

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 6th June 2024 (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllrs. Brian Lloyd (Mayor and Chairman), Paul Beacher (Deputy Mayor), Haydn Jones, Robin Guest, Chris Bithell, Catherine Frances Claydon-Hill, Tina Claydon, Sarah Taylor and Joanne Edwards.

Via Zoom: Councillors. Bryan Grew and Teresa Carberry

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk & Finance Officer; Jane Evans, Events & Community Officer (via Zoom) and Lynette Buntain, Support Officer

Absent: Councillors Tim Maunders, Haydn Bateman, Megan Lloyd Hughes and Geoff Collett

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No members of the public present.

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Pete Dando.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

36. NORTH WALES LOCAL POLICING TEAM

Local policing team was unable to attend.

- i. It was **resolved** to write to the police requesting support with tackling the issue of vandalism to play areas in Mold.
It was **resolved** that the topic of vandalism be discussed at the next Mold Town Youth Council meetings.
It was **resolved** to appeal to the public via a press release, to report incidents of vandalism.
- ii. It was **resolved** to write to the police regarding the use of bikes and scooters (including electric) on pavements and roads.

37. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayors appointments since the last meeting were **noted**.

38. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that;

- (a) The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 22nd May 2024 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

- (b) The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 3rd June 2024 be received and **approved** as a correct record.
- (c) The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 4th June 2024 be received and **approved** as a correct record.
- (d) The Minutes of the Youth and Children's Council Committee Meeting on 17th June 2024 to be received and **approved** as a correct record.

39. CORRESPONDENCE

- I. Information received for the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales was **noted**. Jo to send out letter of confirmation.
- II. Information received from Darren Morris regarding Summer Playschemes was **noted**. It was **resolved** that banners would not be purchased as the Playschemes are a well-known activity every summer. It was discussed that, as per previous meetings, it has been agreed that the scheme runs for 3 weeks in each area due to poor attendance caused by overlapping activities.
- III. Email received from Aura Leisure and Libraries regarding Fit, Fed and Read was **noted**.

40. EVENTS AND COMMUNITY OFFICER REPORT

The Events and Communities Officer Report was **noted**. It was mentioned that the Round Table has volunteered to clean, replant, and woodchip planters in the Daniel Owen Square. Mold Town Council to contribute £500 towards plants, etc as agreed at recent CDR Committee Meeting.

Save the High Street meeting was poorly attended. Jane waiting on a response regarding how the credit system works.

It was **agreed** that Jim Evans and Rick Lee to be sent thank you letters from the Mayor for all their help with the plants and around town.

41. ACTION LIST

New actions to the Action List **noted**.

42. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REFUSE COLLECTION

It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk will write to Flintshire County Councils Streetscene to raise concerns discussed.

43. CITTASLOW BEST PRACTICES AND CONFERENCES UPDATE

Cllr. Catherine Frances Claydon-Hill attended the Cittaslow International Conference in Italy on 20th – 23rd June 2024. Although Cllr. Claydon-Hill was the only representative from the UK, the event was a good opportunity to network. ACTION: Brochure to be scanned and distributed to all members.

44. ANNIVERSARY OF MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

It was discussed that there is no allowance in the budget for an event. It was proposed by Cllr. Robin Guest to tie this in with another event such as the Thank You to Volunteers. It was **resolved** to celebrate 50 years of Mold Town Council at the annual Volunteers Event in December.

45. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- I. It was **resolved** that the Finance Committee be given delegated authority to approve Community Grants up to £1,000 and within budget and also to undertake Virements agreed at the Finance Committee with regards to the Town Council budget.
- II. Finance Report discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting **noted**.
- III. It was **resolved** that the Bank Account for the Mayor's Charity Fund be closed.

46. POLICY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that:

Tree Policy – Cemetery committee – be **accepted**

Community Grant Policy – Finance Committee – be **accepted**

Community Grant Application Form – Finance Committee – be **accepted**

47. CHAIN FOR MAYORS CONSORT

It was **resolved** that a chain be purchased for the Mayor's Consort.

Quotes and ideas to be brought to the next meeting for discussion and decision.

48. AUDIT 2023-2024

Members expressed their thanks to the Town Clerk for her efforts with sorting the finances and all the work involved in preparing the audit.

Members considered the recommendations from the Policy & Audit Committee held on the 18th June 2024 relating to the report of the Internal Auditor, the Annual Return and the additional governance assertions with supporting information.

Members noted that the Annual Return was supplemented by additional questions in the Annual Governance Statement to test the assertions. The complete set of papers, annual return, various requested documents and additional questions form the whole of the information to Wales Audit who are now responsible for the external audit.

The report of the Internal Auditor was considered and noted that the actions recommended had been responded to, implemented or would be attended to as soon as practicable.

Resolved: That

- (i) The report of the Internal Auditor for the financial year 2023/2024 be formally received and approved;
- (ii) The draft Annual Return and additional questions to test assertions be received and approved and the Mayor to sign;
- (iii) The observations of the Internal Auditor be received and approved.

Signing of the documentation was **Authorised**.

It was **noted** that the Electors rights notice has been displayed on the Town Hall Notice Board and on the Town Council Website on the 13th June 2024. The period will commence 1st – 26th July 2024.

Resolved: That the Financial accounts for 2021/22 be accepted and approved.

49. NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Planning decisions **noted**.

50. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 2 Community Bank account CB1 £30,903.89 (excl. VAT)
Month 2 Events Bank account £3,628.96
Month 2 Prepaid Mastercard £2,930.29
Month 2 Mayors Charity Account £8.00
Month 2 Business Money Manager Account £55,000.00
Month 2 Deposit Bond 1 £15,000.00
Month 2 Deposit Bond 2 £15,000.00
Month 2 Deposit Bond 3 £15,000.00

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

51. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was **resolved** to exclude the public and press.

52. PART 2 – HR & H&S

Verbal update received from Town Clerk and representatives on the Policy and Audit Committee.

It was **resolved** to except Policy and Audits recommendation and the quote from Worknest be accepted for a period of 36 months at a cost of £4,442 + VAT per annum.

53. PART 2 – PURCHASE OF TOWN HALL

It was discussed that there is still no short-term lease from FCC.
Running costs for the Town Hall were discussed, as well as repair / maintenance costs.

It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk to contact commercial estate agents and start investigating possible alternative locations.

It was **resolved** that a separate meeting be held to discuss the findings.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Mayor’s signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 26.06.24	
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS	