

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

217. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Katy Morgan Williams and County Councillors Bobby Feeley and Huw Hilditch-Roberts.

218. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cllr. Stephen Beach declared an interest in the following item and left the chamber during the discussion and decision thereon:

Min. No. 226 (a) Requests For Financial Assistance – (a) Ruthin Ambulance Hall Committee.

Cllrs. Ken Hawkins and Menna Jones declared an interest in the following item:

Min. No. 231 – Rhuthun Twinning Association - Visit to Brier.

Cllr. Rosie Hughes-Moseley declared an interest in the following item and left the Chamber during the discussion and decision thereon:

Min. No. 231 – Rhuthun Twinning Association - Visit to Brier

219. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

29 Jan	Town Team
30 Jan	Glasdir Recovery Group
31 Jan	Holocaust Memorial Day, Town Hall, Rhyl
1 Feb	Twining Committee
5 Feb	Establishment of Food Bank meeting, St. Peter's Church.
6 Feb	Management Committee Denbighshire Language Enterprise
8 Feb	Lobby Lesley Griffiths, Wrexham.
12 Feb	Flood Appeal Distribution Group.
13 Feb	Town Team.
19 Feb	Food Bank – St. Peter's Church
19 Feb	Barclays Bank to collect Town Relics; valuation in Town Hall
19 Feb	Receive cheques from Lions Club, Rhyl and Prestatyn.
19 Feb	Flood Appeal Distribution Group

220. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. Stephen Beach	Nantclwyd y Dre Consultancy
Cllr. James Bryan	Canolfan Awelon Management Committee, Rhuthun Festival, Welsh Language Awareness training.
Cllr. Bob Costain	Town Team
Cllr. Elisabeth Culshaw	Denbighshire County Council re Litter
Cllr. Sioned Foulkes	Friends of Cae Ddôl Group.
Cllr. Ken Hawkins	North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils, Welsh Language Awareness training
Cllr. Rosie Hughes-Moseley	Pancake Race
Cllr. Menna Jones	Glasdir Recovery Group x 2, Welsh Language Awareness training, Ysgol Borthyn Governing Body x 2, Rhuthun Flood Relief.
Cllr. Simeon Jones	Michael Nixon re Ruthin Art Trail.

Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis Flood Appeal Fund, Food Bank x 4, Rhuthun Civic Association,
Glasdir Flood Appeal x 2, Ysgol Pen Barras
Cllr. Anne Roberts Rhuthun Forward x 2.

221. MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.*

222. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

223. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2013

Min. No. 83. RHUTHUN PRODUCE MARKET

Cllr. Bob Costain confirmed that the market will no longer be run by the above Organisation which is being disbanded. The equipment consisting of tables, chairs, stalls etc, which are being offered to the Town Council together with the balance of the Bank account. An inventory of the equipment will be carried out shortly.

RESOLVED: *that the minutes be received.*

224. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2013

RESOLVED: *that the minutes be received.*

225. RHUTHUN FLOODS

Members received a general update - things are slowly improving and families are moving back on to the estate. The Appeal Fund has now reached nearly £29k with £8,500.00 already paid out of this sum. There are other donations to be received and the second tranche of grant payments will be distributed after 26 April.

226. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(a) RUTHIN AMBULANCE HALL COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk submitted an Application for Financial Assistance, together with financial details, from the above Organisation.

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

(b) DENBIGH FOODBANK

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the above Organisation requesting a financial contribution towards the establishment of a Foodbank in Rhuthun. Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis gave members the background to this project and details of meetings already held. The Food Bank will open in April at Canolfan Awelon.

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

227. COMMUTED SUMS

The Town Clerk submitted an e-mail from Denbighshire County Council stating that the amount available for Ruthin is now £2,341.80 (previously £4,741.00).

228. MODERNISING EDUCATION

The Town Clerk submitted an e-mail from Denbighshire County Council concerning a consultation exercise for the review of primary schools in the Ruthin Area. A copy of the consultation document can be found at www.denbighshire.gov.uk/modernisingeducation.

RESOLVED: *to receive the e-mail.*

229. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – CORPORATE PLAN 2012 - 17

Members were informed that the above Corporate Plan can be viewed at

www.denbighshire.gov.uk/corporateplan.

230. TRAINING FOR CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS

The Town Clerk submitted an e-mail from Denbighshire County Council concerning training for Chairs and Vice Chairs.

RESOLVED: *to receive the e-mail - Cllr. Emrys Wynne will attend the Training Session.*

231. RHUTHUN TWINNING ASSOCIATION – VISIT TO BRIEC

The Mayor informed members that Anvil Pottery, Llanrhaeadr have been commissioned to produce a piece of pottery to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Twinning Association in conjunction with the visit to Briec in May. The cost of the pottery, up to a figure of £250.00, will be paid from the Town Council's Civic Fund.

232. RHUTHUN COMMUNITY ART TRAIL

Members were asked to confirm funding available for the above scheme.

RESOLVED: *to discuss the matter in detail at the next Committee meetings.*

233. 20 M.P.H. ZONE

The Mayor discussed this matter with members stating that he would like to see 20 mph zones in town, particularly outside the schools. Requested the Town Council's support to proposals which he will submit to Denbighshire County Council

RESOLVED: *to support this initiative.*

234. ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Members were asked to confirm the Town Council's Investment Strategy.

RESOLVED: *to confirm the Town Council's Annual Investment Strategy.*

235. RHUTHUN HOSPITAL – LOSS OF SERVICES

NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR ANNE ROBERTS

The following motion was submitted for discussion by Cllr. Anne Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Elisabeth Culshaw.

“That this Council has lost confidence in the ability of the senior management of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) to deliver adequate and efficient health services to the people of Rhuthun. We call upon the Welsh Government Minister for Health and Social Services to intervene, reject the decisions taken by the BCUHB and to take direct control over the National Health Service in North Wales”. Following discussion and the request for a recorded vote, it was:

RESOLVED: *to support the motion as it stands. Those voting in favour were: Cllrs. Stephen Beach, Elisabeth Culshaw, June Derry, Rosie Hughes-Moseley, Anne Roberts and Emrys Wynne. Those voting against the motion were Cllrs. Ken Hawkins and Menna Jones. Cllrs James Bryan, Bob Costain, Sioned Foulkes, Simeon Jones and Robert Owen-Ellis abstained from voting.*

236. RESIGNATION OF A TOWN COUNCILLOR

The Mayor reported receipt of an e-mail from Cllr. Maun Hughes tendering her resignation with immediate effect.

RESOLVED: *that the resignation be accepted and that arrangements be made for the appointment of a new Town Councillor. The Legal Notice to appear on the Town Hall entrance door for a period of 14 days after which time the Town Council will fill the vacancy by co-option if no Election is called.*

237. CAE DDOL – PRUDENTIAL BORROWING

Members were asked to confirm payment of an invoice for £7,880.00 received from Denbighshire County Council being the Annualised Cost for the 2nd year of the Prudential Borrowing.

RESOLVED: to confirm payment of the invoice for £7,880.00 to Denbighshire County Council

238. DAVID JONES, M.P.

Members were asked to confirm a visit by Mr David Jones, M.P. to the Town Council meeting to be held on Monday, 23rd September 2013 (previously Monday, 22nd July 2013).

RESOLVED: that the visit be confirmed.

239. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Town Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, submitted his Financial Statement for the period ending 31st January 2013.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

240. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that payment of the following accounts be authorised.

D.D.	B.T.	Internet Services	*	58.32
353	Sandra Williams	Translation	*	90.00
354	Inland Revenue	Tax & National insurance		214.66
355	Denbighshire County Council	Christmas Lighting 2012	*	5,422.25
356	St. Peter's Church	Floodlighting - 2012		716.82
357	Aerial Electrics Ltd	Christmas Lighting 2012	*	3,510.00
358	Aerial Electrics Ltd	Electrical Maintenance at St. Peter's Church	*	57.60
359	Rhuthun Show Society	Renewal of Membership – Cllr June Derry.		5.00
360	Y Bedol	Advert re Good Citizen		11.50
361	Ian Kneale	Repainting of Public Seat on St. Peter's Square		130.00
362	Denbighshire County Council	Chairman's Charity Dinner Tickets x 2		60.00
363	Denbighshire County Council	Prudential Borrowing - 2 nd year repayment.		7,880.00
364	Ruthin Ambulance Hall Committee	Donation		500.00
365	Denbigh Food Bank	Donation		500.00

(The items marked with an * above include recoverable V.A.T. of £1,523.03)

241. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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