

## MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Mold Town Council Meeting held at Bailey Hill Centre at 6pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (also, by Video conferencing).**

### PRESENT:

**Councillors:** Cllrs. Brian Lloyd (Mayor and Chairman), Paul Beacher (Deputy Mayor), Robin Guest, Sarah Taylor, Tina Claydon, Catherine Frances Claydon, Haydn Jones, Pete Dando and Geoff Collett.

**Via Zoom:** Cllrs. Joanne Edwards, Teresa Carberry, Chris Bithell, Megan Lloyd Hughes

**Officers:** Jo Lane, Town Clerk & Finance Officer and Leila Jones, Support Officer.

**138. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

### 139. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 140. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor's appointments since the last meeting were **noted**.

### 141. MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** that;

- 141.1 The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 141.2 The Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 141.3 The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 141.4 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 141.5 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 141.6 The Minutes of the Youth and Children's Council Committee Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 141.7 The Minutes of the Community, Development and Regeneration Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record.

## 142. MOLD TOWN COUNCIL ACTION LIST

The ongoing Action List was **noted**

## 143. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) It was **resolved** to invite Rebecca Richards of WSP to the March Town Council meeting to present an update on the Padeswood Carbon Dioxide Spur Pipeline.

(ii) It was **resolved** to write to Daniel Owen Centre and thank them for their support of the Daniel Owen Festival.

## 144. OFFICER REPORTS

(a) Members **noted** the previously circulated Events and Community Engagement Officer report and verbal update was received.

It was **noted** that Halifax in Mold is closing in June 2025.

It was **resolved** to request from the Daniel Owen Centre a breakdown of the £100 costings for the use of the toilet for the Christmas Lights event.

(b) Members **noted** the previously circulated Town Clerk report and verbal update was received.

It was **resolved** to contact Newydd to enquire about an interim Caretaker/Cleaner for Bailey Hill Visitor Centre.

It was **noted** that Members thanked Town Clerk for stepping up and covering the Caretaker's role over the last few months.

## 145. DRAFT EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2025

Members **agreed** the draft events calendar for 2025.

It was **resolved** for Events and Community Engagement Officer to send an email to Members to ask for volunteers to have a small working group to review the Medieval Day and to look at alternatives during inclement weather.

## 146. MEMBERS ALLOWANCE

It **resolved** to increase Councillors allowance in line with IPRM to:  
£156 – Allowance to recognise Councillors incur costs to do their role.  
£52 – Payment in respect of telephone and broadband.  
Total - £208

It was **agreed** that the Mayor's Allowance would stay at £500.

## 147. PRECEPT/BUDGET SETTING 2025/2026

The budget set for 2025/26 by the Finance Committee was **agreed** at £436,598

The suggested precept increase of 5% (£338,881) was **agreed** with additional funds to transferred from reserves (£29,277) and with the projected income for 2025/26 (£68,440) makes up the full budget needed.

It was **resolved** for Members to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding changes to the Ear Marked Reserves.

It was **resolved** for Town Clerk to add the following four additional Ear Marked Reserve Headings to the Budget.

- Cemetery Lodge
- Cemetery Expansion
- Digitising Burial Records
- Temporary Staff Cover

#### **148. AREA COMMITTEE SURVEY**

It was **resolved** for Town Clerk to complete the 'One Voice Wales' Area Committee Survey on behalf of the Town Council and to then send the completed survey to the Mold Town Council representatives to approve.

#### **149. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ARTWORK IN MOLD TOWN CENTRE**

Discussion was held regarding the public artwork in Mold Town Centre. There are questions regarding the ownership, responsibility, liability, and maintenance costs. The wooden board in the Daniel Owen Precinct was noted particularly as it needs restoration.

It was **resolved** that this is taken to the Community, Development and Regeneration committee for further research and wider discussion and a recommendation then be made to the Town Council.

It was **resolved** to contact Lloyds TSB and the Daniel Owen Precinct landlord and enquire if the wooden information board was restored would they be prepared to take ownership responsibility of said board.

#### **150. YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S COUNCIL**

A verbal update was received from Councillor Megan Lloyd Hughes (Chair of Children's and Youth Council Committee).

**MOTION:** to consider writing to the Police and Crime Commissioner and North Wales Police to highlight the concerns of the Youth Council with respect to vaping and the wish for more Police presence around schools.

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION:** to also write to Flintshire County Council Trading Standards Department.

It was **resolved** to move forward with the amended motion.

## **151. COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE**

Members **noted** the previously circulated report.

A discussion was held as regards the areas in Mold town centre which need clearing and tidying.

It was **resolved** to invite Katie Wilby, Chief Officer of Streetscene Flintshire and a representative from Mold Market to the February Mold Town Council meeting.

It was **resolved** to agree the request received from the CDR Committee a budget of £5,000 to source a contractor to support the clearing and tidying of Mold with areas to be agreed by Full Town Council.

It was **noted** that the Official Remembrance Event will be exempt from road closure charges.

## **152. STREET LIGHTING COLUMNS – BLACKBROOK**

It was **resolved** to reply to the Clerk of Northop Community Council to confirm that Mold Town Council does not own any streetlighting.

## **153. SALT BINS FOR HAFN DEG**

It was **resolved** for a salt bin to be located at Hafn Deg. Councillor Collett will be the contact to arrange the placing of the new salt bin.

## **154. CODE OF CONDUCT**

The recommendation from Cllr. Carberry was discussed and the importance of such training was **agreed**.

It was **resolved** for Town Clerk to request confirmation from Members their completion of the Code of Conduct training.

It was further **resolved** that all Officers view the Code of Conduct video, but not necessary to complete the training.

## **155. DIGITAL HEALTH MATURITY REPORT**

Members **noted** the previously circulated report was received.

It was **noted** that the current microphone used in Zoom meetings is inadequate.

It was **resolved** the Digital Health Maturity Report to be sent to the Policy and Audit Committee for further discussion.

## **156. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members **noted** the previously circulated report was received.

**157. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS**

Members considered the schedules previously circulated.

- Month 8 Community Bank account CB1 £23,234.36 (excl. VAT)
- Month 8 Events Bank account £4,825.11
- Month 8 Prepaid Mastercard £252.01
- Month 8 Mayors Charity Account £8.00 (bank interest)
- Month 8 Petty Cash £174.00
- Month 8 Business Money Manager Account £20,000 (internal transfers)

- Month 9 Community Bank account CB1 £36,218.34 (excl. VAT)
- Month 9 Events Bank account £1,302.38
- Month 9 Prepaid Mastercard £111.23
- Month 9 Mayors Charity Account £8.00 (bank interest)
- Month 9 Business Money Manager Account £20,000 (internal transfers)

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

**158. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

It was **resolved** to exclude public and press for discussion on confidential matters.

**159. TELEPHONE AND INTERNET PROVIDER**

The quote comparison was presented to the Members for review and a discussion was held.

It was **resolved** to obtain a further breakdown of the telephone and internet costs; annual and 36/60 month.

**Meeting ended 8:02pm**

Mayor’s signature: ..... Date: .....

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

<b>MOLD TOWN COUNCIL</b>		<b>DATE: 29.01.2025</b>
<b>MEMBER</b> None	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>

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