

PRESENT: Cllr. Stephen Beach (**Mayor - Chairman**)
Cllrs. James Bryan, Bob Costain, June Derry, Sioned Foulkes, Ken Hawkins, Menna Jones, Simeon Jones, Robert Owen-Ellis, Anne Roberts, Geraint Woolford and Emrys Wynne; also County Councillors Bobby Feeley and Huw Hilditch-Roberts.

157. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Elisabeth Culshaw and Rosie Hughes-Moseley.

158. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Ken Hawkins, as Chairman of the Management Committee and Company Secretary, declared a personal interest in the following item and left the Chamber during the discussion and decision thereon.

Min. No. 169 – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - CANOLFAN AWELON

159. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

16 Dec Ruthin Hospital
17 Dec Attended Funeral service for Denise Collister
18 Dec Christmas Shopping
19 Dec Concert at Nantclwyd y Dre
21 Dec Christmas Carols St. Peter's Church
22 Dec Visit Residential Care Homes in Rhuthun
29 Dec Rhuthun Town Charities
8 Jan Town Co-ordinator Steering Group
9 Jan 105th Birthday celebrations for Sally Roberts at Awelon,
13 Jan Hubbub, Llys Erw
16 Jan Sing-along and Afternoon Tea Inner Wheel at Llys Erw
17 Jan Open Analysa Cake and Coffee Shop, Wernfechan
22 Jan Pawb a'i Farn at Llysfasi.

160. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. James Bryan	Rhuthun Festival AGM,
Cllr. Menna Jones	Good Citizen, Borthyn School Governors, Food Bank
Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis	Food Bank x 5, Pen Barras School Governing Body, Town Co-ordinator meeting, meeting with Jamie Groves
Cllr. Anne Roberts	Attended funeral service for Denise Collister, Late night Christmas shopping, Visits to Residential Care homes, 105 th Birthday celebrations for Sally Roberts at Awelon, Over 50's Forum, Interview with S4C re Rhuthun Logo, Food Bank Committee, Pawb a'i Farn at Llysfasi.
Cllr. Geraint Woolford	Rhuthun Town Team

161. MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

162. MATTERS ARISING

Min. No. 146 - RHUTHUN TOWN TEAM – a member stated that the Secretary is now Dave Snape and the Treasurer is Mike Baines.

163. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the minutes be received.

164. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2015.

RESOLVED: *that the minutes be received.*

165. FINANCIAL SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: *to receive adopt as correct the minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2015.*

166. TOWN CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR

Members discussed this matter at some length including the Agreement which terminates on the 31 January 2015. Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis gave members an update on the branding and the website. There are further monies to fund the next development to be utilised for specialist website hosting. It is proposed that Rhuthun Town Council will own the website and he asked for members' confirmation on this point. A letter of thanks to be forwarded to the Town Co-ordinator for all her hard work during the term of Agreement. It was proposed not to extend the Agreement beyond the 31 January.

RESOLVED: *not to extend the Agreement beyond the 31 January and to confirm that the ownership of the new website will be in the hands of the Town Council.*

167. RESIGNATION OF A TOWN COUNCILLOR

The Mayor reported receipt of an e-mail from Cllr. Katy Morgan Williams tendering her resignation with immediate effect for personal reasons.

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.*

168. GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Members received an update. An advertisement will appear shortly in the Free Press to promote this Award with nominations to be submitted by 31st March 2015.

169. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CANOLFAN AWELON

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Secretary of the above Organisation requesting the Annual Donation of £3,000.00 towards the running costs of Canolfan Awelon – this sum is budgeted.

RESOLVED: *to confirm payment of the Annual Donation of £3,000.00 to this Organisation.*

170. ANNUAL MEETING

Members were asked to consider changing the date of this year's Annual Meeting from Monday, 18th May to **Monday, 11th May** – the Committee Meetings to remain on Tuesday, 5th May and the Ordinary Town Council meeting on Tuesday, 26th May.

RESOLVED: *to confirm the change in date of the Annual Meeting in May.*

171. RHUTHUN TOWN PARISHES

Members received an invitation from the Reverend Stuart Evans to a Service to welcome the new Head teacher of Ysgol Borthyn, Mrs Teleri Jones, to be held at St. Mwrog's Church, Llanfwrog on Sunday, 1st February at 11:00 a.m.

172. RHUTHUN CRAFT CENTRE

Members received details of a meeting held this morning, Monday, 26th January 2015 with Jamie Groves, Head of Communications, Marketing and Leisure, Denbighshire County Council concerning a possible reduction or removal of funding to Rhuthun Craft Centre. He feels that better use of the monies can be made to promote not only the Craft centre but also the leisure facilities in town including Brynhyfryd Leisure Centre and Cae Ddôl.

RESOLVED: *to include the sum of £30,000 in this year's precept under the heading of Craft Centre / Leisure Facilities.*

173. INSURANCE - ZURICH MUNICIPAL

Members were asked to discuss proposed amendments to the current policy and payment of next year's renewal premium amounting to £4,164.99. Proposed amendments as follows:

Removal of £77,028.77 cover for Skate Park but Public Liability to remain in place; removal of £6,050 cover for the 22 Town plaques and increase the Town Relics cover from £51,000 to £75,000.

RESOLVED: to confirm the amendments and payment of this year's insurance premium under a 5-year Term Agreement.

174. RHUTHUN AND DISTRICT CIVIC ASSOCIATION – CITTASLOW MOVEMENT

The Town Clerk submitted an e-mail from the Secretary of the above Organisation suggesting a joint meeting to discuss membership of the Cittaslow movement.

RESOLVED: that a joint meeting be arranged in conjunction with the Civic Association.

175. FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2015 / 16

The Town Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, submitted his draft estimates for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2016. It proposed an expenditure of £124,925 against income of £124,300

Precept and £625 Investment / Bank Interest. This would make a Band D equivalent of £52.38 against last year's equivalent of £54.92. Following a review of each expenditure item it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Council precept Denbighshire County Council for **£124,300.00** being a Band D rate equivalent of £52.38 for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2016.

176. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

177. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that payment of the following accounts be authorised.

D.D.	B.T.	Telephone	*	121.18
S.O.	Canda Copying Ltd	Photocopier rental	*	129.14
679	Sandra Williams	Translation	*	90.00
680	Inland Revenue	Tax and National Insurance		163.20
681	North Wales and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils	Lunch – Meeting 30 Jan at Connah's Quay		30.00
682	Canda Copying Ltd	Additional copies – black and white	*	55.48
683	Canda Copying Ltd	Additional copies - colour	*	46.38
684	I.T. Williams Company Ltd	Town Co-ordinator – transport of barriers.	*	360.00
685	St. Peter's Church	Floodlighting 2014		807.43
686	Cambrian Woodland Services	Christmas Trees 2014	*	1,719.60
687	Zurich Municipal	Renewal of Insurance		4,164.99
688	Canolfan Awelon	Annual Donation		3,000.00
689	Ground Control	Grass Cutting – October 2014	*	448.62

(The items marked with an * above include recoverable V.A.T. of £385.10)

178. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: to confirm the next meeting of the Town Council as Monday, 16 February 2015.