

PRESENT: Cllr. Emrys Wynne (**Mayor - Chairman**)
Cllrs. Stephen Beach, James Bryan, Bob Costain, Elisabeth Culshaw,
Sioned Foulkes, Ken Hawkins, Maun Hughes, Rosie Hughes-Moseley,
Menna Jones, Simeon Jones, Robert Owen-Ellis and Anne Roberts; also County
Councillor Bobby Feeley.

195. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. June Derry and Katy Morgan Williams.

196. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda were received as follows:

Cllr. Emrys Wynne – Min. No. 205 (e) Rhuthun Town Team

Cllr. Bob Costain – Min. No. 205 (e) Rhuthun Town Team

Cllr. Ken Hawkins declared an interest in the following and left the Chamber during the discussion and decision thereon.

Min. No. 205 (a) The Church in Wales – St. Peter's 2012 Music Appeal.

Cllr. Menna Jones – Min. No. 205 (b) Llanfwrog Community Association.

197. THE POLICE

The Police were represented by Acting Sergeant Alexandra Smith and PCSO Ben Madeley. The night time economy has been relatively trouble-free for some time – there was one incident involving a smashed window at a local pub. They referred to the local vagrant and the help and assistance they are providing to this individual through various Agencies. The planning for Rhuthun Festival has started – it is proposed that there will be a separate bar at the Top of Town to control drinking. Referred to the Glasdir Floods and the problems of co-ordinating Police resources – an Officer was stationed at the Denbighshire County Council drop-in Centre to deal with queries - no criminal offences were reported although suspicious vehicles have been stopped. CCTV is now in place due to the number of empty properties and a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator established on the estate. They took questions from members on Pedlar's licence; boy racers on Park Road (this is an on-going issue and an intended prosecution has been issued to one of the drivers); parking on pavements in Clwyd (the Police will deal with wilful obstruction - a meeting is being arranged with Peter Lea, Denbighshire County Council to discuss Parking issues). They were thanked for their attendance by the Mayor.

198. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that he had attended the following since the last meeting:

18 Dec First meeting of Rhuthun Flood Appeal Distribution Committee

21 Dec Minny Street Chapel, Cardiff

22 Dec With the Mayoress – collect monies from Market Hall towards Flood Fund.

24 Dec With the Mayoress – Distribution of Christmas Comforts to Rhuthun Hospital,
Awelon, Abbeyfield, Trosnant, Llys Marchan and Llys Erw.

31 Dec Rhuthun Town Charities meeting

9 Jan 2013 Rhuthun Flood Recovery Group

11 Jan Rhuthun Flood Appeal Distribution Committee

199. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. Stephen Beach Good Citizen, Planning site visit

Cllr. James Bryan Canolfan Awelon Management Committee

Cllr. Elisabeth Culshaw Rhuthun Hospital Action Group

Cllr. Maun Hughes Glasdir Residents Association meeting at Awelon.

Cllr. Rosie Hughes-Moseley	Rhuthun Town Charities, Good Citizen Award
Cllr. Menna Jones	Ysgol Borthyn Service, Rhuthun Flood Appeal, Code of Conduct Training, Glasdir Recovery Group, Good Citizen, Rhuthun Flood Appeal Fund, Good Citizen.
Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis	Flood Group Support x 2
Cllr. Anne Roberts	Rhuthun Forward, Good Citizen Award

200. MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.*

201. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

202. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2013

RESOLVED: *that the minutes be received.*

203. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2013

RESOLVED: *that the minutes be received.*

204. RHUTHUN FLOODS

Members received a general update – everybody affected by the floods now has a home. The Flood Appeal currently stands at a figure of £26,299.07 and a Limited Company is being set up to manage the distribution of these monies.

205. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(a) THE CHURCH IN WALES – ST. PETER'S 2012 MUSIC APPEAL

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from Rhuthun Town Parishes requesting a financial donation towards the 2012 Music Appeal.

RESOLVED: *to make a donation of £500.00.*

(b) LLANFWROG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – BOWLING CLUB

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the above Association requesting a Financial Contribution towards a grass cutter for the crown bowling green.

RESOLVED: *that the matter is placed on hold.*

(c) URDD GOBAITH CYMRU

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the above Organisation requesting a Financial Contribution towards this year's Urdd National Eisteddfod to be held in Pembrokeshire.

RESOLVED: *to make a donation of £150.00*

(d) RHUTHUN SHOW SOCIETY

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the above Society requesting a financial contribution towards the Children's Classes and Best Kept Town Garden competitions – there is £500.00 budgeted for this organisation.

RESOLVED: *to confirm a donation of £500.00 to this Organisation.*

(e) RHUTHUN TOWN TEAM

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Chair of the Rhuthun Town Team requesting financial support of £3,000 towards payment of rental, telephone and electricity costs for a trial period of 6 months - previously discussed at the last meeting of the Planning and Development Committee.

RESOLVED: *to support in principle – Cllr. Bob Costain will attend the next meeting of the Town Team and report back.*

206. THE LORD'S GARDEN, NANTCLWYD Y DRE

Members received details of a consultation exercise to take place this Saturday, 26 January 2013.

207. FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN AT RHUTHUN FIRE STATION

Members received a letter together with a poster from the above Organization and were asked to note an open Event at Rhuthun Fire Station on Wednesday, 23rd January 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

208. NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the above Association with three suggested options for a change of name.

RESOLVED: to vote for Option 2 - 'North & Mid Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils'.

209. RHUTHUN FOOD BANK

Members were given details of the proposed Foodbank for Rhuthun - they were encouraged to attend the first meeting of the Group tomorrow night to discuss setting up a similar Foodbank in town which would be run from Canolfan Awelon one morning a week.

210. PARKING INITIATIVE – 'FREE AFTER 3' IN DECEMBER 2013

The Town Clerk submitted an e-mail from Mike Hitchings, Head of Operations, Highways and Infrastructure, Denbighshire County Council concerning supporting the above initiative.

RESOLVED: to request cost options for the whole of December and to ask him to attend a meeting of the Town Council to discuss the matter further.

211. WELSH LANGUAGE AWARENESS SESSION

Members received an invitation, together with details of what will be covered, to one of three interactive reflective sessions to be held in County Hall.

212. GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS

Members received verbal reports on meetings held on Wednesday, 9th January and Monday 14th January 2013 and were asked to confirm details of proposed Criteria Form and Press Release.

RESOLVED: to confirm the details.

213. FINANCIAL ESTIMATES

The Town Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, submitted his draft estimates for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2014. It proposed an expenditure of £112,575 against income of £111,550 Precept and £1,025 Investment / Bank Interest. This would make a Band D equivalent of £47.83 against last year's equivalent of £46.46 i.e. an increase of £1.37 on last year. Following a review of each expenditure item it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Council precept Denbighshire County Council for **£111,550.00** being a Band D rate equivalent of £47.83 for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2014.

214. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Town Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, submitted his Financial Statement for the period ending 31st December 2012.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

215. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that payment of the following accounts be authorised.

D.D.	B.T.	Telephone	*	113.59
333	Sandra Williams	Translation	*	90.00
334	Sandra Williams	Translation – Extraordinary Meeting		90.00
335	Sandra Williams	Translation – Meeting at Awelon		90.00
336	Inland Revenue	Tax and National Insurance		214.66
337	Fineline Printing & Stationery Ltd	Top up reprint Christmas Cards	*	27.54
338	Fineline Printing & Stationery Ltd	Office supplies	*	15.54
339	Cllr. Emrys Wynne	Payment for Photograph copyright		20.22
340	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Premium Renewal		6,287.70
341	Canda Copying Ltd	Photocopier Rental	*	129.14
342	Canda Copying Ltd	Additional copies – black	*	38.16
343	Canda Copying Ltd	Additional copies – colour	*	19.99
344	Canolfan Awelon	Hire of Room – Glasdir Residents Association - Wed 9 January 2013		20.00
345	Llewellyn-Jones	Professional Charges re Llanrhydd Cemetery		240.00
346	NWATCC	Lunch - Meeting at St. Asaph 25 January 2013		29.00
347	Dafydd Williams	Petty Cash – stamps etc		24.00
348	R. J. Tudor	Christmas Trees 2012	*	1,740.00
349	Denbighshire County Council	Road Closure signs – Lantern procession	*	180.00
350	Urdd Gobaith Cymru Eisteddfod	Donation		150.00
351	St. Peter's 2012 Music Appeal	Donation		500.00
352	Rhuthun Show Society	Donation		500.00

(The items marked with an * above include recoverable V.A.T. of £462.32)

216. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as Monday, 25 February 2013.