

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

202. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

203 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Emrys Wynne, as the Organisation's Vice Chairman and Trustee, declared an interest in the following item and left the Chamber during the discussion and decision thereon.

Min. No. 225 – Request for Financial Assistance – Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych.

204. RUTHIN FLOOD RELIEF LIMITED

The Chairman of the above Limited Company, Reverend Stuart Evans, made a brief presentation to members and handed a presentation cheque to the Mayor for **£9,250.76** being the remaining balance of the above account, which will now be closed. The monies will be earmarked as appropriate in the Town Council's accounts to be used for the benefit of Glasdir residents. He thanked members of the public for their generous donations.

205. THE POLICE

A Police Report was received from the new Community Beat Manager for Rhuthun and the surrounding area. He informed members that there had been a reduction of 2.7% in recorded crime compared to last year. There were 181 crimes in the Ruthin ward of which 47% had been detected. There have been 13 offences since the start of 2014 mainly shoplifting offences and a total of 156 anti social behaviour incidents to date. He referred to parking – Denbighshire County Council issue tickets on yellow lines whilst the Police deal with unnecessary obstructions on pavements and junctions etc but not on yellow lines. A total of 15 tickets have been issued in the past two months for anti-social driving (mainly on Park Road). He was thanked by the Mayor.

206. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

Pancake Race
North Wales Credit Union

207. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. Stephen Beach	St. David's Day lunch, Pancake Race, War Memorial, North Wales Credit Union, North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils, Reopening of Corporation Arms under new name and management.
Cllr. James Bryan	Canolfan Awelon Management Committee, Ruthin Festival x 2, Police re Rhuthun Festival.
Cllr. Bob Costain	Reopening of Corporation Arms under new name and management.
Cllr. Sioned Foulkes	Friends of Cae Ddôl
Cllr. Ken Hawkins	St. Peter's Church re Solar Panels.
Cllr. Menna Jones	Reopening of Corporation Arms under new name and management, Rhuthun Community Art Trail, Ysgol Borthyn Governing Body, Food Bank.

Cllr. Robert Owen Ellis	Language Enterprise at Denbigh, Food Bank x 4, Reopening of Corporation Arms under new name and management
Cllr. Anne Roberts	Ruthin Forward, Food Bank, North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils, Reopening of Corporation Arms under new name and management.
Cllr. Geraint Woolford	Chamber of Trade, Town Team.
Cllr. Emrys Wynne	Reopening of Corporation Arms under new name and management.

208. MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.*

209. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

210. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2014.

RESOLVED: *that the minutes be received.*

211. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2014.

RESOLVED: *that the minutes be received.*

212. NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Members were asked to consider nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2014 / 2015.

Cllr. Stephen Beach was nominated Mayor for 2014 / 15 by Cllr. Menna Jones and seconded by Cllr. Anne Roberts. Cllr. Anne Roberts was nominated Deputy Mayor by Cllr. Elisabeth Culshaw and seconded by Cllr. Geraint Woolford.

213 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(a) URDD EISTEDDFOD RHUTHUN AREA

The Town Clerk submitted an Application for Financial Assistance from the above Organisation.

RESOLVED: *to make a donation of £200.00 to this Organisation.*

(b) DYFFRYN CLWYD QUILTERS

The Town Clerk submitted an Application for Financial Assistance (together with Financial Accounts) for an exhibition to be held in September 2014.

RESOLVED: *to make a donation of £100.00 to this Organisation.*

(c) THE FOUNDATION AT RHUTHUN CASTLE ASSOCIATION

Members were asked to consider a request for Financial Assistance following a presentation last month.

RESOLVED: *to support the idea in principle but unable to support financially until the precise support that will come from both CADW and Cadwyn Clwyd is known.*

214. THE GREAT WAR – CENTENARY 1914

Members were asked to discuss this matter further – a Special Service has been arranged at St. Peter's Church on Sunday morning, 3 August 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

RESOLVED: *to set up a meeting with the Warden of St. Peter's Church, the Royal British Legion and Mr Geraint Owain to discuss arrangements.*

215. RHUTHUN COMMUNITY ART TRAIL

The Town Clerk submitted an e-mail, together with an insurance list of artworks, from Michael Nixon, MN Arts Associates and members were asked to consider an appropriate level of insurance

RESOLVED: *to insure all the items listed EXCEPT the '22 figures', 'Monument Sign' and 'Bollards' - total value for insurance purposes will be £61,400.00.*

216. RHUTHUN TOWN PARISHES

Members received a questionnaire from the above Organisation which they were asked to complete.

217. ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The Town Clerk submitted a verbal Annual Risk Assessment which had been discussed and approved at a recent meeting of the Financial Scrutiny Sub Committee.

RESOLVED: *to receive and approve the Annual Risk Assessment*

218. ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Town Clerk submitted the Town Council's Investment Strategy.

RESOLVED: *to receive and approve the Annual Investment Strategy.*

219. RUTHIN TOWN TEAM

Members were asked to confirm a request from Denbighshire County Council to hold the sum of £1,000.00 until their authorisation is received to pay this to the Town Team on appointment of a Treasurer.

RESOLVED: *to confirm the request and to earmark the monies accordingly in the Annual Accounts.*

220. X2 REFUSE SYSTEM – GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

Members received information about Denbighshire County Council's garden waste collections.

221. 'FREE' PARKING DAYS

Members were asked to consider 'free parking days' for the town – there are **FIVE** parking days available on a calendar year basis.

RESOLVED: *to confirm Saturday, 5th July (Rhuthun Festival) and Saturdays 6th, 13th and 20th December as Christmas Shopping days – with an additional day to be allocated in due course.*

222. JCB SPONSORED EVENT

Members received details of a sponsored event passing through Rhuthun on Tuesday afternoon, 20th May 2014.

223. NORTH WALES CREDIT UNION

The Town Clerk submitted written confirmation of an initial investment of £70,000 (seventy thousand pounds) with the above Organisation, to be supplemented by a further £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) following receipt of Business Reserve monies from Nat West.

RESOLVED: *to receive the details and to confirm an additional investment of £10,000 making a total investment of **£80,000.00** (Eighty thousand pounds).*

224. RHUTHUN – MARKET TOWN OF THE FUTURE

The Town Clerk submitted an e-mail from Matthew Jones, Architect, Coombs Jones, who wishes to include the above project as one of their featured case studies in their press release.

RESOLVED: *to agree to this request.*

225. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the above Organisation requesting a financial donation towards promoting the use of Welsh in Rhuthun – there is £500.00 budgeted for this Organisation.

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

226. RHUTHUN COMMUNITY ART TRAIL

Members were asked to confirm as correct an invoice to be received from Denbighshire County Council in the sum of £7,500.00 relating to the above Art Trail – this sum is already budgeted.

RESOLVED: to confirm the invoice as correct.

227. SHOP FRONT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Members received details and were asked to consider two applications received under the above scheme:

1. Huw & Vanessa Jones re Tudor Mane.

Four quotations for fencing and groundworks submitted. Based on the lower of the quotes a Grant of £845.00 would be payable.

2. Elwyn Edwards re Ruthin Tourist Information.

Three quotes submitted for fencing and groundworks. Based on the lower of the quotes a maximum Grant of £1,000.00 would be payable.

RESOLVED: to receive and approve the above applications.

228. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Town Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, submitted his Financial Statement for the period ending 28th February 2014.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement be received and adopted

229. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that payment of the following accounts be authorised.

D.D.	B.T.	Telephone	*	103.60
530	North Wales Credit Union	Investment		70,000.00
531	Sandra Williams	Translation	*	90.00
532	Inland Revenue	Tax and National Insurance		177.47
533	Fineline Printing & Stationery Ltd	Office items	*	8.03
534	Viking	Annual stock of white / coloured paper	*	240.13
535	Y Bedol	Advert re Good Citizen		20.00
536	Information Commissioner	Registration Fee – Data Protection Register		35.00
537	Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council	Renewal of membership		15.00
538	Urdd Eisteddfod Rhuthun Area	Donation		200.00
539	Dyffryn Clwyd Quilters	Donation		100.00
540	North Wales Credit Union	Additional Investment		10,000.00
541	Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych	Donation		500.00
542	Denbighshire County Council	Rhuthun Community Art Trail		7,500.00

(The items marked with an * above include recoverable V.A.T. of £73.63)

230. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as Monday, 28 April 2014.