

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Emrys Wynne (**Mayor - Chairman**)  
Cllrs. Stephen Beach, James Bryan, Bob Costain, June Derry, Sioned Foulkes, Ken Hawkins, Menna Jones, Simeon Jones, Anne Roberts and Katy Morgan Williams.

### **265. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Elisabeth Culshaw, Rosie Hughes-Moseley and Robert Owen-Ellis.

### **266. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations received.

### **267. NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD OF WALES, DENBIGHSHIRE**

A presentation was received by Ruth Williams, Principal Regeneration Strategy Officer, Denbighshire County Council and how the County Council can work together with Town Councils to promote its towns. It is estimated that the Eisteddfod will bring in 150,000+ visitors with a spend of £6M - £8M in the County. There will be significant coverage on national media. An awareness raising event for businesses was held in March, primarily aimed at the hospitality sector. Promotional literature, based on a purple theme, including hanging baskets, will be used to strengthen the brand and inviting other Councils to have a presence on the Maes. There will be tourist publications available for each town including places to eat and shop. This will be a partnership approach and is available if towns require a shared presence with the County Council. The County Council is putting £1,000.00 towards promoting each town and it will be an opportunity to enhance in the hope that £500 - £1,000 would be available from each town. A small steering group of 3 / 4 people will be set up to take matters forward. She was thanked for her presentation and it was reported afterwards that the matter would be discussed further at the next Committee meetings when a decision would be taken.

### **268. MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

- 11 Apr Launch of Amore Pasta Company at Rhuthun Castle  
Site meeting in Wernfechan to meet with fellow Town Councillors, County Councillor and officials of Welsh Assembly Traffic Department.
- 13 Apr Official opening of Ruthin Visitor Centre
- 15 Apr Meeting of Glasdir Residents at Llanfwrog Community Centre
- 17 Apr Glasdir Recovery Group

### **269. MEMBERS' REPORTS**

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| Cllr. Stephen Beach        | Good Citizen, site meeting re Wernfechan Traffic, Ruthin Visitor Centre official opening, NWATC at Connah's Quay |
| Cllr. James Bryan          | Awelon Management Committee, Ruthin Visitor Centre official opening.   |
| Cllr. Bob Costain          | Bro Rhuthun Tourism, Ruthin Visitor Centre official opening.   |
| Cllr. June Derry           | Food Bank launch.  |
| Cllr. Ken Hawkins          | Food Bank launch, Ruthin Visitor Centre official opening, NWATC.   |
| Cllr. Menna Jones          | Food Bank launch, Good Citizen, Glasdir Recovery Group.  |
| Cllr. Anne Roberts         | Ruthin Forward x 2, Food Bank launch, Good Citizen, site meeting Wernfechan Traffic.                             |
| Cllr. Katy Morgan Williams | Glasdir Residents' Association   |

## **270. MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.*

## **271. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

## **272. AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2013

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes be received.*

## **273. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2013

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes be received.*

## **274. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

### **(a) RHUTHUN FESTIVAL**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the above Organisation (together with Financial Accounts for 2012) requesting a Financial Contribution towards this year's Festival – there is £1,000.00 budgeted for this Organisation.

**RESOLVED:** *to confirm a donation of £1,000.00 to this Organisation.*

### **(b) RHUTHUN TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the above Organisation requesting the Town Council's annual donation of £500.00 towards the costs of the Twinning Association – there is £500.00 budgeted for this Organisation.

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

## **275. INFORMATION COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE**

Members were asked to confirm annual renewal registration at a cost of £35.00

**RESOLVED:** *to confirm the Annual registration fee of £35.00*

## **276. TRAFFIC ON WERNFECHAN**

Cllr. Anne Roberts gave members a verbal report following the site meeting at Wernfechan at which it was suggested that the way forward would be to have double yellow lines, on both sides of the road, up to the Bricc roundabout.

**RESOLVED:** *that the matter be discussed fully at the next Committee meetings when a decision will be made.*

## **277. SHOP FRONT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

Members were informed that there was a surplus of £166.50 following payments under the above scheme – this included two under spend and a claim for £60.00 not submitted for payment.

**RESOLVED:** *that the balance be returned to Denbighshire County Council*

## **278. GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS**

Cllr Anne Roberts updated members with names of nominees for the Awards as follows: Ruthin Good Citizen of the Year Award – Mr Jeff Brimble; Ruthin Young Person of the Year Award – Mr David Smith. The presentations will be made during the Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

**RESOLVED:** *to confirm the above nominations and that this be an Annual Event.*

## **279. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2013**

The Town Clerk submitted the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2013.

**RESOLVED:** *to receive and approve the Annual Accounts.*

## 280. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Town Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, submitted his Financial Statement for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

**RESOLVED:** that the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

## 281. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**RESOLVED:** that payment of the following accounts be authorised.

S.O.	Canda Copying Ltd	Hire of Photocopier	*	129.14
376	Sandra Williams	Translation	*	90.00
377	Inland Revenue	Tax & National Insurance		177.47
378	Smith of Derby Ltd	Upgrade Town Clock (50% remaining cost)	*	1,798.80
379	Byrne's	Insurance Valuation	*	324.00
380	Blachere Illuminations	Hire of Christmas Illuminations	*	8,726.06
381	Vale Contract Services Ltd	Grounds Maintenance March	*	431.57
382	Canda Copying Ltd	Additional copies - black	*	48.58
383	Canda Copying Ltd	Additional copies - colour	*	71.95
384	N. W. Association of Town & Larger Comm. Councils.	Lunch x 2 – Meeting 19 April at Connah's Quay		29.00
385	Dafydd Williams	Petty Cash – stamps etc		24.00
386	St. Peter's Church	Ringling the curfew		156.00
<b>387</b>	<b>Cheque cancelled</b>			<b>0.00</b>
388	Ruthin Twinning Association	Donation		500.00
389	Information Commissioner	Renewal of registration		35.00
390	Ruthin Festival	Donation		1,000.00
391	National Eisteddfod Denbighshire	Donation		3,500.00
392	Dafydd Williams	Salary		144.70

(The items marked with an \* above include recoverable V.A.T. of £1,936.68)

## PART TWO

### 282. TOWN RELICS

Members were given details of the Town Relics and their current valuation.

**RESOLVED:** to receive the details.

### 283. TOWN CLERK'S SALARY

Details were given of the Town Clerk's salary.

**RESOLVED:** to receive the same.

### 284. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

To confirm the dates of the next meetings of the Town Council as:

**Annual Meeting** - Monday, 20 May 2013 in Council Offices at 7:00 p.m.

**Ordinary Meeting** – Tuesday, 28 May 2013 in Council Offices at 7:00 p.m.