**MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Mold Town Council Meeting held Bailey Hill Centre at 6pm on Wednesday 27th November 2024 (also, by Video conferencing).**

**PRESENT:**

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

**Via Zoom:** Cllrs. Joanne Edwards, Teresa Carberry, Tina Claydon, Catherine Frances Claydon and Tim Maunders

**Officers:** Jo Lane, Town Clerk & Finance Officer and Jane Evans, Events and Community Engagement Officer (via Zoom).

**Absent:** Councillor Haydn Bateman, Geoff Collett

**PUBLIC PARTCIPATION:** None

**122. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bryan Grew and Megan Lloyd-Hughes

The Clerk informed members that Cllr. Bateman has been absent without notification for 6 months and therefore Cllr. Bateman is automatically disqualified from Council.

**123.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors: Sarah Taylor, Joanne Edwards, Teresa Carberry and Pete Dando declared an interest in agenda item 8 regarding the storage of school uniform at the Daniel Owen Centre

**124.** **MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**125. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that;

1. The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 30th October 2024 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
2. The Minutes of the Youth and Children’s Council Committee meeting held on the 12th October 2024 be received and **approved** as a correct record.
3. The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on 18th November 2024 to be received and **approved** as a correct record.
4. The Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Town Council meeting 19th November 2024 to be received and **approved** as a correct record.

**126. ACTION LIST**

Members considered the previously circulated action list. The Clerk was requested to remove all completed actions that had previously been noted by Council.

It was **resolved** to note the information and approve for completed actions to be removed once noted at Council meeting.

**127. EVENT AND COMMUNITY OFFICER REPORT**

Members **noted** the previously circulated report and verbal update was received.

**128. SUMMER PLAYSCHEME 2025**

Members **noted** the previously circulated information regarding the cost of the Summer Playscheme 2025.

**129. MOLD TOWN COUNCIL UNIFORM RECYCLING INITIATIVE**

Members considered the previously circulated report from Councillor Carberry regarding the school uniform recycling scheme that she has been running from out of the Daniel Owen Centre (DOC) for the last four years, with support from the DOC staff. All the uniform was currently stored inside the store room which Council rent from the DOC, however there is now only school uniform stored in the room as all Council event equipment has been removed. Councillor Carberry asked members for their support to allow her to continue to use the store room and for Council to continue paying the rent for 12 months which would be £1332.00 per annum All members agreed they fully support the scheme, which was much needed in the town and commended Cllr. Carberry for setting up and for her dedication in running the scheme over the last 4 years and it was suggested that the scheme should be put forward for a national award.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Council would continue to pay for the store room for a further 12 months and review at the end of the 12-month period. It was agreed that a request to the DOC board should be made to ask for their consideration to formally take on the school uniform recycling scheme with financial assistance from Mold Town Council.

It was proposed and seconded that the Town Council will continue to pay for the store room in the Daniel Owen Centre in the next financial year to continue to support the initiative.

It was **resolved** to approve a further 12 months hire of the store room at a cost of £1332.00 per annum and formally request the Daniel Owen Centre Association take over the running of the scheme.

**130. PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMING WINTER**

Members considered the previously circulated letter from Flintshire County Council (FCC) to inform members of the services offered to Town and Community Councils:-

1. A representative from the Mold Town Council is requested to be nominated to receive daily details of the proposed gritting actions and accurate weather forecast reports, to pass on to the community. It was agreed that the Events & Community Engagement Officer would be the point of contact.
2. Review of FCC owned salt bins, prior to these being filled in December and January, the FCC would assess each location of the salt bins to ensure that they met the criteria, those not meeting the criteria would be removed. Members were requested to remind residents that the material in the bins was for use on highways only and not intended for private use. If Council require additional bins the cost would be £150 to purchase and £60 to refill thereafter. To confirm FCC salt bins are yellow and MTC owned bins are green. All members were asked to review the salt bins on their wards.
3. Bagged Rock Salt can be delivered to the location of choose for use around Town Council property. Minimum order quantity is 10 bags at cost of £10.22per kg for white rock salt and £8.34per kg for brown rock salt.
4. Community involvement in snow clearing – FCC will offer basic snow clearing equipment to local community groups to enable them to take on localised footpath snow clearing. Town Council and other groups can request equipment which will be 8 bags of rock salt, 3 snow shovels and instructions and indemnity notices for those carrying out work. Council is asked to put forward interested community groups

Following discussion, it was **resolved** that**:-**

* The Events & Community Engagement Officer would be the point of contact to receive daily details of the proposed gritting actions and weather forecast reports.
* Councillor Bithell to contact residents of Bryn Awelon/ Ffordd Argoed area to ask if where they would like a salt bin to be installed.
* A request to be made that the salt bin by Morrison to be moved to the top of Milford Street outside the Bryn Griffiths Club who have agreed for the bin to be located outside their premise.
* Nominated community locations to receive snow clearing equipment were Mold Ex- Services Men’s Club, Daniel Owen Centre and the Bailey Hill Centre.

**131. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY RECOGNITION**

Members considered the previously circulated request from Michael Jones Flintshire County Council Wellbeing and Partnership Lead in setting up a Dementia Friendly steering group in Mold and request to have a member of Council on the steering group.

It was **resolved** that Cllr. Claydon would represent MTC on the Dementia Friendly Mold steering group.

**132. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

Planning decisions were **noted.**

**133. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS**

The Council considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 7 Community Bank Account CB1 £44,278.32(excl. VAT)

Month 7 BMM Account £40,000.00

Month 7 Events account £854.02

Month 7 Mayor’s Charity Account £8.00

Month 7 Prepaid Mastercard £1,080.45

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

**134. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

It was **noted** that no public or press were present.

**135. UPDATE ON STAFF APPRAISALS**

Cllr. Taylor updated members on the appraisals that the Mayor and herself as Chair of Personnel Committee carried out with the Town Clerk. Within the appraisal it was suggested that to support the Clerk when doing the annual report, Council should have an agreed plan to work towards. It was proposed that members should create a council plan with SMART objectives and timescales and should work with an expert who can help put together the councils plans and objectives for the forthcoming year. Members thanked the Clerk for her work which was commended by all.

The Cemetery Superintendents appraisal was also recently carried out and it was confirmed that he had passed his six-month probation. It was also approved for the Cemetery Superintendent to enrol on a Cemetery Management Course and headstone inspection course as requested.

**136. ACCOMODATION OF MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

The Town Clerk provided a verbal update from the Councils Solicitor in relation to the 12 queries relating to the new proposed lease. All queries had now been answered.

It was proposed and seconded that the Mayor should sign the new lease on behalf of the council when prepared.

It was **resolved** that the Mayor have delegated powers to sign the new lease.

**137. LEASE RENEWAL FOR BAILEY HILL, MOLD**

A verbal update was provided by the Town Clerk and Councillor Guest following their meeting with FCC Assets Team regarding the new lease for the Bailey Hill Centre. At the meeting it was agreed that each party would have an equal break clause at 3 and 6 years and that the known damp concern situated by the back door of the Centre remain the responsibility of FCC.

FCC Assets confirmed the lease was currently with FCC Legal team and Council’s requests had been met.

It was **resolved** that the Mayor have delegated powers to sign the new lease as long as the items agreed above are included. Councillor Guest to check before signing.

At the end of the meeting, Councillor Tim Maunders announced to members, that with a heavy heart, he was resigning from Council due to work and personal commitments.

**Meeting ended 7.30pm**

Mayor’s signature: ………………………………………… Date: ……………………

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOLD TOWN COUNCIL’S**

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

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| **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL** | **DATE: 28.11.2024** |
| **MEMBER**Cllrs. Teresa Carberry, Sarah Taylor, Jo Edwards and Pete Dando | **ITEM**Agenda Item 8 | **MINUTE NO. REFERS**129 |

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