

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mold Town Council Meeting held at St David's Church Hall, St David's Lane at 6pm on Wednesday 27th March 2024 (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllrs. Teresa Carberry (Mayor and Chairman), Sarah Taylor (Deputy Mayor), Haydn Jones, Robin Guest, Paul Beacher, Geoff Collett, Brian Lloyd, Pete Dando and Chris Bithell

Via Zoom: Cllrs. Bryan Grew, Joanne Edwards and Megan Lloyd Hughes.

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

Guests: Kate Glover-Jones, Flintshire Youth Service

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No members of the public present.

210. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Haydn Bateman, Catherine F Hill, Tina Claydon

ABSENT: Cllr Tim Maunder

211. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Teresa Carberry, Sarah Taylor and Jo Edwards declared an interested in agenda item 11 Financial Assistance (Daniel Owen Community Centre Association).

212. PRESENTATION FROM KATE GLOVER-JONES FLINTSHIRE YOUTH SERVICE

Councillor Teresa Carberry welcomed Kate Glover-Jones to the meeting.

A presentation had previously been circulated to members regarding Flintshire Youth Service and Kate went through the presentation which explained the services they provide, who they work with and the assistance they can offer.

Kate referred to several key points within the presentation:-

- Flintshire Youth Service are part of Flintshire County Councils Education and Youth portfolio and work with 11 – 25 year olds across Flintshire.
- Their service is delivered remotely across Flintshire as well as within groups face to face.
- The team currently has 3 full time and one part time worker and in the process of running a recruitment drive to increase their numbers.
- The current team work in 5 high schools and 3 other schools under Involvement Workers Role, this includes Mold Alun and Bryn Gwalia schools in Mold, as well as being involved in a number of community projects.
- Youth Workers have worked on a number of sessions during the Summer holidays supporting Aura on the Fit, Fed and Red sessions and also work closely with Theatr Clwyd Community Engagement Team.

- They have also worked with a number of Ukraine children who have come over to the UK

Further information regarding Flintshire Youth Services can be requested via kate.glover-jones@flintshire.gov.uk

Cllr Teresa Carberry thanked the visitors for their time.

6.30pm Kate Glover-Jones left the meeting .

213. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members considered the pre circulated report regarding the Mayor's engagements. Cllr Carberry informed members of her forthcoming fundraising concert on 27th April and asked members to consider supporting the event as this was her final event before the end of her Mayoral term.

214. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that;

- (a) The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 28th February 2024 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- (b) The Minutes of the Cemetery Meeting held on the 6th March 2024 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- (c) The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 11th March 2024 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- (d) The Minutes of the Accommodation Committee held on the 11th March 2024 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- (e) The Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on the 13th March 2024 be received and formally approved as a correct record;
- (f) The Minutes of the Youth and Children's Committee Meeting held on the 19th March 2024 be received and formally approved as a correct record.

215. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Letter received from Menter Iaith regarding the St David's Day window competition.
It was **RESOLVED** to note the information.
- (ii) Email received regarding NotMyShame Campaign

It was **RESOLVED** for the information to be shared on the Mold Town Centre facebook page.

216. OFFICER REPORTS

The Events and Community Engagement Officer report was **noted**.

Cllr. Taylor requested that a card of congratulations be sent on behalf of members to Mrs Dalton and Ms Wyatt at Ysgol Bryn Gwalia following their recent accolades at the Leader Education Awards and to Mold Tennis Club Men's A Team following their achievements in the National Tennis Wales Awards.

It was **RESOLVED** for the Mayor to send congratulations cards on members behalf.

217. INTERIM AUDIT REPORT

To **note** the Interim Audit Report completed February 2024.

The Mayor thanked the Clerk for her work on the audit report and the actions that had already been carried out.

It was **resolved** to note the Interim Audit Report.

218. FINANCIAL RISK REGISTER

Members considered the previously circulated Financial Risk Assessment which the Clerk had updated in preparation for the annual audit and were asked to approve the updated report presented.

It was **resolved** to approve the Financial Risk Assessment.

219. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members were asked to approve the following annual subscriptions due to expiry dates prior to the annual meeting: -

- i) SLCC subscription expires 30.04.24, £75
- ii) One Voice Wales subscription expires 31.03.24, £2020.00

It was **resolved** to approve the subscriptions

220. ANNUAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A) To note emails received and agree where necessary on actions needed: -

- i) Email from the Daniel Owen Community Centre Association (DOCA)
- ii) Email from Eisteddfod Rhondda Cynon Taf 2024

Following discussion it was **resolved** to defer replying to the DOCA email regarding the public toilet facilities until further discussions were held in regards to current financial donation and what it was used for.

Members **approved** £150 from the allocated financial assistance budget to be paid to Eisteddfod Rhondda Cynon Taf 2024

B) Members are also asked to note the following annual financial assistance payments from the Town Council:-

Blues and Soul Festival £2000 – event did not take place
Flintshire Foodbank £1000 – has not been claimed this year
Town Band Contribution £1000 – has been paid
Daniel Owen Community Centre Association £5000 – has been paid
Fire Service Bonfire £400- has been paid
Eisteddfod Grants £350 - has not been claimed this year
Daniel Owen Festival £450 - has been paid
Mold Food and Drink Festival £1000 - has been paid

The Clerk recommended that the annual financial assistance payments are discussed and agreed at the Annual Meeting along with the Annual Subscription and minuted for auditing purposes.

Following discussion it was **resolved** to approve the annual financial assistance payments at the Annual Meeting. Members also **approved** for the Clerk make the £1000 payment to the Food Bank and a receipt to be requested for audit purposes.

221. CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

Members considered the previously circulated pledge from SLCC and the National Association of Local Council (NALC) which is urging Councils to sign the pledge.

It was **approved** that Council would sign the pledge

7.00pm Councillor H Jones left the meeting

222. NEW STREET LIGHTING POLICY

Members were asked to note the previously circulated Street Lighting Policy from Flintshire County Council.

It was **resolved** to note the information.

223. ELECTRICITY CONTRACT – BAILEY HILL CENTRE

Members considered the previously circulated quotes received regarding the electricity contract for the Bailey Hill Centre as the current contract comes to an end 22nd April 2024.

It was **resolved** to enter into contract with EDF.

224. LOCATION OF NEW CCTV CAMERA

Following agreement at October 2023 meeting an additional re-deployable CCTV camera has been purchased and location is to be agreed. A discussion has taken

place with Sgt. Nash from North Wales Police who suggested that the hospital lane next to Parkfields should be considered as this lane is an area of concern.

Members raised concern that the poor lighting along this lane may not be suitable for CCTV and asked the Events Officer to liaise with Flintshire CCTV suite and NWP regarding the suitability and also if there were any other areas to be considered.

Councillor Carberry suggested the camera should be installed within Gas Lane play area.

It was **resolved** to defer a decision to April's meeting to allow the Events Officer to have further discussions with NWP and CCTV.

225. ACCOMODATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Accommodation Committee had requested the Clerk to arrange a 'round the table' discussion with Flintshire County Council's Chief Officer, Head of Assets and Team Leader of Evaluation and Estates to discuss the purchase price of the Town Hall. The Clerk advised that she has been informed by FCC that the first protocol is to hold discussion with FCC Assets Manager as FCC don't have resource for further officers to join the discussions.

It was **resolved** to note the information

226. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMENDATION

Following the Personnel Committee meeting the Clerk had been asked to prepare a report on the Bailey Hill Project and Tripartite Agreement and for it to be discussed at an Extra Ordinary Town Council Meeting.

It was **approved** to hold an Extra Ordinary Town Council Meeting following the Clerks report.

227. CEMETERY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Two estimated quotes have been received to carve the tree stump in the Cemetery car park. The estimated quotes range from £250 - £450 depending on the carving required. The Cemetery committee would like to seek support from the Council to use some of the Cittaslow Funds for the tree carving to take place based on cost not exceeding £450.

It was **approved** to use Cittaslow funds up to £450 for the tree carving.

228. PLANNING

Resolved to note the information

229. ACCOUNTS/PAYMENTS

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

- Month 11 Community Bank account CB1 £39,198.66 (excl. VAT)
- Month 11 Events Bank account £1,001.95
- Month 11 Prepaid Mastercard £320.72
- Month 11 Mayors Charity Account £8.00
- Month 11 Business Money Manager Account £0,000

It was **resolved** that that the schedules of payments be approved.

230. VACANCIES

The Committee vacancies were **noted**.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Mayor’s signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 27th March 2024
MEMBER Councillors: S Taylor, C Carberry, J Edwards	ITEM 11	MINUTE NO. REFERS 220

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