

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mold Town Council Meeting held at St David's Church Hall at 6pm on Wednesday 26th February 2025 (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllrs. Brian Lloyd (Mayor and Chairman), Paul Beacher (Deputy Mayor), Robin Guest, Sarah Taylor, Catherine Frances Claydon, Haydn Jones, Pete Dando, Teresa Carberry, Chris Bithell and Megan Lloyd Hughes.

Via Zoom: Cllrs. Joanne Edwards.

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk & Finance Officer; Jane Evans, Events & Community Engagement Officer and Leila Jones, Support Officer.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Member of the Public present.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Paul Reeves, Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Manager, Flintshire County Council; Andrew Farrow, Head of Planning, Flintshire County Council; Mike Wellington, Flood Risk and Drainage Director, Waterco; Laura Smith, Associate, Waterco.

A member of the public was present at the meeting.

163. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors Tina Claydon and Geoff Collett.

164. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

165. MOLD FLOODING AND FLOOD RISK – WELSH GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROGRAMME BUSINESS CASE UPDATE

Members were given a presentation on the flooding issues in Mold. Five (5) Areas of Interest in Mold and the complex issues with the drains, pipes, culverts and river were explained with the onscreen presentation.

Our water systems are looked after by Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water for drains/pipes, Flintshire County Council Highways for culverts and Natural Resources Wales for the waterways/river.

The Town Clerk will circulate the PDF presentation to Members. Members were asked to present their comments and questions directly to Waterco.

Guest Speakers left the meeting at 18:56pm.

166. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Mayor thanked Jane Evans for organising the Awards Ceremony.

The Mayor also thanked Councillors Sarah Taylor and Pete Dando for Emceeding the Awards Ceremony.

167. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that;

164.1 The Minutes of the Policy and Audit Committee Meeting held on 21st January 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

164.2 The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 29th January 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

164.3 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 10th February 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

164.4 The Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on 17th February 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

168. MOLD TOWN COUNCIL ACTION LIST

The ongoing Action List was **noted**.

169. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) It was **resolved** to invite PCSO Tiffany Davis to the next Town Council meeting to speak with members about the 'We Don't Buy Crime' initiative and the Smart Water kits.
- (ii) It was **resolved** to support the Fit, Fed & Read Community Programme with a financial contribution of £1000.

170. OFFICER REPORTS

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

It was **resolved** to postpone the 2025 Medieval Day until 2026 and put together a small committee to work on the 2026 Medieval Day event.

It was **resolved** to write a follow up letter to Flintshire County Council Trading Standards and the North Wales Police as regards the continuing issue with the Vape Shop.

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

Members thanked the Town Clerk for coordinating the office move.

171. REQUEST FROM COUNCILLOR TERESA CARBERRY

MOTION: Permission for the use of Officer time to collate all the organisations within Mold working to alleviate food poverty.

It was **resolved** that officer time could be used to collate this information, once the Town Council Office move was completed.

172. DRAFT UPDATED POLICIES

- (a) Financial Regulations
- (b) Internal Financial Controls
- (c) Financial Risk Assessment
- (d) Annual Investment Strategy
- (e) Standing Orders

It **resolved** all draft policies are adopted by the Council.

MOTION: All Members to read and sign the newly adopted Mold Town Council Financial Regulation and Standing Orders Documents to confirm that they have read and understood its contents.

It was **resolved** that all Members will be required to sign both documents.

173. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE TOOLKIT FOR COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS

It was **resolved** to establish a working group of Town Councillors and Town Clerk to work through the Finance and Governance Toolkit.

Cllrs Pete Dando, Sarah Taylor and Teresa Carberry volunteered to sit on the Working Group with the Town Clerk – this was **agreed**.

174. 2022-2023 AND 2023-224 AUDIT

The 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Auditor General' reports and audit opinion were **noted**.

Members thanked the Town Clerk for her work on the most recent audit.

175. FURNITURE IN TOWN HALL

MOTION: To donate the wooden arm chairs and small tables to Outside Lives from the Council Chamber.

It was **resolved** to donate the items to Outside Lives.

MOTION: To go back to the Antiques Dealer for a better offer.

The Motion was **not carried** as three (3) For and six (6) Against.

MOTION: To invite residents to rehome chairs from the Council Chambers.

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

176. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – LEASE OBLIGATIONS FOR TOWN HALL REPAIRS POST MOVE OUT

Members **noted** the previously circulated information from Flintshire County Council.

The Town Clerk advised that Paul Brockley, Senior Valuer Flintshire County Council will visit the Town Hall 13th March 2025, 2pm to undertake a review.

177. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Members **noted** the previously circulated report.

178. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS

Members considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 10 – Community Bank account CB1 £45,193.55 (excl. VAT)

Month 10 – Events Bank account £1,222.60

Month 10 – Prepaid Mastercard £267.71

Month 10 – Mayors Charity Account £8.00 (bank interest)

Month 10 – Petty Cash £0.00

Month 10 – Business Money Manager Account £95,000 (internal transfers)

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

179. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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

Member of the Public exited the meeting at 19:53pm.

180. TELEPHONE AND INTERNET PROVIDER

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

It was **resolved** to accept the quote from FHJ Computer Support.

181. ELECTRICITY PROVIDER FOR NEW TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES

It was **resolved** to accept EON as the electricity provider.

It was **resolved** the Town Clerk to set up a Direct Debit with EON.

182. EVENTS RACKING FOR NEW PREMISES

It was **resolved** to accept the quote from Racking Solutions.

183. FRONTAGE SIGNS FOR NEW OFFICES

It was **resolved** to accept the quote from Northwest Signs.

184. FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

It was **resolved** to accept the quote from Full Circle Security Systems Limited.

185. INTRUDER ALARM SYSTEM

It was **resolved** to accept the quote from Full Circle Security Systems Limited.

It was **agreed** for Town Clerk to enquire if Full Circle Security will provide monitoring of the system.

Meeting ended 8:20pm

Mayor's signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 26.02.2025	
MEMBER None	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS	

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