

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **RHUTHUN TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Offices, Wynnstay Road, Rhuthun on Monday, 23 March 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. Stephen Beach (**Mayor – Chairman**)
Cllrs. James Bryan, Bob Costain, Elisabeth Culshaw, June Derry, Ken Hawkins, Rosie Hughes-Moseley, Menna Jones, Simeon Jones, Robert Owen-Ellis, Anne Roberts, Geraint Woolford and Emrys Wynne.

201. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

202. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of **personal interest** in items on the Agenda were received as follows: Cllr. Stephen Beach, as a member; Cllr. Menna Jones, as a Committee member; Cllr. Anne Roberts, as a member and Committee member and Cllr. Heather Williams, as the Vice Chairman all declared a personal interest in the following item and left the Chamber during the discussion and decision thereon.

Agenda Item No. 210 (a) Requests for Financial Assistance – Open Doors Denbighshire

203. CO-OPTION OF A NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR

In response to a vacancy on the Council, two persons had expressed an interest by letter that they be considered for co-option.

RESOLVED: *following a secret ballot, Mrs Heather Williams was elected to serve on the Town Council – she will also be a member of the Amenities Committee. She then signed the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office and to observe the Code of Conduct.*

204. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

17 Feb Pancake Race
19 Feb Meeting Nantclwyd Friends re refreshments Mayor's Charity Event
26 Feb Judging Menter Iaith St David's Day Window Competition
28 Feb Royal Welch Fusiliers Comrades Dinner Oriel House
1 Mar Mayor's Charity Concert Nantclwyd Y Dre
3 Mar Hubbub Age Connects Visit From Officer Welsh Assembly Outreach Team
3 Mar Scout Visit
20 Mar Chair of Denbighshire County Council Charity Ball at Oriel House

205. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. James Bryan	Rhuthun Festival x 2
Cllr. Elisabeth Culshaw	Mayor's Charity Concert Nantclwyd Y Dre, Lifestyle soirée
Cllr. June Derry	Pancake Race
Cllr. Ken Hawkins	Mayor's Charity Concert Nantclwyd Y Dre, Smith of Derby re Town Clocks.
Cllr. Rosie Hughes-Moseley	Friends of Cae Ddôl
Cllr. Menna Jones	Coffee Morning at Llys Marchan, Rhuthun Show Society, 3 x Urdd Eisteddfod, Ysgol Borthyn, Clwyd Community Chest.
Cllr. Simeon Jones	Rhuthun Festival.
Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis	Ysgol Pen Barras Governing Body x 2, Food Bank x 4
Cllr. Anne Roberts	Pancake Race, Meeting re 'Women in Politics', RWF Regimental Dinner, Mayor's Charity Concert Nantclwyd Y Dre. Rhuthun Forward x 2, Over 50's Forum, Vale of Clwyd Food Bank Committee

206. MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.*

207. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

208. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2015.

RESOLVED: *that the minutes be received.*

209. NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Members were asked to consider nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2015 / 2016.

Cllr. Anne Roberts was nominated Mayor for 2015 / 16 by Cllr. Elisabeth Culshaw and seconded by Cllr. Geraint Woolford.

Two nominations were received for the position of Deputy Mayor. Following a secret ballot, Cllr. Geraint Woolford was nominated Deputy Mayor by Cllr. Ken Hawkins and seconded by Cllr. Emrys Wynne.

210. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(a) OPEN DOORS DENBIGHSHIRE

The Town Clerk submitted a request from Rhuthun and District Civic Association for a donation of £1,000.00 towards this year's event (already budgeted) together with a request for a further £1,000.00 to cover a shortfall in funding.

RESOLVED: *to confirm the Annual Donation of £1,000.00 (payable in the next Financial Year) to this Organisation together with a guarantee of additional funds up to £1,000.00 to cover any additional costs depending on their overall fund raising efforts.*

(b) ROTARY CLUB OF RUTHIN

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the above Organisation requesting a donation towards the Donkey Derby and Fun Day to be held on Saturday, 11th Jul 2015 at Cae Ddôl.

RESOLVED: *to make a donation of £500.00 (payable in the next Financial year) to this Organisation towards this event.*

211. FINANCIAL SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Members were asked to arrange a date for a meeting of this Sub-Committee. Membership: Cllrs. Elisabeth Culshaw, June Derry, Menna Jones and Geraint Woolford together with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED: *to arrange a meeting following the next Planning and Development Committee.*

212. RHUTHUN STEERING GROUP – (PREVIOUSLY TOWN CO-ORDINATOR)

Members received an update and were asked to appoint two additional Town Councillors on the Steering Group (current representatives are Cllrs. Stephen Beach and Robert Owen-Ellis).

RESOLVED: *to appoint Cllrs. Anne Roberts and Emrys Wynne to the Steering Group the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1 April 2015 at the Town Hall.*

213. TOWN COUNCIL FUNDS

Members were asked to consider the investment of £70,000 in accordance with the Town Council's Investment Strategy.

RESOLVED: *to discuss this matter further at the next meeting with details having been obtained from; Bank of Ireland, Santander Bank and Allen Private Banking.*

214. CAE DDOL – BICYCLE PUMP TRACK PROJECT

Members received details of this project from Cllr. Rosie Hughes-Moseley.

215. RESIGNATION OF A TOWN COUNCILLOR

The Mayor reported receipt of a letter from Cllr. Sioned Foulkes 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 for a period of 14 days after which time the Town Council will fill the vacancy by co-option if no Election is called.

216. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Town Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, submitted his Financial Statement for the period ending 31st January 2015.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

217. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that payment of the following accounts be authorised.

D.D.	B.T.	Telephone	*	103.99
696	Sandra Williams	Translation	*	90.00
697	Inland Revenue	Tax and National Insurance		163.20
698	Denbighshire County Council	Christmas Lighting 2014 / 15	*	5,422.25
699	Denbighshire County Council	Repayment of Cae Ddôl Prudential Loan 4 / 7.		7,880.00
700	Dafydd Williams	Petty cash – stamps etc		24.60
701	Groundworks NorthWest	Memorial Playing Fields Association – Play Area	*	1,680.00
702	Denbigh Town Council	Charity Ball Tickets x 2		64.00
703	Dafydd Williams	Salary		81.12
704	Information Commissioner's Office	Renewal of registration		35.00
705	Y Bedol	Advert re Good Citizen		20.00

(The items marked with an * above include recoverable V.A.T. of £1,216.04)

218. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: to confirm the next meeting of the Town Council as Monday, 27 April 2015.

219. TOWN CLERK'S SALARY

Members received details of the Town Clerk's salary.

RESOLVED: to receive the details.

