

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mold Town Council Meeting held at Town Council Offices, Unit 10 Daniel Owen Precinct, Mold at 6pm on Wednesday 25th June 2025 (also, by Video conferencing).

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllrs. Paul Beacher (Mayor and Chair), Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor), Brian Lloyd, Catherine Frances Claydon, Chris Bithell, Nanette Davies, Pete Dando, Richard Clarke, Robin Guest, Sarah Taylor and Teresa Carberry.

Via Zoom: Haydn Jones

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No members of the Public present.

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors: Suzanne Thomas, Tina Claydon, Geoff Collett and Megan Lloyd Hughes.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

32. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised that on Tuesday 24th, representatives from the Youth and Children's Council Committee visited all primary schools in Mold to present the Parking Banner designed collaboratively during the Mold Town Youth Council Primary School Meetings. During the visit to Ysgol Bryn Coch, the Mayor was presented with a number of letters from Year 6 students expressing concerns about traffic congestion and unsafe parking out the school. The letters requested that the double yellow lines currently in place are replaced with school zig zag markings.

Recommendation from the Mayor: The Town Council writes formally to Flintshire County Council to raise the concerns of the pupils.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk write on behalf of the Town Council to raise the pupils concerns.

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

33. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that;

- 33.1 The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 28th May 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 33.2 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 2nd June 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 33.3 The Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting held on 4th June 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 33.4 The Minutes of the Youth and Children's Council Committee Meeting held on 10th June 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record;
- 33.5 The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 17th June 2025 be received and **approved** as a correct record;

34. CORRESPONDENCE

Members considered the previously circulated correspondence;

- (a) Innovative Practice Conference 2nd July 2025. Members to let Clerk know by end of day Thursday 26th June if they are to attend and she will book their place.
- (b) Update on Summer Playscheme 2025 from Darren Morris, Flintshire County Council. Mold Town Council funds 2 Playschemes – Parkfields and Gas Lane.
Clerk to check with Bryn Gwalia Head Teacher if they will be running a summer programme this year.
- (c) Consultation on Proposal to Reorganise the Catholic Education Provision in Flintshire.

Cllr Teresa Carberry declared interest and abstained from discussion.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Sarah Taylor, Paul Beacher (Mayor), Joanne Edwards (Deputy Mayor, Catherine Frances Claydon, and Nanette Davies to set up a Working Group to draft Mold Town Council's response to the consultation.

- (d) Invite from North Wales Superkids to coffee morning on 16th July 2025 in Mold.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Catherine Frances Claydon and Joanne Edwards to attend the North Wales Superkids coffee morning.

35. ACTION LIST

The ongoing Action List was **noted**. Confirmed by Town Clerk that completed items will come off the Action List after each Town Council meeting.

Action 223 – the salt bin by Morrisons has disappeared. No one knows by whom or where it has gone.

The Town Clerk to ask at the Kiosk if they know about it. If not, Town Clerk to report it stolen to the Police.

NOTED: The salt bin on Maes Bodlonfa has also disappeared.

RESOLVED: Town Clerk to order a salt bin for Millford Street and Maes Bodlonfa when completing the Winter Preparation paperwork is received from Flintshire County Council.

Action 217 – The Town Clerk advised members that she is awaiting the official invoice for 100 Smart Water kits.

Action 202 – The Town Clerk has reported on this item in the Town Clerk Report.

Action 213(ii) - The Business Rates motion wording to Town Clerk for One Voice Wales has been received and sent to One Voice Wales.

18.23 Councillor Robin Guest joined the meeting.

36. OFFICER REPORTS

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

It was **noted** that the Solicitors unused office on the upper High Street has post piled up which could be a potential fire risk.

The Town Clerk to contact Flintshire County Council Business Rates for contact details of property owner of the abandoned Solicitors office on the High Street.

Councillor Taylor made a plea for volunteers to support with the Carnival on the 6th July.

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

RESOLVED: To not continue with the postal redirection service which is due to expire on 2nd July 2025.

Christmas Lights were briefly discussed. The Town Clerk to add the Christmas Lights Infrastructure report and recommendations to the next Mold Town Council meeting agenda.

37. MOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S WATER BOWSER

RESOLVED: To dispose of the unrepairable water bowser.

38. UPGRADE OF SUPPORT OFFICERS LAPTOP

RESOLVED: To purchase new laptop as per quote of £475 + VAT due to ongoing performance issues with current 6 year old laptop.

39. CITTASLOW UPDATE

A verbal update and brief overview on the Mold Cittaslow Working Group was received from Cllr Catherine Frances Claydon.

Members thanked Cllr Catherine Frances Claydon for rejuvenating the Cittaslow Working Group.

PROPOSAL: Councillor Catherine Frances Claydon proposed that all existing funds and any pending income allocated to EMR 320 – Cittaslow Projects be transferred to the Mold Cittaslow Working Group Account (once established), to enable the Working Group to effectively plan and deliver future projects.

RESOLVED: Financial Regulations require that the funds are to be kept in EMR 320 – Cittaslow Projects. The Working Group would need to put forward requests for funds to the Mold Town Council for approval.

40. TOWN AND COUNTRY RECOMMENDATION FOR RENT INCREASE

Members **considered** the recommendation received from Town and Country Estate Agents with regards to increasing the rent for Bailey Hill Lodge from £775pcm to £800pcm in line with current market conditions.

RESOLVED: To leave the rent at £775pcm and to continue to review annually.

41. RECOMMENDATION FROM CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Members **considered** the recommendation from the Cemetery Committee to apply for Green Flag status for Mold Cemetery in January 2026. The application will cost between £350 and £400 and will require the development of a Cemetery Management Plan.

After discussion, it was Proposed and Seconded and a vote was held with **11 for** and **1 against**.

RESOLVED: To apply for Green Flag status for Mold Cemetery in January 2026.

42. COMMUNITY GRANT REPORTS FROM 2024/2025

Members **noted** the previously circulated reports which will be included in the Annual Report;

- (a) Nightingale House Hospice
- (b) Deeside Defenders
- (c) 3rd Mold Brownies
- (d) Menter Iaith Fflint a Wrecsam

43. WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF COUNCIL TAX IN WALES

RESOLVED: To not respond to the consultation after consideration by Members.

19:08 Councillor Haydn Jones exited the meeting.

44. AUDIT 2024-2025

Members **considered** the following documents;

NOTED: (i) The report from the Internal Auditor.

RESOLVED: (ii) The Annual Return and the additional governance assertions with supporting information.

RESOLVED: (iii) Additional documentation to accompany the Annual Return to Audit Wales.

AUTHORISED: Signing of the documentation.

APPROVED: The final accounts as presented.

AUTHORISED: The dates for the exercise of electors' rights commencing 1st July 2025 and ending 28th July 2025.

Members **NOTED** that the Town Clerk does a marvellous job with the accounts and works well with the Internal Auditor.

45. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Members **noted** the previously circulated report.

46. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS

Members considered the schedules previously circulated.

Month 2 – Community Bank account CB1 £22,114.33 (excl. VAT)

Month 2 – Events Bank account £8740.40

Month 2 – Prepaid Mastercard £1,794.45

Month 2 – Mayors Charity Account £8.00 (bank interest)

Month 2 – Petty Cash £12.50

Month 2 – Business Money Manager Account £55,000 (internal transfers)

RESOLVED: That the schedules of payments be approved.

Meeting ended 19:29

Mayor's signature: Date:

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL		DATE: 25.06.2025
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
Councillor Teresa Carberry	Consultation on Proposal to Reorganise the Catholic Education Provision in Flintshire	34 (c)

WORD/MINUTES/MTC/MIN/ LGJ