they do, engage with the community and raise much-needed funds to support their causes.











VJ Day – August 2025

Mold Town Council invited residents to a relaxed and friendly Community Get Together to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VJ Day (Victory over Japan Day) on Friday 15th August from 12 noon until 1.30pm , held on the Daniel Owen Square. Following the success of the very busy VE Day event earlier in the year, the VJ Day event offered a quieter moment of reflection and community connection. Residents came together on the square and enjoyed a free cuppa, a chat with friends and neighbours and a chance to mark this historic occasion together.







NovemberFest – November 2025

NovemberFest took place on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th November at The Pod, King Street, Mold. The popular annual event celebrated a wide selection of cask and keg ales, craft beers, lagers and ciders, with wine and soft drinks also available.

The festival featured four sessions across the two days, including afternoon drinking sessions and evening entertainment. Live music was provided by Six Ton Dog, Shack of Sit and My Eleventh Toe, offering a varied programme of entertainment throughout the weekend. Food was provided by a local business who had on offer a selection of local pies, sandwiches, sausage rolls and other refreshments throughout the festival.

The event marked the 13th NovemberFest Real Ale Festival in Mold and was organised by Mold Town Council working closely with a dedicated team of volunteers and in partnership with CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale). Since its inception, NovemberFest has raised over £40,000, with proceeds helping to support free community events in the town, including Mold Carnival and the town's festive celebrations.



Christmas Light Switch On – November 2025



Mold's annual Christmas Lights Switch-On took place on 25th November, with hundreds of families gathering in the town centre to enjoy an afternoon and evening of festive entertainment and see the town's Christmas lights officially switched on by Father Christmas. Entertainment began at 3.30pm with performances from local school choirs, followed by Theatr Clwyd's Rock and Pop Band and Mold Town Concert Band, who entertained the crowds with a selection of festive favourites.



There were also special appearances from Princess Elsa, Bluey and Bingo, which proved popular with younger visitors. Father Christmas arrived at 6.30pm for the countdown and officially switched on the town's festive lights before welcoming children to visit him in his Christmas Grotto.

A funfair on the High Street added to the festive atmosphere, while a number of local traders filled the square with stalls selling Christmas gifts, treats and seasonal goodies.









Mold Festive Market – December 2025

Mold's annual festive market took place on Sunday 7th December and once again Mold Town Council organised the entertainment side of the market with a full line up of on stage entertainment, including brass and silver bands, community choirs, cast of a local pantomime and a family magician. Throughout the day, familiar characters from cartoon and film were carrying out meet-and-greets with visitors and Father Christmas also took time out of his busy calendar to meet the visiting children in the giant snow globe.





Local businesses and residents all donated generously to the festive appeal for sweets for the Christmas events which were all issued to excited children as they patiently waited their turn to meet Father Christmas. Donations received at both these events went towards the Mayor's fundraising appeal.









Christmas Gonk Hunt

Mold Town Council's annual Festive Gonk Hunt takes place throughout December, bringing festive fun to the town centre while encouraging residents and visitors of all ages to explore and support Mold's independent businesses. Ten Festive Gonks are hidden inside participating town centre businesses, with participants challenged to find them all and record each Gonk's hat number alongside the name of the business where it is displayed.



One lucky winner received £50 worth of Mold shopping vouchers, purchased by Mold Town Council from local independent businesses. Nine runners-up each received a festive Gonk to take home. The initiative aims to increase footfall, encourage shopping locally and support independent businesses during the important Christmas trading period, while providing a free, fun and engaging activity for the whole community.

Easter Fun Day – April 2026

Mold Town Council's annual free Easter Fun Day, held on Saturday 4th April, was a great success, despite last-minute changes due to severe weather. The event which is normally held on the Bailey Hill was relocated to an indoor venue last minute to ensure the event could still go ahead and delivered across two sessions, so families could enjoy the free activities, fun and games which this year included: appearances from Peter Rabbit, the Easter Chick, Stitch and Bugs Bunny who alongside volunteers, helped distribute over 500 free Easter eggs to attendees.







The popular craft table remained busy throughout the event, while children also enjoyed a free prize draw to name a giant teddy, an Easter trail around the venue, and a well-supported "Mega Tombola". DJ Cookie and Wilf from the Ripple Effect donated their services free of charge and kept the party going with lots of dancing and competitions.

The annual Easter Fun Day is a true community event, made possible thanks to the generosity of local businesses and residents. Their contributions help fund the Easter eggs and provide prizes for our tombola, making a real difference to what we can offer on the day.



Easter eggs left over, were donated to Parkfields Community Centre Kids Club and Community Fridge, as well as, Mold Community Hospital and distributed by DJ Cookie during a Mold Market day.

Live on the Square – May 2026

Mold's popular music festival, Live on the Square, returned for its eighth year on Sunday 3rd May, during the May Bank Holiday weekend. The event showcased the wealth of musical talent in our local area, with six local bands and three solo artists taking to the stage to entertain the crowd.





The festival was once again a great success, attracting over 650 people who came together to enjoy a fantastic day of live music and entertainment. Live on the Square is a ticketed event, with any surplus income reinvested into supporting the programme of free community events organised by Mold Town Council throughout the year.







Welsh Language and St David's Day

The Council supported Menter Iaith Fflint a Wrecsam with promotion and judging of the annual St David's Day window-decorating competition, encouraging local businesses to celebrate Welsh culture and contribute to a vibrant town centre.



Why this matters to Mold?

Events are not only dates in a calendar. They strengthen community pride, support connections between neighbours, help local businesses benefit from activity in the town and create shared experiences across generations.

A Thriving Town Centre

WELL-BEING GOALS ▪ A Prosperous Wales | A Wales of Cohesive Communities | A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language

LOCAL WELL-BEING CONNETION · supports flourishing communities, local enterprise and the town centre visitor economy

Mold's thriving town centre is at the heart of our community. Its independent shops, cafés, markets, businesses and cultural attractions give the town its distinctive character, while providing employment, supporting the local economy and attracting visitors from across the region.

Mold Town Council continues to work alongside local businesses, traders and community partners to promote Mold as a welcoming and vibrant destination to shop, explore, work and spend time.

Supporting Independent Businesses

The Town Council recognises the important contribution that independent businesses make to Mold's identity and economic vitality. Throughout the year, the Council has supported local businesses through:

- Business promotion: Highlighting local businesses through Council and event social media channels.
- Events and trading opportunities: Providing opportunities for businesses to trade, sponsor and participate in the Council's programme of community events.
- Business communication: Developing a growing business mailing list to share information about training, funding opportunities, local initiatives and community news.
- Celebrating local enterprise: Civic visits to new and established businesses, recognising their achievements and contribution to the town.

These activities help strengthen relationships between the Town Council and the local business community, encouraging collaboration and supporting Mold's independent traders.

TotallyMold – Showcasing Our Town

The Council's bilingual TotallyMold website provides a dedicated platform for promoting Mold as a shopping, leisure and visitor destination.



Designed to help residents and visitors discover everything the town has to offer, the website brings together useful local information, including:

- Independent shops, cafés, restaurants and businesses.
- Local accommodation and visitor information.
- Parking facilities and practical information for visitors.

- Dog-friendly businesses and locations.
- Water refill points and other useful town-centre facilities.

By bringing this information together in one accessible location, TotallyMold helps promote local businesses, encourages people to explore the town and supports the wider visitor economy.

The bilingual website also reflects Mold's commitment to celebrating Welsh language and culture while making information available to a wider audience.

Supporting the Local Economy Through Procurement



Where possible, and in accordance with the Council's procurement requirements, Mold Town Council seeks opportunities to work with local suppliers and contractors.

This includes services such as the maintenance of hanging baskets and floral displays, works at Mold Cemetery, and the installation and maintenance of the town's Christmas lighting.

Supporting local suppliers, where they meet the Council's requirements and offer value for money, helps retain investment within the local economy and contributes to local employment and business sustainability.

The Sunday Gathering Artisan Market

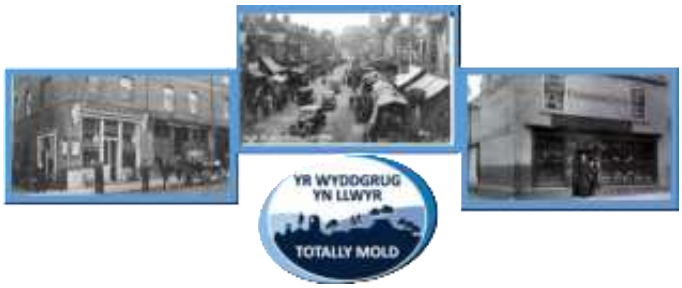
The Sunday Gathering Artisan Market continued to bring independent traders, makers and visitors into Mold. Run by The Sunday Gathering CIC with support from the Town Council, the market operates on the last Sunday of each month from March to October. It offers up to 44 stalls, live entertainment, a community piano, family activities and a complimentary pitch for a local charity. More than 100 traders have participated since its launch in September 2024.



Mold Historic Guided Walking Tours

Mold’s popular Historic Guided Walks offer residents and visitors a wonderful opportunity to discover the town’s fascinating history, rich heritage and hidden stories. Led by a dedicated group of knowledgeable volunteers, who have spent countless hours over the past two years researching and bringing Mold’s history to life, the programme now features eight carefully curated tours. Each walk takes participants on a journey through Mold’s past, exploring historic buildings, notable landmarks and the people and events that have shaped the town over the centuries. These free guided walks take place on the last Sunday of each month from March to October, coinciding with the Sunday Gathering Artisan Market. Lasting approximately 60–90 minutes, the walks provide an enjoyable, engaging and informative experience for residents and visitors alike.





Between March 2025 and April 2026, a total of 267 people participated in 29 guided tours, demonstrating the popularity of the initiative and the growing interest in Mold's local heritage. The walks form an important part of Mold Town Council's commitment to preserving, celebrating and promoting the town's rich history, whilst encouraging visitors to explore Mold, discover its independent businesses and contribute to the vitality of the town centre.



The Council is extremely grateful to the dedicated volunteers whose enthusiasm, extensive research and commitment have made these walks possible, helping to ensure that Mold's fascinating history continues to be shared and enjoyed by future generations.

The Council's support for the Sunday Gathering Artisan Market, historic guided walks and other town-centre initiatives complements its wider programme of community events.

Together, these activities encourage footfall, create opportunities for local traders and showcase Mold's unique combination of independent businesses, heritage, culture and community spirit.

Why this matters to Mold?

A thriving town centre supports local jobs, strengthens independent businesses and creates a welcoming place for residents and visitors. By promoting Mold, supporting local enterprise and encouraging people to shop and spend locally, we help protect the character of our town and support its long-term economic future.

Supporting Our Community

WELL-BEING GOALS ▪ A healthier Wales | A More equal Wales | A Wales of Cohesive Communities | A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language

LOCAL WELL-BEING CONNETION · supports flourishing communities, participation, health and independence

Mold Town Council recognises the important contribution made by community groups, charities, clubs and local organisations. Through its Community Grants scheme and other financial support, the Council helps partners deliver activities, services and events that enrich community life, support residents and celebrate Mold's identity.

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2025-2026 | £3,045 AWARDED · £3,350 ANNUAL BUDGET

During 2025–2026, grants were awarded to:

- 50+ Action Group (£100)
- Côr y Pentan (£360)
- Mold Alex (£500)
- Mold Rugby Club (£400)
- Nightingale House Hospice (£185)
- Positive Futures Mold (£500)
- British Final One Act Plays (£1,000)



Why this matters to Mold?

Small grants can make a meaningful difference. Positive Futures Mold received £500 to support its weekly youth drop-in, helping provide refreshments, art materials and activities. Its feedback reports that around 20 local young people benefited from creative activities over several months, providing opportunities to socialise, build confidence and feel included.

Côr y Pentan received £360 to help meet the costs of taking part in an Eisteddfod, supporting Welsh-language music and community participation. The choir subsequently performed its specially commissioned song at local events, including the Mold Food and Drink Festival and Daniel Owen Festival.

Wider funding and partnership support

Alongside the Community Grants scheme, the Town Council provided financial support for a range of local organisations, community services and events, including:

- Fit, Fed and Read, delivered by Gwella – supporting children and families through holiday activities, food and reading.
- Flintshire Foodbank – supporting local provision for people experiencing food insecurity.
- Mold Town Band – supporting local music and the town's cultural life.
- Daniel Owen Community Association – including funding to help make toilets available for public use.
- Eisteddfod-related grants – encouraging Welsh-language participation and cultural activity.
- Daniel Owen Festival – celebrating the town's literary and cultural heritage.
- Mold Food and Drink Festival – supporting an established event that brings people together and showcases the town.

This support helps sustain a wide range of opportunities for residents and visitors, from practical assistance and access to facilities to arts, culture and community celebrations. It also demonstrates the value of partnership working: the Town Council contributes funding, while local organisations bring their expertise, volunteers and community connections.



School Uniform Recycling Scheme

The school uniform recycling initiative helped families access pre-loved clothing while encouraging reuse and reducing waste.

Mayor's Charity Appeal

The Mayor's Charity Appeal supported Macmillan Cancer Support (Flintshire and Wrexham) and Flintshire Kidsbank. The Mayor reported raising over £7,000 during the year.







Health, Well-being and Community Safety

Defibrillators and first-aid provision

WELL-BEING GOALS ▪ A Healthier Wales | A Wales of Cohesive Communities

LOCAL WELL-BEING CONNETION · supports health, independence and community preparedness



A new defibrillator was installed at Bailey Hill Centre, in addition to six community defibrillators across Mold overseen by the Town Council.

Working with the British Red Cross, the Council also arranged 90-minute first-aid workshops in January and March 2026 for staff, volunteers and members of the wider community.

Crime prevention and community safety

WELL-BEING GOALS ▪ A Wales of Cohesive Communities

LOCAL WELL-BEING CONNETION · supports safer, more connected neighbourhoods and town-centre partnerships

The Council continued to support measures aimed at making Mold a safer place for residents, businesses and visitors. Its work included financial support for town-centre CCTV provision and participation in the Shopwatch scheme, helping strengthen local crime-prevention arrangements and communication between businesses and relevant partners.



In partnership with North Wales Police's We Don't Buy Crime team, the Council also purchased 100 SmartWater forensic property-marking kits for Mold residents, made available at a discounted rate through organised drop-in sessions at the Council offices.

Why this matters to Mold?

A healthy, safe and supportive community is essential to making Mold a great place to live, work and visit. By supporting local organisations, promoting well-being and investing in community safety, we help protect residents, support those most in need and create a town where everyone feels safe, valued and connected.

Celebrating Our Community Champions

WELL-BEING GOALS ▪ A Wales of Cohesive Communities | A More Equal Wales

Mold Community Awards – February 2026

At the fifth Mold Community Awards, nearly 100 people gathered to recognise local achievement at Mold Rugby Club on 26th February as Mold Town Council celebrated the town's community champions at its fifth annual Mold Community Awards.

The ceremony recognises individuals, groups and businesses who live or work in Mold, or who make a significant contribution to the town and its residents. This year saw almost 300 nominations submitted, covering just over 100 nominees across five categories, as well as the Mayor's Choice Award, making our awards panel very difficult when it comes to choosing the winners. This is an inspirational evening hearing how all our nominees have made a positive impact on our community.

- Volunteering Award (Under 25) – ***Rhys Ceiro Jones***: Recognised for his dedication as kit and equipment manager for Mold Alexandra's first team.
- Volunteering Award (25 and Over) – ***North East Wales Search and Rescue (NEWSAR):*** An entirely voluntary organisation operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, assisting police and ambulance services in locating missing and vulnerable people.
- Community Project of the Year – ***Tandem Cymru***: Celebrating 20 years of supporting adults with learning disabilities in Mold and surrounding areas. Run entirely by volunteers, the charity provides weekly social sessions, outings and celebrations, helping members develop friendships, confidence and a sense of belonging. The group also regularly participates in Mold Carnival and other community events.
- Business of the Year – ***The Black Bull Farm Shop***: Located in Mold Indoor Market and owned by Richard Watts and Nicola Chamberlain.
- Sporting Achievement Award – ***Lola Rogers***: A talented 17-year-old netball player representing Wales at Under-19 level.
- Mayor's Choice Award – ***Cambria Band***: Founded in 2006 to lead the revived Mold Carnival, the Welsh marching band performs at more than 80 events annually. With its motto "Gorymdeithio Dros Gymru", the band has spent two decades developing local musical talent and proudly representing Mold across Wales and beyond.



The contribution of volunteers

Around 90 volunteers contributed more than 3,000 hours to local events and activities during 2025/26, equivalent to approximately 400 working days. Their contributions included stewarding, planning, fundraising, research and event delivery along with the delivery of the Historic guided walking tours.

The Council thanked its volunteers at a Christmas celebration in December 2025.



Giving Young people a Voice

WELL-BEING GOALS ▪ A More Equal Wales | A Wales of Cohesive Communities | A Resilient Wales

LOCAL WELL-BEING CONNETION · supports flourishing communities and young people's participation in local decisions.

Mold Town Youth Council provided opportunities for young residents to share ideas, engage with local issues and contribute to the life of the town. During the year, young people discussed biodiversity and climate change, including hearing from Flintshire County Council's Climate Change Team.













Why this matters to Mold?

Celebrating our community champions and giving young people a voice helps build a stronger, more connected Mold. By recognising those who make a difference and encouraging the next generation to get involved, we inspire community pride, develop confidence and skills, and ensure everyone has an opportunity to help shape the town's future.

Our Heritage, Green Spaces and Environment

Mold Cemetery

WELL-BEING GOALS ▪ A Healthier Wales | A Resilient Wales | A Wales of Cohesive Communities | A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language



Mold Cemetery, established in 1877, is not only an active burial ground but also an important part of the town's heritage and a valued green space. The Town Council is committed to ensuring that the cemetery remains a peaceful, welcoming and well-maintained environment where families can remember loved ones, visitors can appreciate its history and wildlife can thrive.

At the heart of this work is our dedicated Cemetery Team, whose hard work, professionalism and attention to detail ensure that the grounds are maintained to an excellent standard throughout the year. Their responsibilities extend far beyond routine grounds maintenance, encompassing the sensitive management of burials, care of graves and memorials, upkeep of pathways and facilities, and support for bereaved families and visitors. Their commitment and pride in their work are reflected in the care and respect shown throughout the cemetery.

Protecting Nature and Encouraging Biodiversity

Environmental responsibility remains an important part of cemetery management. The Council continues to maintain the grounds without the use of pesticides, herbicides, chemical fertilisers or peat, adopting practices that protect wildlife and encourage a healthier natural environment.

Wildflower areas are encouraged in suitable locations not required for burials, providing valuable habitats for pollinators and other wildlife. Plants are reused wherever practical, while fallen and felled timber is retained where safe to support insects, fungi and biodiversity. These measures demonstrate how an active cemetery can successfully balance its primary purpose with environmental stewardship.

The cemetery also provides an important connection to Mold's past, with historic memorials, Commonwealth war graves and the resting place of notable local figures, including Daniel Owen. Through careful maintenance and sensitive management, the Cemetery Team helps preserve this heritage for future generations.

The Town Council is extremely proud of its Cemetery Team, whose dedication ensures Mold Cemetery remains a dignified place of remembrance, an important heritage asset and a green space that continues to benefit the wider community.

Bailey Hill

WELL-BEING GOALS ▪ A Resilient Wales | A Healthier Wales | A Wales of Cohesive Communities | A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language

Bailey Hill is one of Mold's most treasured landmarks, combining centuries of history with beautiful green spaces and opportunities for the community to come together. As a Scheduled Ancient Monument, it forms an important part of the town's heritage and identity.

Mold Town Council plays a key role in managing the Bailey Hill Centre, working to ensure that this important site remains welcoming, accessible and well cared for while respecting its historic significance.

A Space for Everyone



Bailey Hill provides a peaceful green space in the heart of Mold, offering residents and visitors opportunities to enjoy nature, exercise, relax and connect with the town's history.

The Bailey Hill Centre also provides a valuable community facility, hosting a variety of activities, classes and groups throughout the year. From youth activities and well-being sessions to community meetings and social gatherings, the Centre offers a welcoming and affordable space for local organisations and residents.

By providing facilities for community use, the Council helps encourage participation, reduce isolation and support the physical and mental well-being of people of different ages and backgrounds.

Working Together to Protect Bailey Hill

The continued management and development of Bailey Hill is supported through a Tripartite Agreement between Mold Town Council, Flintshire County Council and the Friends of Bailey Hill.



This partnership provides an important framework for collaborative working, bringing together the responsibilities, knowledge and commitment of each organisation to support the ongoing care, conservation and use of the site.

Regular partnership meetings provide opportunities to discuss the management of Bailey Hill, identify maintenance and improvement priorities, address operational matters and consider opportunities to enhance the site for residents and visitors.

The Town Council values the continued involvement of Flintshire County Council and the Friends of Bailey Hill, recognising that effective partnership working is essential to balancing the site's heritage, environmental and community needs.

Biodiversity and environmental action

WELL-BEING GOALS ▪ A Resilient Wales | A Globally Responsible Wales

LOCAL WELL-BEING CONNECTION · Contributes to environmental resilience and sustainable communities.

Working with Keep Wales Tidy, Flintshire County Council Streetscene and the Mold Plastic Reduction Group, the annual Mold Spring Clean encouraged residents, businesses and community groups to take part in litter-picking and recycling. The Council also supported year-round litter-picking opportunities and provided equipment where required.



The Council's Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience Report 2022–2025 records the practical work underpinning the section 6 biodiversity duty. At Mold Cemetery, a Tree Policy has been developed; wildflower areas have been established on land not required for burials; suitable discarded plants are replanted; and fallen or felled timber is retained as habitat where safe. These measures support pollinators, insects, fungi and other wildlife while respecting the Cemetery's primary function.

Across the town, pollinator-friendly planting in hanging baskets and gateway planters supports urban biodiversity. The living roof at Bailey Hill Centre is maintained as a wildlife habitat, while the Bailey Hill community shares information about local flora and fauna. The Council also works with the Mold Plastic Reduction Steering Group and supports environmental projects through its community grants arrangements.

The 2022–2025 report is a retrospective assessment and informs continuing work during 2025–2026; it should not be interpreted as evidence that every measure began during this reporting year.

Biodiversity is considered through relevant committee work, including the Community, Development and Regeneration Committee and Cemetery Committee. The Planning Committee considers environmental effects when commenting as a consultee.

Why this matters to Mold?

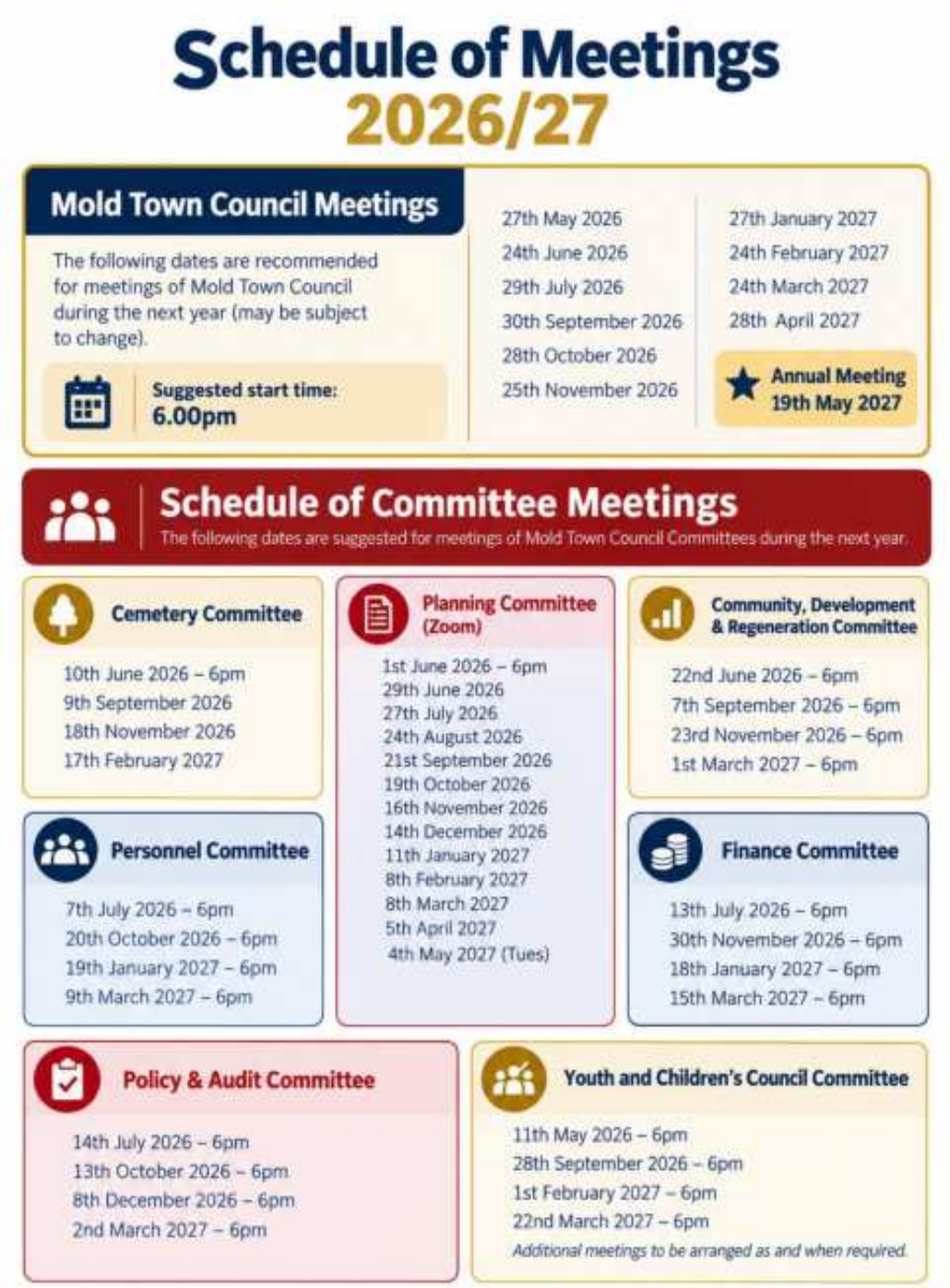
Our heritage, green spaces and natural environment are an important part of what makes Mold special. By caring for Mold Cemetery, protecting Bailey Hill, encouraging biodiversity and working with local partners, we preserve our town's history while creating welcoming, sustainable spaces that support wildlife, improve well-being and can be enjoyed by residents and future generations.

Your Town Council

Town Council and Committee Meetings

WELL-BEING GOALS ▪ A Prosperous Wales | A Wales of Cohesive Communities

The Council operates through Full Council and its committees, with decisions taken by elected Members and implemented by officers. Its governance arrangements include Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, internal controls, financial monitoring, risk management, publication of meeting information and opportunities for public participation.



Public Participation

Members of the public are welcome to speak on items listed on the agenda. Up to 15 minutes is allocated, with a maximum of 5 minutes per subject.

At the Chair's discretion, a member of the public may raise a matter not on the agenda for up to 5 minutes. The Council cannot make decisions or debate non-agenda items at the meeting, but these may be noted for future consideration.

The Chair may intervene to maintain order, stop irrelevant or disorderly remarks, or adjourn the meeting if necessary.

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Our Finances 2025/26

Mold Town Council continues to manage its finances carefully, ensuring the town's resources are used effectively for the benefit of our community.

£463,818
Total income
from local taxation (precept) and other contributions

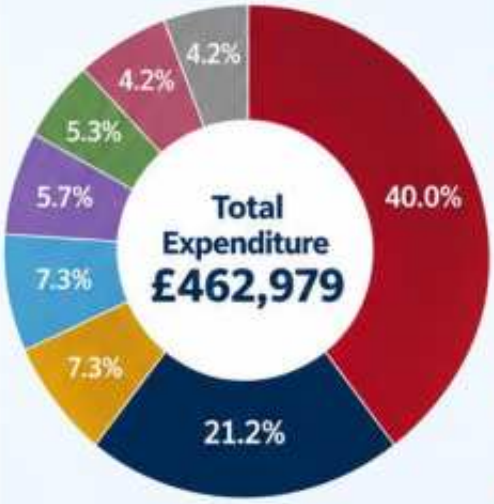
£462,979
Total expenditure
on staff costs, services and operational needs

£338,881
Council tax precept
97.6% of total income

£3,045
Community grants awarded
supporting local organisations and projects

How the money is spent

Actual expenditure by budget centre 2025/26
£462,979



- Council management, staffing & governance (administration) **£185,286** 40.0%
- Cemetery **£98,355** 21.2%
- Town Council offices **£32,225** 7.3%
- Events, community engagement & tourism **£33,634** 7.3%
- Bailey Hill **£24,287** 5.3%
- Open spaces and play areas **£19,398** 4.2%
- Community grants and projects **£26,463** 5.7%
- Other services **£19,331** 4.2%

A closer look at key services

Mold Cemetery
£98,355
Maintaining and developing our award-winning cemetery

Events
£33,634
Delivering community events including Mold Carnival, Christmas and family activities

Bailey Hill
£24,287
Caring for a historic landmark and community facility

Hanging baskets
£9,398
Keeping our town centre attractive and welcoming

Community grants
£3,045
Supporting local organisations and community projects

Investment in our town

In addition to our core services, we invested in a number of key projects and initiatives during 2025/26.

Christmas lighting
£23,782
Installation, maintenance and removal of the town's festive lighting

CCTV maintenance
£5,179
Supporting town centre safety and working with partners

Play area improvements
£10,000
Contribution towards safer, more inclusive play spaces for local children and families

TotallyMold
£2,344
Supporting local businesses and promoting Mold as a visitor destination through the bilingual TotallyMold website

Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

Mold Town Council is committed to maintaining high standards of governance, transparency and financial accountability, ensuring that public resources are managed responsibly and decisions are made in the best interests of the community.

This statement summarises the Council's governance arrangements for the financial year ending 31st March 2026, with reference to the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014, as amended, and the wider legislative framework governing town and community councils in Wales.

1. Responsibilities and Accountability

The Council is responsible for ensuring that:

- Its activities and decisions comply with relevant legislation, regulations and established standards.
- Public money and Council assets are properly safeguarded and accounted for.
- Financial resources are used economically, efficiently and effectively, demonstrating value for money.
- Appropriate arrangements are in place for risk management, internal control and financial oversight.
- Council decisions are transparent, accountable and responsive to the needs of the community.
- Good governance supports the effective delivery of local services and community priorities.

2. Governance Framework

The Council maintains a framework of policies, procedures and internal controls designed to support lawful decision-making, effective management and accountability.

Key elements include:

- Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – establishing clear procedures for Council business, financial management and decision-making.
- Members' Code of Conduct – promoting high standards of behaviour, integrity and accountability.
- Scheme of Delegation and Committee Terms of Reference – defining responsibilities and decision-making authority.
- Risk Management Policy – identifying and managing risks to Council operations, finances and services.
- Internal Controls and Internal Audit – providing independent review and assurance over financial systems and procedures.

- Anti-Fraud and Corruption and Whistleblowing Policies – supporting openness, integrity and appropriate reporting arrangements.
- Financial Monitoring – regular consideration of budgets, expenditure, bank reconciliations and reserves.
- Public Transparency – publication of agendas, minutes, financial information and other statutory documents.

The Council also considers the principles of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 when planning activities and supporting the long-term well-being of Mold.

3. Reviewing Effectiveness

The Council regularly reviews its governance arrangements to ensure that appropriate controls remain in place and opportunities for improvement are identified.

During 2025/26, oversight and review included:

- Financial monitoring and scrutiny by the Finance Committee and Full Council.
- An annual independent internal audit, with recommendations considered and addressed where appropriate.
- Ongoing financial management and oversight by the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO).
- Regular consideration of financial reports, payments and bank reconciliations.
- Review of earmarked reserves as part of the annual budget-setting process.
- Review of year-end financial procedures with the Council's accounting software provider, Rialtas.
- Councillor involvement in policy reviews, financial decisions and governance matters.

These arrangements support continuous improvement and help ensure that the Council's financial and operational responsibilities are discharged effectively.

4. Governance Assurance and External Audit

The Council's internal governance arrangements and financial controls are subject to ongoing review, with improvements introduced where required.

The 2025/26 Annual Return and associated Annual Governance Statement are currently awaiting completion of the external audit by Audit Wales.

Any matters identified through the external audit process will be considered by the Council, with appropriate action taken in response to recommendations or findings.

Our Commitment to Good Governance

Mold Town Council remains committed to openness, accountability and responsible financial management. Through effective oversight, regular review and transparent decision-making, the Council aims to maintain public confidence and ensure that its resources continue to deliver meaningful benefits for the people of Mold.

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