

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

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda were received as follows:

Cllr. Emrys Wynne, as Vice Chair / Acting Chair of the Organisation, declared a personal interest in the following and left the chamber during the discussion and decision thereon.

Min. No. 45 (a) – REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – MENTER IAITH

36. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

27 May	Ruthin Forward
29 May	Ruthin School – prize giving
9 Jun	Cancer Research UK at Rhuthun Castle
12 Jun	Brown Signs meeting at Denbigh Town Hall
16 Jun	Town Team meeting
17 Jun	Ruthin Forward
18 Jun	Meeting with Reverend Stuart Evans re Civic Sunday
20 Jun	Market on the Square
22 Jun	Armed Forces Day – War Memorial

37. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. Stephen Beach	Ruthin Twinning Association, Brown Signs, Code of Conduct Training.
Cllr. James Bryan	Rhuthun Festival, Code of Conduct training.
Cllr. Elisabeth Culshaw	Rhuthun Market.
Cllr. Menna Jones	Llys Marchan Advisory Committee, Ysgol Borthyn Governing Body
Cllr. Ian Lewney	Code of Conduct training.
Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis	Food Bank x 7, Ysgol Pen Barras.
Cllr. Geraint Woolford	Ruthin School - prize giving, Town Team, Armed Forces Day.

38. MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

39. MATTERS ARISING

Min. 26 (b) – REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – RUTHIN FORWARD - the Mayor reported that a cheque for £134.77 had been received from Ruthin Forward being a refund of the difference between actual costs and the donation from the Town Council.

40. AMENITIES MEETING

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2015.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be received.

41. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2015.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be received.

42. MEMBERS OF RHUTHUN TOWN COUNCIL

Members were asked to confirm their details as correct and for use of members only.

43. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2015 / 2016

Members were asked to consider membership of the various committees.

RESOLVED: *that the following members be elected as follows:*

(a) AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllrs. Bob Costain, Elisabeth Culshaw, Menna Jones, Simeon Jones, Heather Williams and Emrys Wynne,

(b) PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Cllrs. Stephen Beach, James Bryan, June Derry, Ken Hawkins, Rosie Hughes-Moseley, Ian Lewney and Robert Owen-Ellis.

Membership of all other Committees as follows:

(c) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SUB COMMITTEE

Cllrs. Bob Costain, Elisabeth Culshaw, June Derry and Ian Lewney.

(d) WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME SUB COMMITTEE

Cllrs. James Bryan, Menna Jones, Robert Owen-Ellis and Emrys Wynne.

(e) FINANCIAL SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE

Cllrs. Elisabeth Culshaw, June Derry, Menna Jones and Geraint Woolford.

(f) DOCUMENTS SCRUTINY GROUP

Cllrs. Rosie Hughes-Moseley, Ken Hawkins and Robert Owen Ellis.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are ex officio members of **ALL** Committees.

44. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2015 / 2016

Members were asked to review and update list of Town Council representation.

RESOLVED: *that the list be updated.*

45. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(a) MENTER IAITH SIR DDINBYCH (DENBIGHSHIRE LANGUAGE ENTERPRISE)

(i) The Town Clerk submitted an e-mail from the above Organisation requesting the annual contribution of £500.00 towards promoting the use of Welsh in Rhuthun– there is already £500 budgeted for this Organisation.

RESOLVED: *to confirm the Annual Donation of £500 to this Organisation.*

(ii) The Town Clerk submitted an e-mail from the above Organisation requesting an additional financial contribution of £1,500 towards promoting the use of Welsh in the Rhuthun area.

RESOLVED: *to request further details and to be discussed further at the next meeting of the Town Council.*

(b) OPEN DOORS DENBIGHSHIRE

The Town Clerk submitted a letter, together with a final Budget plan, from Rhuthun and District Civic Association for an additional financial contribution of £1,000 towards this year's event.

RESOLVED: *to make an additional donation of £1,000 towards this year's event.*

(c) NANTCLWYD Y DRE – THE LORD'S GARDEN

Members were asked to confirm payment of an invoice for £4,000 being the Town Council's contribution towards the above project – this sum is already budgeted.

RESOLVED: *to confirm payment of the invoice.*

46. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales enclosing "Revised Guidance on the Code of Conduct" including Guidance for members of community councils.

RESOLVED: *to receive the letter with the document to be perused by the Documents Scrutiny Group, who will report back to the next meeting of the Town Council.*

**47. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEMOCRACY) (WALES) ACT 2013 Section 55 – 57
COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

The Town Clerk submitted an e-mail from the Welsh Assembly relating to statutory guidance on Access to information on Community and Town Councils.

RESOLVED: to receive the details – this document will also be perused by the Documents Scrutiny Group.

**48. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEMOCRACY) (WALES) ACT 2013 - Section 58
REGISTERS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

The duty to establish and maintain the register of members' interest transfers from the monitoring officer to the 'proper officer' of the community or town council – the register of interests must also be published electronically i.e. on the council's website.

RESOLVED: to receive the details – the matter to be discussed by the Documents Scrutiny Group

49. LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN WALES – FUTURE CONFIGURATION

Members were informed that the Public Service Minister recently announced that 'the competency test that Community Councils should have a turnover of at least £200,000 will **not** be included in the draft Local Government Mergers and Reform Bill'.

50. CYNEFIN GROUP

Members received an invitation to the AGM to be held on Monday, 13th July 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Hugh Owen Hall, The Management Centre, Bangor.

RESOLVED: there is no available to attend as it is the same evening as the Committee Meetings.

51. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

52. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that payment of the following accounts be authorised.

D.D.	B.T.	Telephone	*	108.14
735	Sandra Williams	Translation		90.00
736	Inland Revenue	Tax and National Insurance		137.04
737	I.T. Williams Co. Ltd	Rhuthun Market - Transport barriers to St. Peter's Square	*	180.00
738	Dafydd Williams	Petty Cash – stamps etc.		24.60
739	Cennin Ltd	Set up e-mail on new PC	*	84.00
740	Ground Control	Grass Cutting – May 2015	*	462.07
741	Dafydd Williams	Plastic Ties for Town Banners (cash paid)	*	15.00
742	I T Williams Co Ltd	Hire of lorry and driver to transport planters	*	480.00
743	Denbighshire County Council	Training for Vice Chairs		35.00
744	Denbighshire County Council	Nantclwyd y Dre – Lord's Garden		4,000.00
745	Menter Iaith	Annual Donation		500.00

(The items marked with an * above include recoverable V.A.T. of £221.53)

53. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

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

