

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

#### **242. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apology for absence was received from Cllr. Elisabeth Culshaw.

#### **243. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Cllr Katy Morgan Williams, as a Glasdir resident and a flood victim, declared an interest in the following item:

Min. No. 254 (b) Requests for Financial Assistance, Ruthin Flood Relief Limited

Cllr. Simeon Jones, as one of the artist involved in the exhibition, declared an interest in the following item and left the Chamber during the discussion and decision thereon.

Min. No. 254 (a) – Requests for Financial Assistance, Edward Pugh Festival 2013.

Cllr Rosie Hughes-Moseley, as a member of the Chamber of Trade declared an interest in the following and left the Chamber during the discussion and decision thereon.

Min. No. 263 - Rhuthun Chamber of Trade

Cllr. Rosie Hughes-Moseley, as a family member will be providing the gift, declared an interest in the following item and left the Chamber during the discussion and decision thereon.

Min. No. 257 - Bricc Visit – Gift

The Town Clerk, as Treasurer, declared an interest in the following item and left the Chamber during the discussion and decision thereon.

Min. No. 254 (a) - Requests For Financial Assistance, Edward Pugh Festival 2013.

#### **244. RHUTHUN CHAMBER OF TRADE**

The Chamber of Trade, represented by Mr Elwyn Edwards, Chair and Mr Ian Lewney, submitted their proposal for a Tourist Information Centre (TIC) on St. Peter's Square. There has been no TIC in town since the re-development of the Craft Centre. Premises have been secured; Pine Direct will furnish the shop and Vale Carpets will supply carpeting. They are working with North Wales Tourism who will supply leaflets and stands. The project is well supported; whilst the Town Team support the project in principle, Bro Rhuthun will staff the Centre. Took questions from members on sustainability; funding partners and promotion. They were thanked for their presentation by the Mayor. A decision on their request for funding will be taken later in the evening.

#### **245. MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

28 Jan	Cadwyn Clwyd
1 Mar	Celebrating St. David's Day – Pentrecelyn Chapel. Celebrating St. David's Day at manorhaus. Age Concern on behalf of Swayne Johnson. Celebrating St. David's Day, Faenol Fawr – Royal Welch Fusiliers.
2 Mar	St. David's Day Coffee Morning – Rhuthun Show Society at Naylor Leyland Centre. St. Asaph Cathedral - Concert to raise funds towards Vale of Clwyd Flood Appeals.
5 Mar	Flood Appeal Distribution Group. Receive cheque towards the flood fund from Denbigh High School.
6 Mar	Rhuthun Flood Recovery Group.
7 Mar	High Sheriff Community Awards at Theatr John Ambrose.

8 Mar Rhuthun Flood Fund  
 12 Mar Rhuthun Art Trail.  
 19 Mar Receive cheque towards the flood fund from Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council through Gerry Frobisher, Young Dragons and Young Fire Fighters.  
 21 Mar 'Tourist Industry Visit Wales' event at Rhuthun Castle.  
 Royal British Legion Awards Evening, Rydal Penrhos School, Colwyn Bay  
 22 Mar Maer and Mayoress of St. Asaph Charity Ball – Oriel House, St. Asaph.

**246. MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Cllr. Stephen Beach	Good Citizen, Ruthin Hospital Action Group.
Cllr. James Bryan	Rhuthun Festival, Awelon Management Committee.
Cllr. Bob Costain	Rhuthun Art Trail, Ruthin Town Team.
Cllr. Rosie Hughes-Moseley	Good Citizen Award
Cllr. Menna Jones	Ysgol Borthyn Governors Meeting, Eisteddfod Rhuthun Area, Ruthin Floods Committee x 2, Tesco Collection re Ruthin Food bank.
Cllr. Simeon Jones	Rhuthun Art Trail.
Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis	Rhuthun Civic Society, Ysgol Pen Barras Governors Meeting, Rhuthun Foodbank x 2.
Cllr. Anne Roberts	Rhuthun Forward x 2, Good Citizen
Cllr. Katy Morgan Williams	Town Team, Glasdir Residents' Association.

**247. MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING**

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

**248. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**249. AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

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

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

**250. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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

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

**251. FINANCIAL SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE**

Members were asked to agree a date for a meeting of this Sub-committee.

**RESOLVED:** *that the matter be deferred until next month.*

**252. NOTICE OF ELECTION**

The Town Clerk submitted a 'Notice of Election' from Denbighshire County Council together with estimated costs of £5,737.23 for a by-election.

**RESOLVED:** *to receive the 'Notice of Election'.*

**253. RHUTHUN FLOODS**

The Mayor updated members on the Flood Fund which now stands at a figure of £30,832.96.

**254. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**(a) EDWARD PUGH FESTIVAL 2013**

Members received and were asked to consider an 'Application for Financial Assistance' from the above Organisation.

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

### **(b) RUTHIN FLOOD RELIEF LIMITED**

Members were asked to consider a donation from the Town Council to cover Solicitor's costs of £641.00.

**RESOLVED:** *to make a donation of £641.00 to Ruthin Flood Relief Limited to cover Solicitors' costs in setting up the Limited Company.*

### **255. NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

Members were asked to consider nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2013 / 2014. Cllr. Rosie Hughes-Moseley was nominated Mayor for 2013 / 14 by Cllr. Sioned Foulkes and seconded by Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis. Cllr. Stephen Beach was nominated Deputy Mayor by Cllr. Menna Jones and seconded by Cllr. Simeon Jones.

### **256. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales together with an information booklet and code of conduct booklet.

**RESOLVED:** *to receive the letter.*

### **257. BRIEC VISIT – GIFT**

Members received further details of a proposed gift for the forthcoming visit to Briec - the cost will not exceed £330.00 and the gift will be the work of Anvil Pottery, Llanrhaeadr.

### **258. DENBIGHSHIRE VOLUNTARY SERVICES COUNCIL**

Members were asked to consider renewing our membership of the above Organisation at a cost of £15.00

**RESOLVED:** *to renew membership at a cost of £15.00*

### **259. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PAN (LDP)**

The Town Clerk submitted an e-mail from Bodelwyddan Town Council together with a report on a recent LDP hearing held at Rhyl.

**RESOLVED:** *to receive the e-mail.*

### **260. NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD OF WALES DENBIGHSHIRE**

Members received a lengthy letter with details of County Council promotion during Eisteddfod Week and how Rhuthun could benefit.

**RESOLVED:** *to ask Ruth Williams, Principal Regeneration Strategy Officer, to attend the next meeting of the Town Council.*

### **261. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Town Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, submitted his Financial Statement for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

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

## 262. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

D.D.	B.T.	Telephone	*	115.57
366	Sandra Williams	Translation	*	90.00
367	Inland Revenue	Tax & National Insurance		214.66
368	Fineline Printing & Stationery	Office supplies	*	35.28
369	Denbighshire County Council	Training for Chairs and Vice Chairs		30.00
370	Capel Pendref	Floodlighting 2012 / 13		47.44
371	Denbighshire V.S.C.	Membership		15.00
372	Denbighshire County Council	Training for Chairs and Vice Chairs		30.00
373	Edward Pugh Festival 2013	Donation		500.00
374	Ruthin Flood Relief Limited	Donation		641.00
375	Rhuthun Chamber of Trade	Donation		2,600.00

(The items marked with an \* above include recoverable V.A.T. of £40.14)

## **PART TWO**

At the request of a member and seconded, it was agreed that the following item be discussed under Part Two:

### **263. RHUTHUN CHAMBER OF TRADE**

Following the presentation earlier this evening, members were asked to consider a letter from the above Organisation requesting Financial Assistance of £6,500.00 towards the running costs of the proposed Tourist Information Centre on St. Peter's Square. By a majority vote it was:

**RESOLVED:** to make a donation of £2,600.00 towards 'developing the Tourist Information Centre on St. Peter's Square for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30 September 2013..... At the end of six months, the Town Council require accounts to show how the money has been spent'.

### **264. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as Monday, 22 April 2013.