

## **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Delyn Room, County Hall, Mold on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors: Chris Bithell (Mayor), Tony Cattermoul, Carolyn Cattermoul, Ken Corbett, Geoff Darkins, Ray Dodd Bryan Grew, Robin Guest, Carol Heycocks, Stephanie Hulley, Joyce Jones, Brian Lloyd, Tim Maunder, Andrea Mearns and Ken Williams with the Clerk and Finance Officer and Town Centre Manager.

### **APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Geoff Collett

### **123. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

### **124. PRESENTATION OF PROCEEDS FROM MAYOR'S CHARITY CONCERT**

The Mayor advised the Council of the valuable work of Nightingale House Hospice and the large amount of funds needed on an ongoing basis to keep the service running. The Mayor advised of the success of his charity concert in raising £2004 for the Hospice and took great delight in presenting a cheque to Mr. Islwyn Jones, Chairman of the Mold Support Group. Mr. Jones responded by thanking the Mayor for his support.

### **125. CENSUS 2011**

The Mayor welcomed Brenda Fairley to the meeting.

Ms. Fairley advised that she is co-ordinating a team of Census Collectors who will be arranging for the collection of unreturned questionnaires in the Mold area. She outlined the support available to those members of the public who needed assistance with completing the Census forms.

Ms. Fairley also wished to allay any fears that members of the public may have with strangers calling at their homes during the evening. She advised of arrangements with the Police who will have details of the Census Officers and their vehicles for people to check. The arrangement was that the public should call 101 (the non-urgent Police Number) and mention the incident number M036856.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Fairley for the information.

### **126. WEST COAST ENERGY – WIND TURBINE PROPOSAL**

The Mayor welcomed Paula and Jerry Jewson and Chris Thomas from West Coast Energy to the meeting.

Mr. Thomas circulated details of the company and its proposal for the development of a single turbine at its offices in Maes Gwern, Mold to Members at the meeting.

Members of the Council outlined the difficulties they faced in giving their observations. It was noted that there are no similar sized turbines anywhere near to Mold so Members struggled to visualise the impact the turbine would have. It was acknowledged that the additional photomontages on show at the meeting and within the details circulated, helped to give a clearer picture of what was proposed.

Mr. Thomas responded to questions about the likely noise levels resulting from the operation of the turbine and reminded the Council that the County Council's Public Protection Officer had indicated confidence that there would not be any adverse affect on the nearest residential properties. The Officer had also indicated that there would be no request for any conditions to be attached on noise grounds.

Mr. Thomas advised that most turbines lasted for 25 years and that the planning application requested permission for that period of time.

The Mayor thanked the West Coast Energy representatives for their presentation and responses to the questions raised.

## **127. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor advised of his engagements since the January meeting of the Town Council.

The Mayor advised of his attendance and that of the Town Centre Manager and Nikki Bowness at the presentation ceremony in Cardiff for the Keep Wales Tidy Awards when the Mold Spring Clean won the Public Sector Award, presented by Jane Davidson, Minister for the Environment.

The Mayor referred to his attendance at the Chairman of Flintshire County Council's Annual Dinner and at Abbeyfield where he congratulated Mrs. Richardson on reaching 100 years of age.

The Mayor referred to his attendance at the Pancake Day Races and to the presentation of the prizes sponsored by Spavens and David Hughes, Funeral Director and Secretary of Mold 2000.

The Mayor referred again to his charity concert held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011 when £2004 was raised for Nightingale House Hospice. He expressed his delight at the performances and his thanks to those who helped in many ways.

Finally, the Mayor referred to various events relating to the Mold Spring Clean culminating in a litter pick with the Mold and Gwernymynydd Scout group.

## **128. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 be received and approved;
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011 be received and noted.

## **129. MATTERS ARISING**

Mold Town Council 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011

129.1 Minute 115.2 Aldi Car Park Barriers – The Clerk advised that a meeting between the Aldi Area Manager, the Mayor and Councillor Andrea Mearns would be held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

129.2 Minute 118 Town Council Accommodation – The Clerk advised that works to the Town Hall were due to commence on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April with a nine week contract period. He also advised that the Town Council would lose one of its parking spaces on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the period of the works.

## **130. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were considered:

130.1 The Council considered the correspondence from Flintshire County Council regarding the naming of the development for 24 apartments at 53 New Street and agreed to ask if additional time could be allowed for alternative names to be taken into account.

130.2 Councillor Bryan Grew asked Members to consider supporting the One Voice Wales (OVW) initiative in seeking volunteers from town and community councils to assist in the preparation of responses, on behalf of OVW, to consultation papers. It was agreed that Members would either respond directly to OVW or let the Clerk have any response.

130.3 The Council noted the correspondence from the Deputy Leader of Flintshire County Council, and was pleased to note that the current policy for car parking will remain until such time as the application for civil parking enforcement is determined. The Mayor and Councillor Robin Guest commented upon their attendance at a meeting with the Deputy Leader and Director of Environment and indicated their surprise at the overall costs of managing the car parks. It was acknowledged that a comprehensive parking strategy is needed within the Town. It was agreed that the Deputy Mayor and Councillors Carolyn Cattermoul, Bryan Grew, Brian Lloyd and Andrea Mearns should represent the Council in discussions due to be held with the Deputy Leader and the Director of Environment.

130.4 The Council noted the correspondence from the Member of Parliament and Assembly Member in response to the Town Council's request to ensure that Religious Education is retained within the Welsh education curriculum for secondary schools.

130.5 The Council noted the correspondence advising of the change of telephone number for the out of hours GP service in North Wales.

130.6 The Council noted with concern the copy correspondence from the Chairman of the Daniel Owen Community Association detailing worry about the toilet facilities in the Centre. The Clerk advised that at the recent County Forum meeting, the Director of Environment indicated there was to be a review, within the next few months, of the public toilet facilities throughout the County. The Council felt that the

toilets in the Daniel Owen Centre presented a specific problem having originally been built to cope with the demands of a youth club. It was agreed to write to the County Council to request an urgent resolution to these concerns.

130.7 The Council considered the correspondence from Sophie McKeand, organiser of last year's Bailey Hill Festival on behalf of Cittaslow Mold. The Council noted that this year's event is due to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> June and that an application for funding has been made to Cadwyn Clwyd. Whilst the application is yet to be processed it is envisaged that funding will be available. In order to allow the planning and preparations to proceed, the Council agreed to underwrite an amount of £250 for the Festival albeit recognising that the grant may not be needed if Cadwyn Clwyd funding is made available.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the action set out above be approved.

### **131. REPORT OF TOWN CENTRE MANAGER**

The Town Centre Manager presented a verbal report to the Council.

The Town Centre Manager advised on the current situation with retail changes and shop vacancies in the Town.

Reference was made to the work of the Mold Town Partnership and the action plan being prepared. The Town Centre Manager stressed the need for the Council to consider the action plan within the near future.

The Town Centre Manager advised the lamp column banners would now be removed after the Mold Spring Clean and that the planning application would be formally considered in the near future. No more banners would be erected until the planning application had been processed. Reference was also made to the 'Mold Celebrates' street party on the bank holiday of 29<sup>th</sup> April when events are planned for all age groups on the High Street and Daniel Owen Square.

Finally the Town Centre Manager advised that he had been overwhelmed with the support from the Town for the Mold Spring Clean. There had been over 800 volunteer days given alongside other projects such as the clearance of the lagoons at Maes Gwern by the Probation Service. Thanks were expressed to Judith Wright, Alison Brett, Nicola Bowness, Stephanie Doubt, Nicola Roberts, Andy Hughes, Sophie Greatbatch, Amy Robinson and Robert Davies for their help and support. Members acknowledged that support and thanked the Town Centre Manager for all his work in managing the event.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the report be received.

### **132. BURIAL FEES 2011/12**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report detailing the suggested burial fees for the forthcoming year 2011 / 12.

The Committee noted the fees currently charged for burial activities and acknowledged that the Council has consistently increased its fees to a level in line with those charged by the County Council albeit in the previous financial year.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the fees for the year 2011 / 12, as set out in the report, be approved.

### **133. MEETINGS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

The Council noted the arrangements for meetings with pupils from the primary and secondary schools in Mold were to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April respectively.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to note the arrangements and agreed that the Mayor would be supported by the Deputy Mayor and Councillors Ken Corbett, Carol Heycocks and Stephanie Hulley at the meetings.

### **134. NOTICES OF MOTION**

The Council considered the proposal of Councillor Tony Cattermoul and agreed to ask the County Council when it hopes to make a decision on the future of Bailey Hill Lodge. Councillor Cattermoul highlighted the damage that has been caused to the Lodge during the past few weeks and expressed serious concern about the security of the building. He outlined the expected savings in staffing costs as a result of not re-employing a warden but wondered then about the likely costs of securing and repairing the building for future use. It was felt that the costs of securing and repairing would far outweigh the savings identified. Members also expressed concern that, unless the Lodge is re-occupied, it could be damaged beyond repair within a reasonably short period of time which would result in a derelict building being located in a very prominent part of the Town and in a scheduled ancient monument. The Clerk advised that he had met with the County Council's Chief Executive just prior to the meeting when he was advised that the Chief Executive would write inviting the Council to a meeting to discuss a few items of joint concern, one of those being Bailey Hill Lodge.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the above action be approved.

### **135. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

**Resolved:** It was resolved to note the report.

### **136. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

136.1 Councillor Brian Lloyd advised of his attendance at meetings of the Club House Committee and the Regional Committee of One Voice Wales.

136.2 Councillor Carol Heycocks advised of her attendance at meetings of the Mold Spring Clean Steering Group and with the Army and Air Cadets.

136.3 Councillor Tony Cattermoul advised of his attendance at a meeting held to discuss the provision of public art at the Lidl store and indicated that progress was being made.

136.4 Councillor Andrea Mearns advised of her attendance at the Board Meeting of Cittaslow UK and mentioned the many joint initiatives now taking place across Great Britain.

Councillor Mearns advised of meetings of the Mold Town Partnership sub group and discussions on the Town Action Plan mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Reference was made to Pancake Races held earlier in the month and Councillor Mearns expressed her thanks to all those who had helped with the event. She also advised that Mold 2000 would be holding a quiz on 20<sup>th</sup> April in aid of the Christmas lights appeal and asked that Members support the event.

Councillor Mearns advised of a meeting of the Cittaslow Space and Place Group and indicated that work was being undertaken on cycling and pedestrian routes in Mold.

### **137. ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS**

The Council considered the schedule previously circulated and noted that expenditure complied with the statutory powers available to local councils.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the schedule of payments be approved.

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

<b>MOLD TOWN COUNCIL</b>	<b>DATE: 30<sup>TH</sup> March 2011</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
Councillor Andrea Mearns	Correspondence – Bailey Hill Picnic	130.7