

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Mold Town Council held at the Town Hall, Mold on Wednesday 10th August 2011.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Ray Dodd (Mayor), Chris Bithell, Tony Cattermoul, Carolyn Cattermoul, Ken Corbett, Geoff Darkins, Robin Guest, Joyce Jones, Tim Maunders, Andrea Mearns and Ken Williams with the Clerk and Finance Officer.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: Geoff Collett, Bryan Grew, Carol Heycocks and Brian Lloyd.

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

55. SECONDARY SCHOOL REVIEW

The Council considered the previously circulated consultation booklet received from Flintshire County Council containing initial options in the review of secondary school provision in the County.

The Council concentrated only on the document that related to the options for Buckley, Mynydd Isa and Mold.

Members recognised the difficulties faced by Flintshire County Council in responding to the issues of surplus places within a number of the schools particularly when this is considered alongside the condition of many of the existing school buildings. Members also acknowledged that the County Council needed to take action to resolve these difficulties and to make the necessary future arrangements for 6th Form education.

Members felt that there was insufficient information within the consultation document, and indeed of the overall issues relating to surplus places and building conditions, such that it was unable to give proper consideration to the options outlined. They felt that the consultation document did not address the issues highlighted in a comprehensive manner and did not seem to include any references to future requirements for school places resulting from the impact of the developments proposed in the Unitary Development Plan.

In addition to the above, Members believed the options outlined in the consultation document to be inadequate and felt unable to provide a response in the form requested.

Resolved: It was resolved to advise the County Council that:

a) The Council acknowledged the genuine difficulties faced relating to surplus places, the condition of the existing schools and the arrangements for 6th Form education;

- b) The Council recognised that action was required to resolve these difficulties;
- c) The Council felt unable to provide a response in the form requested because it believed the options outlined to be inadequate; and
- d) The Council felt that there was insufficient information within the consultation document to enable proper consideration of the options outlined and indeed of the overall issues relating to surplus places and building conditions. The Council felt that the consultation document did not address the issues highlighted in a comprehensive manner with no references being made to any future requirements for school places resulting from the impact of the developments proposed in the Unitary Development Plan.

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

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL	DATE: 10th August 2011
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
	None	

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