Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **RHUTHUN TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Offices, Wynnstay Road, Rhuthun on Monday, 28 September 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

## PRESENT: Cllr. Anne Roberts (Mayor - Chairman)

Cllrs. Stephen Beach, James Bryan, Bob Costain, Elisabeth Culshaw, June Derry, Ken Hawkins, Menna Jones, Simeon Jones, Ian Lewney, Robert Owen-Ellis, Heather Williams, Geraint Woolford and Emrys Wynne; also County Councillor Bobby Feeley.

## 71. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apology for absence was received from Cllr. Rosie Hughes-Moseley.

## 72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received.

#### 73. MAYOR'S REPORT

The	Mayor re	ported	that she	had	attended	the	following	since	the las	t meeting
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- 30/07 Meeting with Esmor Davies St Peter's Square Gipsy Caravan
- 03/08 Meeting with Simon Billington with Dafydd re planting of Briec Roundabout.
- 06/08 Ruthin Youth Theatre production of Annie at the Rugby Club
- 10/08 Art Exhibition St. Peter's Church, Ruthin
- 10/08 Meeting with Cllr. Steve Beach, Neil Dalrymple and Polly Snape re Mabinogion launch
- 11/08 Presentation of Bible from Gideon Society
- 13/08 Meeting with Librarian, Llinos, re launch of Mabinogion plaques at the Library
- 16/08 Service at St. Peter's VI Day
- 17/08 Emergency Powers Committee
- 21/08 Meeting with Insp. Gareth Jones Ruthin P/S
- 22/08 Ruthin Flower Show
- 24/08 Delivering certificates to runners-up Floral competition
- 24/08 The Wayfarer Wool shop in Well Street celebration of 50 years of trading by the same family, also 'launch' of the new seating area to the side of the building
- 24/04 Meeting re Job Profile for Town Clerk prior to advertising
- 29/08 Called in at Ruthin Décor Charity Car Challenge Air Ambulance
- 30/08 Bowls Club, Llanfwrog presentation of prizes
- 31/08 Llanbedr Show presentation of prizes
- 02/09 Plaid public meeting re future of Awelon
- 03/09 Merchant Navy Day raising the flag at County Hall
- 03/09 Cornerpost Antiques filming of Antiques Road Trip
- 08/09 Over 50's forum Llys Erw
- 08/09 Prayer meeting St. Peter's re refugees from Syria
- 13/09 Civic Sunday Mayor of Rhyl
- 14/09 Ruthin Steering Group
- 15/09 Town Team meeting Ruthin Castle
- 16/09 Meeting at skate park with Dafydd and Glyn Hughes DCC
- 17/09 Cheese and Wine evening The Myddelton
- 18/09 Filming at The Myddelton for Channel 4 programme
- 19/09 Annual litter-pick
- 19/09 Bag packing at Tesco for Age Connect
- 26/09 Launch Open Doors St Peters Church
- 27/09 Open Doors visits.
  - Diamond Wedding Anniversary Les and Vera Price 4 Canol y Dre in Ruthin Castle flowers and card
- 27/09 Capel y Tabernacl concert to celebrate centenary of the pipe organ.

28/09 Opening Antiques business – Geraint Woolford, Deputy Mayor

28/09 Meeting to arrange interviews for Town Clerk role

#### 74. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. Stephen Beach Ruthin Theatre Group Rugby Club, Hubbub at Llys Erw, Meeting with

Neil Dalrymple, Ruthin Craft Centre, Ruthin Library meeting with Llinos re Mabinogion, Rhuthun Area Steering Group, Interview Panel agree criteria, VJ Day at St. Peter's Church, Syrian Refugees Prayer Service, proposals Awelon meeting, Mayor's Cheese and Wine evening, Town Clean up campaign, Bag packing Age Connect Tesco, McMillan Coffee morn-

ings, Open Doors, Shortlist Panel meeting.

Cllr. James Bryan Canolfan Awelon Management Committee, Rhuthun Festival, Plaid

Cymru re Awelon.

Cllr. Bob Costain Open Doors

Cllr. Elisabeth Culshaw Cheese and Wine evening

Cllr. June Derry Cheese and Wine evening, McMillan Coffee morning

Cllr. Ken Hawkins Plaid Cymru at Awelon, Cheese and Wine evening, Open Doors Cllr. Menna Jones Rhuthun Flower Show, Awelon re Home, Hubbub at Llys Erw, Cheese

and Wine evening, Open Doors

Cllr. Simeon Jones Clean up Campaign

Cllr. Ian Lewney Cheese and Wine evening, Clean-up Campaign

Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis Food Bank x 6, Awelon re Plaid Cymru, Scrutiny Committee, Town

Clean-up Campaign, Shortlist re Town Clerk, Cheese and Wine evening,

Open Doors.

Cllr. Heather Williams Rhuthun Flower Show, Cheese and Wine evening, Town Clean-up cam-

paign, Open Doors

Cllr. Geraint Woolford Art Exhibition, performance by Youth Theatre at the Rugby Club, Meet-

ing with Police at Rhuthun Police Station, Rhuthun Flower Show, meeting re Job Description for Town Clerk, Prayer meeting re refugee crisis, Rhuthun Steering Group, Town Team meeting, Cheese and Wine evening, Open Doors - visited half of participants, Open Doors - visited other

half of participants, Shortlisting for Post of Town Clerk.

Cllr. Emrys Wynne Awelon re Plaid Cymru, Meeting with Glyn Hughes re Public Seat, Town

Clean up Campaign, Open Doors

## 75. MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING

**RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

## 76. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising,

## 77. EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE

**RESOLVED:** to receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 17 August 2015.

## 78. AMENITIES MEETING

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2015. **RESOLVED**: that the minutes be received.

# 79. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2015. **RESOLVED**: that the minutes be received.

#### 80. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2016

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

**RESOLVED**: that the dates be confirmed.

#### 81. NORTH WALES CREDIT UNION

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the above Organisation stating that the deposit protection limit is changing from £85,000 to £75,000 from 1 January 2016. In the meantime, the Credit Union have been in touch and will be forwarding a cheque for £5,294.76 to the Town Council to bring the balance to exactly £75,000 – otherwise a fine would be imposed on them by the Financial Services Authority. **RESOLVED**: to receive the details.

#### 82. CANOLFAN AWELON

Members received the Annual Report for 2014 / 2015 and were asked to note that the AGM will take place on Monday, 12th October 2015 at 3.30 p.m.

#### 83. THE PENSIONS REGULATOR

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from The Pensions Regulator and to note that the Town Council's automatic enrolment duties start on <u>I<sup>st</sup> October 2016</u>.

**RESOLVED**: to receive the letter and to note its contents.

#### 84. NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT – YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from UHY Hacker Young, External Auditors. **RESOLVED**: to receive the letter.

### 85. RHUTHUN CRAFT CENTRE - WILDFLOWER PLANTING SCHEME

The Town Clerk submitted an e-mail from Jane Gerrard, Rhuthun Craft Centre together with an invoice for £1,000 being the Town Council's contribution towards the above scheme – agreed by members at June meeting.

**RESOLVED**: to confirm the Town Council's contribution of £1,000.00 towards the above scheme.

### 86. WALES RALLY GB

Members received a further e-mail from Peter McDermott, Denbighshire County Council concerning the above event.

#### 87. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Town Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, submitted his Financial Statement for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015.

**RESOLVED**: that the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

#### 88. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESO	<b>LVED</b> : that payment of the following acc	counts be authorised.		
D.D.	B.T.	Telephone	*	133.38
	The following cheque was issued on	14 September 2015 - see Min. Ref. 56 / 2015		
774	Denbighshire County Council	Contribution towards Brynhyfryd		41,000.00
		Leisure Centre		
775	Sandra Williams	Translation	*	90.00
776	Inland Revenue	Tax & National insurance		150.12
777	Ground Control Ltd	Grass cutting - August 2015	*	462.07
778	Glasdon U.K. Limited	Public Seats x 3	*	2,729.14
779	NWN Media	Job Advertisement re Town Clerk	*	426.00
780	Dafydd Williams	Petty Cash – stamps etc		24.80
78 I	Ground Control	Grass cutting - September	*	462.07
782	Viking Direct	Annual stock of coloured and white paper	*	263.58
783	Denbighshire County Council	Rhuthun Craft Centre – wildflower planting scheme.		1,000.00
78 <del>4</del>	Dafydd Williams	Salary		654.13

(The items marked with an \* above include recoverable V.A.T. of £761.03)

## **PART TWO - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

It is recommended in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that exempt information (as defined in paragraphs "12 and 13" of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act) would be disclosed.

Tax and National insurance

440.85

## 89. TOWN CLERK'S SALARY

Inland Revenue

785

Members received details of the Town Clark's salary and were asked to confirm a backdated payment to I January 2015.

**RESOLVED**: to confirm the backdated payment.

## 90. POST OF TOWN CLERK

Members were informed that four applications had been received for the above post and were asked to confirm interviews to be carried out by the Town Clerk Appointment Group – this will be done on Monday evening, 5 October 2015 at 7:00 o'clock in Canolfan Awelon.

### 91. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**RESOLVED**: to confirm the next meeting of the Town Council as Monday, 26 October 2015.