

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Rosie Hughes-Moseley (**Mayor - Chairman**)  
Cllrs. Stephen Beach, James Bryan, Elisabeth Culshaw, June Derry, Ken Hawkins, Simeon Jones, Robert Owen Ellis, Anne Roberts, Katy Morgan Williams, Geraint Woolford and Emrys Wynne; also County Councillor Bobby Feeley.

### **128. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Bob Costain, Sioned Foulkes and Menna Jones.

### **129. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations received.

### **130. WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF WATER CONSERVATORS**

A presentation was received from Mr Ivor Richards, the current Master of the above Company which is based in the City of London. He gave members the background and history of this historic Livery Company No. 102, formed 25 years ago and given a Royal Charter in 2005. Mr Richards was installed as Master in July of this year and next year will be a special year for the Company as it will be the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when Hugh Myddelton opened his new river scheme in London. On Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 there will be a special Church Service in London and Mr Richards wishes to mark the occasion by having the loan of the Hugh Myddelton Cup. Insurance will need to be arranged and he would like to view the Cup prior to the event. He was thanked by the Mayor. Later in the evening, members formally

**RESOLVED:** *to loan the Hugh Myddelton Cup for the period in question subject to adequate insurance being in place.*

### **131. RUTHIN VISITOR CENTRE**

Mr Ian Lewney represented the local Chamber of Trade and provided members with statistics on the above Centre covering the period April to September 2013. He also gave members an overview of visitors to the Centre – 15% were local; 14% were from abroad; visitors from North Wales were lower at 7% although there was 20% from North West England. Visitors primarily required information on the town itself – the Map of Rhuthun produced for the National Eisteddfod proved to be very successful. There was an increasing request for walking information although requests for accommodation were quite low. At least 50% of the visitors were day visitors; 40% of visitors were staying overnight in Rhuthun and the outlying area – many at Rhuthun Castle. The Centre dealt with nearly 15,000 visitors during the period in question. The current position is that there are sufficient funds to maintain the Centre until the end of January / February with monies being raised from the Christmas Market and other events. Mr Lewney took questions from members on: location of Visitor Centre in Nantclwyd y Dre or Rhuthun Gaol; access to visitors' book to look at these in more detail; initial request for funding from the Town Council did not include a Business Plan; volunteers not contacted and promotion of local products. Members were complimentary of the Visitor Centre's activities. He was thanked by the Mayor.

### **132. MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

To be completed.

### **133. MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Cllr. Stephen Beach	Remembrance Sunday, Contractor re Roundabout at Children's Play Area, Glasdir Meeting at Awelon.
Cllr. James Bryan	Rhuthun Festival, Mayor's Charity Ball.
Cllr. Elisabeth Culshaw	Remembrance Sunday.
Cllr. June Derry	Official Opening of Rhuthun Leisure Centre, Remembrance Sunday, Glasdir Meeting at Awelon.
Cllr. Ken Hawkins	Mayor's Charity Ball, Official Opening of Rhuthun Leisure Centre, Remembrance Sunday, Glasdir Meeting at Awelon.
Cllr. Simeon Jones	Rhuthun Festival, Remembrance Sunday.
Cllr. Robert Owen Ellis	Food Bank x 3, Mayor's Charity Ball, Official Opening of Rhuthun Leisure Centre, Remembrance Sunday, Menter Iaith, Glasdir meeting at Awelon.
Cllr. Anne Roberts	Food Bank x 3, Official Opening of Rhuthun Leisure Centre, Remembrance Sunday, Glasdir Meeting at Awelon.
Cllr. Katy Morgan Williams	Mayor's Charity Ball, Fireworks Display at Llanfwrog, Remembrance Sunday, Glasdir Residents Association, Glasdir Meeting at Awelon.
Cllr. Geraint Woolford	Remembrance Sunday
Cllr. Emrys Wynne	Mayor's Charity Ball, NWATC at Buckley, Remembrance Sunday, AGM Twinning Association.

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

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.*

### **135. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

### **136. AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

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

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

### **137. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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

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

### **138. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** *to agree Monday, 2 December (following the Amenities Committee) as a date for a meeting of this Sub-committee (membership - Cllrs. Bob Costain, Elisabeth Culshaw, June Derry, Katy Morgan Williams, Mayor and Deputy Mayor).*

### **139. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

#### **(a) DENBIGHSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the above Organisation requesting Financial Support to help the Rhuthun Bureau – there is £2,000.00 budgeted for this Organisation.

**RESOLVED:** *to confirm the Annual Donation of £2,000.00 to this Organisation.*

#### **(b) THE ROTARY CLUB OF RHUTHUN**

The Town Clerk submitted and members were asked to consider:

(a) a letter from the above Organisation requesting a financial donation towards the cost of the Christmas float and (b) an e-mail detailing the cost of the float alterations.

**RESOLVED:** *to make a donation of £300.00 towards the cost of the Christmas float, to come from 'Town Festivities'.*

### **(c) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON – SATURDAY, 30 NOVEMBER**

Members received details of Road Closures / signage and a request for Financial Assistance from Ruthin Forward – (donations of £300.00 in 2011 and £180.00 in 2012).

**RESOLVED:** to confirm payment of signage cost of £175.00 and to request that the invoice be forwarded directly to the Town Council from Denbighshire County Council

### **140. SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS**

Members were asked to consider paying the Town Clerk's annual subscription of £147.00.

**RESOLVED:** to pay the Town Clerk's annual subscription of £147.00

### **141. MAYOR'S CHARITY FUND - ABSEILING**

Members received details of an event to raise monies for the Mayor's Charity and requested names of volunteers.

**RESOLVED:** Cllrs. James Bryan, Simeon Jones, Geraint Woolford together with the Town Clerk volunteered.

### **142. FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2014 / 2015**

Members were asked to confirm a figure to be inserted under a new heading 'Public Realm' following discussions at the last Committee meetings and in preparation for next Year's Financial Estimates calculations.

**RESOLVED:** to confirm a figure of £30,000.00 (Thirty thousand pounds) under a new Budget heading of 'Public Realm' for 2014 / 2015 Financial Estimates.

### **143. NAT WEST FIXED RATE DEPOSIT**

Members were asked to note that confirmation of above is still awaited with the monies still being held in Business Reserve Account.

**RESOLVED:** to send a chaser letter to Nat West.

### **144. A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Members received an invitation to join the Chairman of Denbighshire County Council for a service to be held at St. Asaph Cathedral on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

### **145. FINANCIAL SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE**

Members were asked to arrange a meeting of this Sub-Committee.

**RESOLVED:** to agree Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. (membership – Cllrs. Elisabeth Culshaw, June Derry, Menna Jones, Geraint Woolford together with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

### **146. OAK TREE IN CAE DDOL**

Members previously received details of the proposed felling of this oak tree. An on site meeting has been arranged for this Wednesday.

### **147. CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES – 30 NOVEMBER 2013**

Members received further details of the Christmas switch which will take place at 6:30 p.m. this Saturday.

### **148. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

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

#### **I 49. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

D.D.	B.T.	Telephone	*	60.30
486	Sandra Williams	Translation	*	90.00
487	Inland Revenue	Tax & National Insurance		177.47
488	Rickx Disco	P. A. System – Remembrance Sunday		80.00
489	Royal British Legion	Donation		50.00
490	Dafydd Williams	Remembrance Sunday – tea / coffee etc		13.55
491	Llanfwrog Community Association	Hire of Room – meeting Glasdir		29.50
492	John Morris	Removal of roundabout at Children’s Play Area.		200.00
493	Catherine Lowe	Translation re Town Relics		21.78
494	Citizen’s Advice Bureau	Annual Donation		2,000.00
495	Rotary Club of Rhuthun	Donation – alterations to float		300.00
496	Society of Local Council Clerks	Town Clerk’s subscription		147.00

(The items marked with an \* above include recoverable V.A.T. of £25.05)

#### **I 50. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as Monday, 16 December 2013.