



MOLD TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2019 TO APRIL 2020



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Introduction

Welcome to this Annual Report.

I hope that you will enjoy reading about the work of Mold Town Council and the people we serve.

I would like to thank the elected members and officers of the Town Council for their hard work this year, and especially as there has been big changes in staffing with the departure of Dave Hill, Town Manager (retirement) and Samantha Roberts as Town Clerk (pastures new) I wish Sam very best wishes in her new role. New office staff appointed during my year as Mayor were Joanna Douglass, Joanne Lane and Ian Jones, all of whom adapted quickly and effectively. My thanks also to Jane for keeping me on track throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the many individuals and organisations who have worked with us to improve the wellbeing of the community of Mold.

I would like to wish the new Mayor of Mold very best wishes in these testing times and hope she retains the continued support by all.

Finally, I wish to thank everybody who donated towards my nominated charity North East Wales Search and Rescue (NEWSAR). So many people have made donations to help raise funds, and I am very grateful to you all. A total of approx. £15,000 was raised for my chosen charities under the Town Council's "Save a life, make a difference" appeal which has now become a yearly theme for the Town Council.

Councillor Tim Maunders

Mayor of Mold Town Council

2019/20

From the Town Clerk

On behalf of the Officers of the Council may I welcome you to this 2019/20 Annual Report of your Mold Town Council.

Part of the Annual Report is required by law – the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 – to show how your Council's work contributes to the objectives set out in the Flintshire Local Well-being Plan.

The content of the rest of the report is far more flexible and at its core is setting out what the Council said it would do in 2019-20 and what it actually did.

The Council welcomes your feed-back on what could be added, improved, or subtracted to make future annual reports more readable, informative and appealing.

As Town Clerk my responsibility is two-fold:

- to advise and support the Council, within the law, independently and objectively whilst recognising that the Council as a whole is responsible for its decisions;
- to lead and support the officer team which carries out the decisions of the Council.

It's a privilege to do both.

I would like to thank the officers for their dedication, commitment and sheer hard work which sometimes goes well beyond day-to-day expectations.

There are three teams within your Council – the Councillors, the Staff, and the very many volunteers who assist our events and projects. All working together enables us to make things happen. I would like to thank you all for your support, encouragement and the amazing amount of time you give for the benefit of others and Mold.

The past year has been a testing time for all with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown, which has made life feel very different from March 2020. The year has also seen a turnover in staff and restructure of working arrangements. Indeed, of the four office- based staff three of us have been appointed during the period covered by this report.

Finally, may I also thank members of the public and other public and business organisations who have contributed to the work of Mold Town Council and which makes it a rewarding pleasure and privilege to serve. Also the help and assistance given by Flintshire County Council Members and Officers, together with partners we have locally including Friends of Bailey Hill. I hope you find this annual report an informative and helpful read.

Ian Jones, Town Clerk and Finance Officer

About this Report

Wales faces a number of challenges now and in the future. The most obvious and immediate challenge is the COVID-19 pandemic which has impacted all society in differing ways. From March 2020 lockdown prevented all Committee and Council meetings, the Town Hall was forced to close its doors and staff had to adjust to working from home for the most part utilising all the help technology could provide. This involved diversion of telephone calls and conference calls. The use and purchase of a Zoom video-conferencing licence became a lifeline in the continuation of work of the Town Council and indeed the Town Council was heralded as 'Trailblazers' becoming the first Town and Community Council in North Wales to hold its Council meeting online during the first week in May, it later held its Annual Meeting in the same format on 20 May only slightly delayed from its planned date.

Other challenges in the medium to long term are climate change, poverty, the economy, High Street trade, national debt, health inequalities, Brexit and jobs and growth. To tackle these, we need to work together. To give current and future generations a good quality of life the Town Council need to think about the long term impact of the decisions it makes.

The Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 is a piece of challenging legislation promoted by the Welsh Government. This ground-breaking legislation aims to improve further the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales now and for the longer term. The first Commissioner was appointed by Welsh Government to oversee what it considered to be a very important and challenging task.

In order to meet the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Flintshire Public Service Board was established to prepare and publish a Well-being Plan for Flintshire, a draft of which it did in November 2017. The membership of the board includes a number of public services and bodies.

There is also representation from the Community and Town Council sector in Flintshire, as the Act stipulates that all Community and Town Councils with a turnover of £200,000 or more must provide an annual report on how it is contributing to the objectives of the County's Well-being Plan.

Whilst the Flintshire PSB realises that there is much that could be done to add value to public service and to the communities of Flintshire it has identified and agreed a number of priorities that support the seven goals of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act. These are:

- Community Safety – Domestic Abuse, Modern Slavery, Organised Crime Gangs, Child Criminal Exploitation;
- Economy and Skills – Promotion of careers in the Public Sector, Championing skills across all sectors, Support own workforces at risk of poverty, Collective work on

workforce policies, Identification of PSB partner land for housing, education or well-being;

- Environment – Build a map of land and sea assets across the County, Community based approach to delivering a coastal green infrastructure plan, develop a plan for some pilots to trial doing things differently, Using the environment in local communities to support resilience;

- Healthy and independent Living – Development of extended Care Home and Discharge to Assess facility, Opening of the Health and Well-being Care Centre in Flint, develop a shared understanding of social prescribing, Co-located health and social care workforce, Early Help Hub;

- Resilient Communities – Pilot area based work, Getting Flintshire Moving to increase activity, Evaluation of new ways of working and delivery of Community Benefits, Agreeing Community Benefit strategies across all partners, Explore the benefits of Community Shares, Development of Social Prescribing, A New leadership programme for those who work with communities;

These priorities have been chosen as the themes where the PSB can add most value and make a positive and lasting difference. Working together to make an impact in these priorities is the collective aim of the Flintshire PSB, realising that no single organisation can achieve on their own; the partner organisations represented on the PSB can collectively make a positive difference for the people who live, visit and work in Flintshire;

Each of the over-arching priorities have in-year priorities which support them. The priorities that have been chosen for the current year are those where the PSB is confident that it can make the biggest difference through a united partnership approach whilst contributing to the seven national well-being goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Going forward the Flintshire Public Services Board propose to:

- Make future Annual Reports digitally interactive reports with more video and blog content.
- Include reference to the national indicators (where relevant).
- Better reflect upon how the PSB is applying the 5 ways of working in reporting progress.

The Environment Wales Act 2016

The Environment Wales Act received Royal Assent on 21 March 2016. It delivers against Welsh Government's Programme for Government commitment to introduce new legislation for the environment. This positions Wales as a low carbon, green economy, ready to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act places a duty on all public authorities, when carrying out their functions in relation to Wales to “seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity” wherever possible within the proper exercise of their functions. In doing so, public authorities must also seek to “promote the resilience of ecosystems”. Section 6 also requires public authorities to consider the effect of decisions taken, or activities carried out within Wales, but also in relation to biodiversity outside of Wales.

Under subsection (6), public authorities must prepare and publish a plan setting out what they propose to do to maintain and enhance biodiversity. Having regard to any guidance given by the Welsh Ministers, and the documents listed in legislation.

This report describes how Mold Town Council has contributed to the priorities of the Flintshire Well-being Plan for the community of Mold. The report includes details of some of our objectives for the future. The report also details the Town Council’s response to the Environment Act 2016 and how it has met its duties under the Act. The report covers the municipal year of Councillor Tim Maunders year of office as Mayor of the Town Council.

Councillor Maunders year of office was May 2019 to May 2020.

Ian Jones

Town Clerk and Finance Officer of Mold Town Council

2020

About Mold Town Council

Mold Town Council was created in 1974 following the re-organisation of local government and the disbanding of Mold Urban District Council. It is one of 34 Town and Community Councils in Flintshire.

Mold is the County town of Flintshire. Flintshire County Council became the unitary authority after a re-organisation of local government in Wales in May 1996.

Mold has a population of circa 10,058 (2011 Census) and for local government purposes the Town is divided into four electoral wards, Mold Broncoed, Mold East, Mold South and Mold West, with four town councillors representing each Ward. Fourteen of the present councillors were elected in May 2017 to serve a five-year term of office, with a bi-election and co-option undertaken in July 2018.

A Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor are elected each year by the Council at the Annual Meeting, which is held in May. The Town Mayor receives an allowance to cover the costs involved in undertaking civic duties; no other councillors receive payments other than responsibility allowances for Chairs of Committees and agreed expenses incurred whilst carrying out Town Council activities if they choose to do so.

Details of the elected members and how to contact them are available at www.moldtowncouncil.org.uk. Notices of meetings, agendas, reports and minutes can also be viewed here, along with many governance documents and other information about the Council.

Mold Town Council's aims

- To promote and represent the community's views and aspirations at local, county, regional and national levels
- To serve those who live in and work in Mold and those who visit the Town
- To promote Mold as a place to live, work, shop and invest in and a place to visit
- To provide effective and efficient services that give value for money and to improve those services as needed
- To strive to improve the quality of life for all residents of Mold

To achieve these aims, Mold Town Council has agreed the following objectives

- To consult with the community to establish its aspirations for the future
- To promote the vitality and viability of Mold
- To encourage and participate in, partnership and agency working with the public, private and voluntary sectors to achieve quality services in all areas for the betterment of Mold its residents and visitors
- To promote sustainable policies that strive to improve the environment to meet the needs of residents and visitors for both the present and future

- To help create a socially inclusive and caring community that embraces all residents and which seeks to develop their wellbeing, knowledge, understanding and mutual co-operation
- To strive for a pleasant, clean and safe environment
- To deliver quality services that provides value for money and to review those services on a regular basis
- To support local voluntary groups that seek to assist residents and visitors to Mold

The Council derives almost all of its funds from its precept. This is an additional amount which is added to Flintshire County Council Tax bills based upon Mold Town Council's estimated expenditure. For the financial year 2019/20 the Council estimated that it would need to spend £343,303. Of this amount, £266,963 was made up from the precept and the remainder was funded from other sources of income, such as cemetery income and grants.

Further information about the Council's finances, including its annual accounts, can be seen at www.moldtowncouncil.org.uk.

This report includes examples of many of the Council's services which are delivered to all age groups in a variety of forms. The report describes Mold Town Council services which contribute to the well-being of Mold and its community.



Councillor Tim Maunders Mayor of Mold 2019/20, elected members and staff.

Back (l-r) H Jones, B Lloyd, R Guest, A Parry, G Matthias, B Grew, T Arnold, A Mearns, H Bateman, G Collett, S Taylor, J Douglass.

Front (l-r) K Hodgkinson, S Roberts, C Bithell, T Maunders (Mayor), T Carberry (Deputy Mayor), G Williams.

Mold Town Council's Contribution to Well-being:

Flintshire Public Service Board Well-being Priority: Community Safety

Focus on priorities identified through the North Wales Strategic Assessment, with particular reference to Domestic Abuse, Modern Slavery, Organised Crime Gangs, Child Criminal Exploitation

What have we done?

We work closely with North Wales Police, taking a lead role in supporting Shop Watch which has met regularly. National and Independent Retailers in the town has



Flintshire Against Business Crime

met with the Town Council and Police for Flintshire Against Business Crime to discuss crime affecting the business community and share intelligence.

We have a Councillor representative who attends the South Flintshire Police consultation events.

Through a Service Level Agreement with Flintshire County Council Mold Town Council fund the current CCTV provision in the Town. This equates to 12 fixed operational cameras in the Town. The cost of the service for 2019/20 was £4203.

We funded the summer play schemes during the school summer holiday period of 2019, funding three weeks of fun, games, competitions, face painting, treasure hunts etc. all free of charge for children aged 5-12 years. Whilst the scheme is to provide young people with fun and enjoyable activities through their long summer break it also helps combat Anti-social behaviour and builds cohesive communities.

Looking ahead in 2020/21

We will fund two new CCTV cameras which will be installed within Maes Bodlonfa recreational park and will continue to work with Flintshire County Council on reviewing the current CCTV provision making improvements where required through reserves held with the aim of introducing mobile CCTV cameras in addition to the fixed cameras.

We were hoping to again increase the Play scheme provision during the summer of 2020 from three to four weeks at both sites of Park Avenue and Gas Lane play areas, but the pandemic impacted these plans. After much deliberation through Welsh Government and Local Authorities a limited Play scheme was possible. However, the Town Council is committed to providing funds for the play scheme in future

Flintshire Public Service Board Well-being Priority: Economy and Skills

To strengthen the local economy and increase employment opportunities for our residents. Alongside this we will take action to ensure that, as well as employment opportunities, our residents have the skills to take up these opportunities and the means to access them through appropriate transport.

What have we done?

Raising awareness of the importance of volunteering and how it offers an alternative path to young people who do not follow the academic route.

We actively encourage and welcome volunteers to assist with the many events organised in the town. The volunteers have the opportunity to build their skill set and gain experience within a working environment.

Some examples of the level of volunteers engaged to assist with events include:

The Christmas Float went out over 16 nights throughout November and December taking Father Christmas to visit the town's children. Between 8 – 12 volunteers were in attendance each night come rain or shine (mostly rain given it was December) walking alongside the float, even Father Christmas volunteered!



Various music festivals (M-Fest, Novemberfest, Live of the Square). Over the July weekend of M-Fest and the Carnival, volunteers worked in excess of 610 volunteer hours. Both events received fantastic feedback from the public who attended, and without volunteers events such as these would not be able to take place.

We work with Mold Business Forum to promote employment and businesses.

The Town Council employs a member of staff to assist local businesses as Flintshire County Council has had to slim down its resources in recent years. A post of Business & Regeneration Officer was approved by the Town Council and the successful applicant was appointed on 6 May 2019.

We aim where possible to contract local contractors to provide our public services such as the maintenance of our hanging baskets, installation and maintenance of the Christmas lighting.

The Bailey Hill Tripartite Group involving Mold Town Council, Flintshire County Council and the charity Friends of Bailey Hill have secured over £1.4 million to undertake redevelopment work on the Bailey Hill to improve accessibility and facilities available on the site. Work started on site in February and at the time of writing, this has been hampered and delayed due to Covid19 and unexpected archaeological discoveries.

The Town Council owns and manages the Town's cemetery where two full time members of staff are employed. The Cemetery Superintendent lives on site and works with the Cemetery Assistant to ensure the Cemetery is kept in pristine condition. Throughout the year we also have casual staff and local contractors working at the Cemetery.

In response to a Business Survey undertaken (summer 2019) to ascertain up to date contact details of businesses in Mold and any training / business support requirements. A programme of free business training was put together, in Partnership with Flintshire County Council and Business Wales. The training included the use of Social Media, Cash Flow forecasting and what film can do to promote your business.

Mold was entered into the Great British High Street Awards. The Judges were provided with a very warm welcome to Mold hosted by the Mayor of Mold Councillor Tim Maunders. The Judges were entertained by Cambria Band, Mold Choral Society and the local schools, and were then provided a 'Taste of Mold' by the local retailers. A selection of the Market stalls represented the acclaimed street markets and Local stands including the Theatr Clwyd's Community Caravan where promoting what the local area has to offer and provided information on Mold's Cittaslow status and the efforts and progress of the plastic reduction group in Mold. We are extremely honoured to be only one of six towns in Wales as a Finalist.



Work progressed with the development phase of the Business Improvement District (BID) for Mold. Several discussion groups were engaged and a small number of businesses agreed to be part of an independent Steering Group to consider and drive forward a revised consultation summary business plan, prior to a ballot of businesses. Following discussions with the Chair and as a result of the pandemic it was decided to postpone all future BID meetings. At the time of writing the future of the proposal is unclear.

Looking ahead in 2020/21

In response to the unprecedented challenges that the Coronavirus is having on the fabric of our Town and Community. Mold Town Council will develop a Totally Mold Shop Local Voucher scheme. The aim is to encourage people back into town, shopping / spending money, boosting the local economy and highlighting what a fantastic range of shops and services there are in Mold. We are also working with various departments within Flintshire County Council to ensure the town centre and businesses are best served by traffic flow and pedestrian footfall which now has to be in a safe and secure manner in accordance with Government guidelines and directives.

Given that many businesses have also developed new ecommerce websites as a result of the pandemic and are increasingly trading on-line. A 'Totally Mold' website will be developed to showcase the fantastic range of shops and services which are available with links to individual websites (where they exist or alternatively shop listing). This website will also have all the information on visiting the town and will replace the printed version of the Town Guide.



Flintshire Public Service Board Well-being Priority: Environment

To protect and enhance what we have, and use the environment to improve the well-being of people living, working and visiting the area and, protect people and the environment from events such as flooding and climate change.

What have we done?

As in previous years we provided £10k match funding for play area improvements. This time at Maes-y-Dre and Park Avenue play areas, replacing and repairing the play area and equipment.

Following on from the successful Wild About Mold tree planting scheme, two local businesses Capacity Marketing and Celtic Financial Planning Ltd donated funding for a further 50 trees to be planted in Mold during March 2020. Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 pandemic these trees had to be heeled in at Wepre Park by Flintshire County Council staff until it is safe for volunteers to plant them out.

Mold Plastic Reduction



Mold Town Council adopted a single-use plastic reduction policy. This applies to all the events and activities carried out by the Council. We have worked with other town and community councils in the area which are also looking to reduce the amount of unnecessary plastic in their communities.

We joined the national Refill scheme and people can fill up their own drinking containers with free water provided at Mold Town Hall. Over 20 businesses in Mold are in the scheme. The aim is to cut down the number of single use plastic bottles used in Mold.



An inspiring group of residents and businesses set up Mold Plastic Reduction in May 2019, supported by Mold Town Council. The steering group, which includes town councillors, is working with a number of interested schools, community groups,



businesses and residents and has become accredited as a 'Plastic Free Community'. This scheme is run by UK environmental charity Surfers Against Sewage and recognises steps taken by towns to eliminate single use plastic and reduce all avoidable plastic use and waste.

Mold Plastic Reduction has held public meetings and workshops, Mass Unwraps in Tesco, Aldi and Lidl, numerous litter picks, run a Rags to Bags event, had stalls and activities at Mold events, made six business champion awards and two community champion awards to local community centres.



Mold's annual Spring Clean was scheduled for April 2020 but due to Covid-19 the event was cancelled. This did not deter many of our regular Spring Clean volunteers who, during their daily exercise, carried out solo Spring Cleans around the town, collecting numerous bags of rubbish.

The aim of Mold Spring Clean is to make the town a pleasant environment to live, work and play in, and generate community pride for everyone and we are thankful to our volunteers who have continued to carry out litter picks throughout the year.



With the success of the tripartite group securing funding of over £1.4 million from Heritage Lottery Fund, Tourism Amenity Investment Fund, LEADER Funding through Cadwyn Clwyd, Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme and the generosity and fund raising efforts of the local community. Redevelopment work started on site in February 2020 – St. Asaph based T G Williams construction company were successful in tendering for the work. Although progress has been delayed due the pandemic, work is continuing to take place with the expected completion date to be December 2020.



The project will provide a variety of volunteering opportunities to local residents, since November 2019 14 Research Volunteers have been recruited and have attended a variety of training and workshops to further upskill for the role. The volunteers have been researching and exploring the mysteries and history of the Bailey Hill for the new interpretation panels which are to be included in the redevelopment work. From November 2019 to the end of March 2020 the volunteers undertook 247 hours of volunteering work for the Bailey Hill Project.



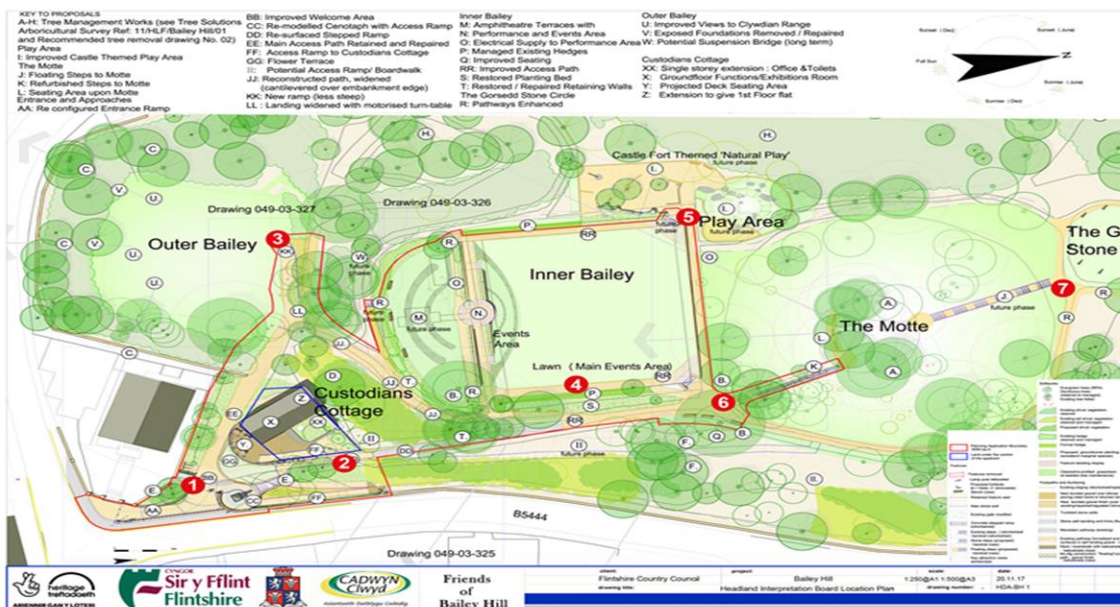
A number of Capturing the Castle in words poetry workshops were delivered by Fiona Collins in local primary schools and the community. The sessions gave participants the opportunity to expressed their thoughts and feelings of the Bailey Hill. The fantastic work created will be showcased on the new Bailey Hill website. We are hoping to provide additional poetry sessions in the new Bailey Hill Centre when open.

Looking ahead in 2020/21

Grant applications will be made to fund further tree and wild flower planting in Mold at sites identified during the public consultation in summer 2018.

Mold Town Council with partners will submit applications to Welsh Government for capital funding to pilot reusable food takeaway containers. Takeaway containers have been raised as a problem during the plastic reduction public consultations.

Event festival reusable glasses will be purchased for future Town Council events.



The new Bailey Hill Centre will become a community hub of activity providing facilities to visitors and opportunities and activities for the local community, groups and schools to get involved and enjoy the natural surroundings.

The project will create a number of volunteering roles which will provide new learning opportunities, support people to gain new skills and will help with the sustainability of the park. These roles will be advertised shortly and we are hopeful of a good response

We are looking forward to celebrating the completion of the redevelopment work at the launch event in Spring 2021.

Flintshire Public Service Board Well-being Priority: Health and Independent Living

Enjoying positive physical and mental well-being and living as independently as possible are fundamental to most people's definition of a productive and fulfilling life.

What have we done?

During 2019 the Mayor of Mold Councillor Tim Maunders fundraising appeal 'Save a Life, Make a Difference' held a number of fundraising activities to raise awareness of services provided by the main beneficiary from the Mayoral appeal, North East Wales Search & Rescue (NEWSAR).



Save a Life, Make a Difference
Ochub Bywyd, Gwnech Wahaniaeth

The total raised from Mayoral events and present to NEWSAR was **£10,638**, additional funds were raised totalling **approx. £15,000**.

NEWSAR provides the people of Mold with a volunteer search and rescue service 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. All members of NEWSAR are volunteers, no member receives payment. NEWSAR have provided support and first aid assistance to Town Council events throughout the year. Through the support of the Town Council, the profile of NEWSAR work has been raised, which in return has assisted with their fundraising efforts.



Mold Town Council has awarded £5,000 funding to support youth provision at Parkfields Community Centre on Ash Grove in Mold. Twice a week Parkfields runs a very popular and much needed Kid's Club and a Youth Club. The young people have been involved in arts activities based on plastic waste they collected and have visited a number of local attractions. Members of the Youth Club have formed a Youth Council which plans to engage with the Town Council on community matters such as food poverty.

The town's annual Santa Dash took place in December 2019 and is a 1.4 mile fun run or walk and encourages entrants of all ages and abilities to participate.



In 2019 Mold Town Council was once again successful in renewing its Certificate for meeting the criteria set out by the Alzheimer's Society to achieve "Working Towards becoming Dementia Friendly" status. Although Covid-19 has delayed any progress. In order to achieve the status, the following pledges should be met:

- 50% of Mold Town Councillors have attended a Dementia Friends session and arrangements are in place for the remaining councillors to attend;
- Provide a quiet place;
- Identified a designated dementia lead for the organisation;
- Promote the use of positive language and challenge stigma;
- Provide meeting space free of charge for dementia friend's sessions and for the Mold Steering Group to meet;
- Alzheimer's Society was the Mayor's charity for the year 2014/15 and raised in excess of £10,000 to support people living with dementia.
- Displaying literature/information at our offices
- Providing seating area near the entrance to the building



An Alzheimer's Society survey revealed that 69% of people with dementia said that the main reason they stop going out is a lack of confidence. Mold achieving Dementia Friendly status will help people living with dementia to remain part of the community, be more active in the local area and live better, more fulfilled lives.

Looking ahead in 2020/21

At its first ever Annual Meeting held on 20 May 2020 by Video conferencing, the new Mayor of Mold, Councillor Teresa Carberry was elected to serve as for the forthcoming Civic Year and will work towards an objective of “Save a Life - Make a Difference” and the main beneficiaries of the Mayoral appeal will be Blood Bike Wales and Flintshire Foodbank charities.

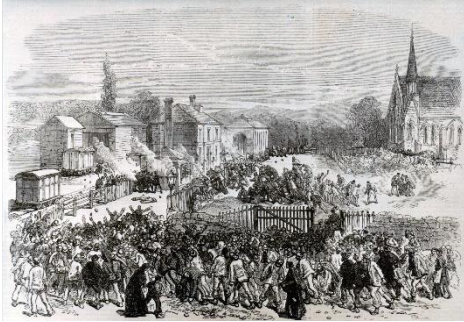


Flintshire Public Service Board Well-being Priority: Resilient Communities

A community which is resilient has the ability to respond positively to the challenges it faces, cope with adversity and ultimately to thrive.

What have we done?

Over two days in October 2019 we opened our doors and invited members of the public to come along to the Mold Town Hall and take a step back in time.

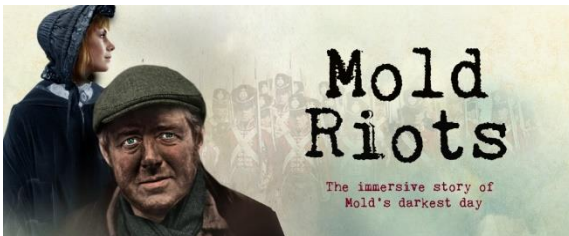


A large display of photographs and memorabilia showing the history of Mold over the last 150 years, along with the historic Council Chamber were available for the public to view from 3.00pm until 6.30pm.

During the weekend, local Historian and Author David Rowe gave a short talks on;

The Abbreviated History of Mold Riots - the story of a colliery dispute at Leeswood Green leading to the death of four people on Mold's streets.

Rhual, the American Link - the American War of Independence, saw the Philips family including Mary, the first love of George Washington, escaping to Britain. Her nephew, Frederick, marries into the family of Rhualt.



2019 marked the 150th anniversary of the Mold Riots and to mark the occasion, Theatr Clwyd, with an impressive cast of over 100 community volunteers, including the Mayor of Mold, Councillor Tim Maunders, put on a promenade performance over 7 nights in October, which saw audiences follow the

action around five locations in the town. Members of Mold Town Council volunteered as part of the ushering crew.



THE GREAT GET TOGETHER

INSPIRED BY JO COX

On 21st June 2019 with the help of the Daniel Owen Association and Mold Library we hosted 'The Great Get Together', where members of the public enjoyed a free cuppa, a piece of cake and the sunshine on Daniel Owen Square, Mold.

The Great Get Together is inspired by the late MP Jo Cox, who was killed on 16 June 2016 and this National event has the simple aim of bringing communities together and to celebrate all that unites us.



We have published our third Mold Town Guide which was distributed far and wide through contacts with Mold Connections magazine. 20,000 copies were produced and circulated along the North Wales Coast and into England. A number of independent retailers had also taken up advertising opportunities within the publication. Copies were also placed in local shops and hotels.

In 2006 Mold became the first Welsh town to achieve Cittaslow status. The aims and objectives of Cittaslow Mold are shaped by the principles of Cittaslow UK which are:

- Encouraging diversity rather than standardisation.
- Supporting and encouraging local culture and traditions.
- Working for a more sustainable environment.
- Supporting and encouraging local produce and local products.
- Encouraging healthy living especially through children and young people.
- Working with the local community to build these values.

These form the overall vision of Cittaslow Mold that are achieved through the delivery of specific goals. The Town Council strives to recognise the Cittaslow Goals within all activities it carries out. These goals include the environment, infrastructure, the quality of urban fabric, encouragement of local produce and products and hospitality and community. Through our Cittaslow status we have attracted interest nationally and internationally, hosting visits to share best practice.



In 2017 we adopted our first Town Plan. We felt that it would provide an excellent opportunity for the whole community to express its views about the way Mold should

develop in the future. The completed Town Plan describes how people who live and work here would like the community to develop, it identifies key facilities and services and it sets out the issues which need to be tackled if the town is to be improved for all residents according to the priorities chosen. The Plan is a useful tool for the Town Council because it represents the collective voice of our electors, and will be reviewed periodically to ensure it remains relevant. The Plan will also be used to influence the emerging Local Development Plan of Flintshire County Council

Mold has now established itself as a town of events and at the heart of many of the events is the support of Mold Town Council. Whether that is directly organising an event, or financial support or merely an enabling role to assist event organisers to deliver a safe and successful event for the town.



The following calendar of events was provided for the community of Mold and wider during 2019/20:

Bailey Hill Festival – Organised, delivered and funded by Mold Town Council, Cittaslow Mold and its volunteers.

The Great Get Together – Organised and delivered by Mold Town Council, Mold Library and Daniel Owen Community Association.

M-Fest - Organised, delivered and funded by Mold Town Council and its volunteers.

Carnival - Organised, delivered and funded by Mold Town Council and its volunteers.

North Wales Blues & Soul Festival – Financial Support and volunteers provided by Mold Town Council, and Town Councillor involvement in organising committee.

Mold Food & Drink Festival - Financial Support and volunteers provided by Mold Town Council, and Town Councillor involvement in organising committee.

Daniel Owen Festival – Financial Support from Mold Town Council and Town Councillor involvement in organising committee.

Mold Riots Theatr Clwyd production – provided venue location for theatre staff and volunteers provided by Mold Town Council for production nights.

Historic Mold – Organised and delivered by Mold Town Council and David Rowe.

Town Bonfire – Financial Support from Mold Town

Novemberfest – Organised, delivered and funded by Mold Town Council and its volunteers.

Remembrance Sunday – Organised by Mold Town Council

Christmas Lights switch on evening – Organised, delivered and funded by Mold Town Council and its volunteers

Christmas Market - volunteers provided by Mold Town Council providing the entertainment and Father Christmas.

Santa Dash – Organised, delivered and funded by Mold Town Council and its volunteers.

Santa Float - Organised, delivered and funded by Mold Town Council and its volunteers.

Easter Bunny delivery – Organised and delivered by Mold Town Council and its volunteers with chocolate eggs donated by local businesses.

Unfortunately, the UK wide Covid-19 lockdown in March 2020 prevented many planned events in 2020, including Live on the Square, Mold Spring Clean, Mayor's Charity Abseil, Boogie Bingo, 75th anniversary celebration of VE Day and 999 Emergency and Armed Services Day. At the time of writing it is unclear what will be possible in the short and medium term.



Looking ahead in 2020/21

Due to Covid-19 and restrictions in place all over the Country, the Town Council has had to adapt to new ways to communicate and engage with the community virtually.

The Annual Meeting in May took place online with Councillor Teresa Carberry elected Mayor for the forthcoming year with her acceptance speech pre-recorded from her home. All meetings since 1st May have been by online and public.



We are very conscious of our responsibility towards maintaining Mold's ongoing vibrancy and vitality; however, this must be balanced against our responsibility towards our resident Council Tax payers, who only make up approximately 15% of people using the town

Following the notice that the County Council had given to close the public conveniences in New Street. Mold Town Council investigated the possibility of taking over the operation of the facility, dependant on the best value for its precept payers together with the operation of other facilities in the town. It was agreed rather to work in Partnership with Flintshire County Council to enhance the public conveniences at King Street bus station and create an improved transport hub and visitor experience.

The Town Council recognises the need to forward plan, so during 2019 a working group of members and officers was due to develop the Town Council's first Strategic Plan 'Our Mold' which would be prepared in consultation with our residents, businesses and stakeholders. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic there has been no progress in this matter but it remains an ambition of the Town Council to start this process when it is safe and sensible to do so.

Our Objectives

The Council has adopted the following principles, as its Council long term objectives.

To contribute towards the delivery of:

- ✓ A Prosperous Mold.
- ✓ A Resilient Mold.
- ✓ A Healthier Mold.
- ✓ A More Equal Mold.
- ✓ A Mold of Cohesive Communities.
- ✓ A Mold of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language.
- ✓ A Globally responsive Mold.
- ✓ A Competent Council.

These overarching goals were identified in our Annual Report published in 2016 which provide a framework for the delivery of future projects.

The Council will embrace the principles of Sustainable Development detailed in Flintshire's Well-being Plan 2017-2023 of Long Term Planning, Prevention, Integration, Collaboration and Involvement to deliver these goals.

- Long term: the importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long term needs.
- Prevention: how acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.
- Integration: considering how public bodies' well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.
- Collaboration: acting in collaboration with any other person that could help the Council meet its well-being objectives.
- Involvement: the importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the Council serves.

Statement of Well-being: Mold Town Council

This Well-Being Statement sets out the Council's commitment to the principle of sustainable development to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, 'the Act', defines sustainable development as the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the well-being goals. In this regard the Council recognises the role it has to play. Therefore, it will promote sustainable development in how it goes about meeting its duty under the Act and when working for and with the communities that make up its area.

The Act puts in place seven well-being goals. These well-being goals are indivisible from each other and explain what is meant by the well-being of Wales. The Council embraces these well-being goals and will place them at the heart of its forward planning and decision making arrangements to improve the general quality of life (well-being) within its administrative area. The Act provides a more detailed definition for each of the seven well-being goals. However, for the purposes of this statement the seven goals are:

A
Prosperous
Wales

A
resilient
Wales

A
healthier
Wales

A
more equal
Wales

A Wales of
cohesive
communities

A Wales of
vibrant culture
and thriving
Welsh Language

A globally
responsible
Wales

When applying these well-being goals to the functions, activities and services provided by the Council; the Act requires the Council to think more about the long term, to work better with people and communities and also other public bodies, to look to prevent problems and to take a more joined up approach.

The Council will go about this by making the following commitments:

COMMITMENTS

- Look to the long term so that its actions or lack of action does not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- Taking an integrated approach to applying the seven well-being goals when deciding upon priorities.
- Involving the diversity of the population in the decisions affecting them, when and where it is applicable to do so.
- Working with others in a collaborative way to find shared sustainable solutions.
- Understanding the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring.
- Take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives in the local well-being plan that has affect in its area. In this regard and when the Public Services Board publishes its local well-being plan, the Council will consider and review the local objectives contained in the plan alongside its own objectives for the year ahead.
- Form its own judgement of what steps it would be reasonable for it to take towards meeting the local objectives in its area, on the basis of its own knowledge and consideration of the circumstances and characteristics of its area.
- Report annually detailing the progress it has made in meeting Well-being objectives.
- Supporting Sustainable Development.

ACTIONS

The Council commits to the following set of actions:

- Publishing this well-being statement on its website.
- Incorporating this well-being statement into its Annual Report, which provides an overall framework to focus the Council's activities, investments and spending priorities.
- Incorporating the well-being goals into its future Planning
- Continue to extend its influence and reach into the community to help sustain general well-being in the communities that make up its area.
- To support Sustainable Development.
- To work with others to bring about Well Being in Mold.

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Bryan Grew	7 Maes yr Haul, Mold CH7 1NS	01352 759673
Andrea Mearns	Rosscote, Gwernaffield Road, Mold CH7 1RE	01352 757687

SOUTH WARD

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Anthony Parry	Brynwood, Bryn Coch Lane, Mold CH7 1PS	01352 754423
Robin Guest	36 Ffordd Pentre, Mold CH7 1UY	01352 757408
Haydn Jones	26 Greenside, Mold CH7 1TN	01352 759744

WEST WARD

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Schedule of Meetings 2020/21

Mold Town Council

24th June 2020
29th July 2020
30th September 2020
28th October 2020
25th November 2020
27th January 2021
24th February 2021
24th March 2021
28th April 2021
Annual Meeting 12th May 2021

Cemetery Committee

7th July 2020
3rd November 2020
9th March 2021

Planning Committee

1st June 2020
29th June 2020
27th July 2020
1st September 2020
28th September 2020
26th October 2020
23rd November 2020
21st December 2020
18th January 2021
15th February 2021
15th March 2021
12th April
10th May 2021

Community, Development & Regeneration Committee

16th June 2020
10th November 2020
2nd February 2021
20th April 2021

Personnel Committee

22nd June 2020
17th November 2020

Budget Sub-Group

9th December 2020

Policy & Audit Committee

15th June 2020
16th September 2020
17th March 2020