Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **RHUTHUN TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Offices, Wynnstay Road, Rhuthun on Monday, 22 September 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. Stephen Beach (Mayor - Chairman)

Cllrs. James Bryan, Bob Costain, Elisabeth Culshaw, June Derry, Sioned Foulkes, Ken Hawkins, Menna Jones, Simeon Jones, Robert Owen-Ellis, Anne Roberts,

Geraint Woolford and Emrys Wynne.

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Rosie Hughes-Moseley and Katy Morgan Williams; also Bobby Feeley, County Councillor.

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received.

84. RHUTHUN TOWN CO-ORDINATOR

A presentation was made by Shelly Barratt, Ruthin Town Co-ordinator. A Marketing Strategy has been prepared for the town based on responses received at a recent conference held at Nantclwyd y Dre - all wanted a market which she has now arranged for 2014 and 2015. There will be a big Christmas event held on the last Saturday in November when the lights will be switched on and there will be Free Parking throughout the day. A column in the local Denbighshire Free Press has been secured to cover stories and the existing website www.visitruthin.com is being updated. The Visitor Centre on St. Peter's Square will close on 30th September, as the Chamber of Trade have no further funds available, although there is a proposal to open a similar centre at Nantclwyd y Dre. At least 20 people have signed up to digital training with one to one Facebook training arranged. Members were supplied with a list of events planned for the rest of the year. She was thanked by both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for all her hard work in the town.

85. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

29 Jul Meeting re World War I

Opening of new Hair Boutique

3 Aug World War I Service at St. Peter's Church

4 Aug Vigil at War Memorial

5 Aug Meeting with Ann Jones, A.M. re A55 signs

6 Aug Royal British Legion lunch at Prestatyn

7 Aug Mayor of Rhuddlan's Civic Sunday

16 Aug Rhuthun Carnival

14 Aug Mayor of St. Asaph's Civic Sunday

16 Aug Marketing Conference at Nantclwyd y Dre

19 Aug Over 50's at Llys Awelon

23 Aug Official invite Hillsborough Committee

29 Aug Rhuthun Twinning Committee Treasure Hunt

30 Aug Donkey Derby at Cae Ddol

Tea Dance Community Centre

5 Sep Musical Soiree Evening Garment Spa

86. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. June Derry World War I Service at St. Peter's Church, Musical Soiree evening

Cllr. Sioned Foulkes World War I Service at St. Peter's Church

Cllr. Ken Hawkins World War I Service at St. Peter's Church, Ruthin Carnival

Cllr. Menna Jones World War I Service at St. Peter's Church, Rhuthun Carnival,

Rhuthun Market.

Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis Denbighshire County Council re Schools reorganisation, Food Bank

x 6, Marketing Conference at Nantclwyd y Dre, Plaque re War

Memorial, Rhuthun Market

Cllr. Anne Roberts Meeting re World War I Commemorative Service, World War I

Service at St. Peter's Church, vigils to commemorate WWI at War Memorial, Rhuthun Forward, Rhuthun Carnival, Meeting at Llys Awelon (Older People's Forum), Rhuthun Twinning Association Treasure Hunt, Site meeting re yellow lines, Musical Soiree Evening at Garment Spa, Meeting at Denbigh Town Hall re A55 signs, British Legion at Prestatyn, Mayor of Rhuddlan's Civic Sunday, Denbighshire

County Council Tourism Forum at Rhuthun Castle.

Cllr. Geraint Woolford Rhuthun Forward, Rhuthun Carnival, Rhuthun Town Team, Fun Day

at Llanfwrog, Rhuthun Market.

Cllr. Emrys Wynne Rhuthun Carnival, Fun Day at Llanfwrog, Vaults re Glasdir Floods.

87. MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

88. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

89. EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: to receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 2014.

90. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2014. **RESOLVED**: that the minutes be received.

91. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2014. **RESOLVED**: that the minutes be received.

92. RUTHIN TOWN CO-ORDINATOR

Members were asked to consider a request from Denbighshire County Council to 'host' the above position for at least two days a week.

RESOLVED: to 'host' the position on the basis submitted – further details will be available at the October meeting.

93. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2015

Members were asked to approve dates for next year's meetings.

RESOLVED: to approve the dates for next year's meetings.

94. BUDGET PLANNING AND ASSUMPTIONS FOR FUTURE YEARS

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from Denbighshire County Council, concerning cuts to all their services.

RESOLVED: to receive the letter.

95. NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT - YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from UHY Hacker Young, External Auditors.

RESOLVED: to receive the letter.

96. A494 WERNFECHAN - DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

The Town Clerk submitted copies of an e-mail from Denbighshire County Council and a letter from Edwina Hart, A.M. stating that details of the required Traffic Order are currently being finalised and that they plan to publish the draft Order in October.

RESOLVED: to receive the e-mail and letter.

97. PLANNING APPLICATION

02/2014/0990 - Ruthin School - Siting of I no. temporary classroom unit.

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from a local resident concerning the above Planning Application. **RESOLVED**: to refer the letter to Denbighshire County Council (as the Planning Authority) and to advise the resident accordingly.

98. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Town Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, submitted his Financial Statement for the period ending 31st July 2014.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

99. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that payment of the following accounts be authorised.

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D.D.	B.T.	Telephone	*	98.65
627	Sandra Williams	Translation	*	90.00
628	Inland Revenue	Tax and National Insurance		163.20
629	G. J. Teeson Ltd	Work to fencing at Memorial Playing	*	3,594.90
		Fields Play Area		
630	Uhy Hacker Young	External Audit 2013 / 14	*	498.00
63 I	Ground Control	Grass Cutting – August 2014	*	448.62
632	Cllr. Anne Roberts	Travelling expenses – 3 meetings		4 0.50
633	Planhigion Glyndwr	Plant and supply 80 planters.	*	2,821.20
634	J & C Brimble	Watering 3 Aug – 30 Sep (15 waterings)		2,028.00
635	J & C Brimble	Art Trail Watering 3 Aug – 14 Sep (11		280.00
		waterings)		
636	Cennin Ltd	Creating website & setting up new e-mail	*	540.00
637	Cllr. Geraint Woolford	Engraving of cups – cash paid	*	24.00
	(The items marked with an * above include recoverable V.A.T. of £1,354.56)			

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100. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: to confirm the next meeting of the Town Council as Monday, 20 October 2014.