

PRESENT: Cllr. Anne Roberts (**Mayor – Chairman**)
Cllrs. James Bryan, Bob Costain, Elisabeth Culshaw, Ken Hawkins, Menna Jones, Simeon Jones, Ian Lewney, Robert Owen-Ellis and Geraint Woolford; also County Councillor Bobby Feeley.

113. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Stephen Beach, June Derry, Rosie Hughes-Moseley, Heather Williams and Emrys Wynne.

114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of personal and/or pecuniary interest in the items of business.

115. THE POLICE

A Police Report was received from Inspector Gareth Jones who updated members on driving offences, shoplifting and drug abuse. Anti-social driving remains a problem in the Park Place area with cars having been seized following the issue of S59 notices. Members raised questions on the one-way system on Dog Lane, speed limit on Glasdir Link road and community volunteers. There are certain problematic individuals causing concerns in the neighbourhood. Shoplifting offences – the Police have identified a male and a female from the Wrexham area. Immigration compliance teams have recently been in the area checking up on premises. As regards licensing, Inspector Jones informed members that the pubs in town are well-run pubs and that there are generally no issues - there will be patrols in place over the Christmas period. The impact of Central Government cuts is not yet known. As regards drug abuses, there are reports of cannabis use by youngsters. The Police are raising parent awareness and targeting different locations at different times for Class A and B drugs. Burglaries remain low – a young lad was recently charged at Mold Crown Court. Community events are well run – there are no issues with events held in Rhuthun. He was thanked by the Mayor.

116. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

- 29/10 Visit to Mrs Mary Owen Trem y Foel Ruthin on the occasion of her 100th birthday
- 31/10 Visit to Ruthin Scout/Cubs and Fire Service car wash at Fire Station
- 01/11 Civic Service – Mayor of Caerwys
- 03/11 Tourism event – Springs, Llanrhaeadr
- 04/11 Meeting with North Wales Police – Ruthin Police Station
- 04/11 Ruthin Forward Meeting
- 08/11 Remembrance Sunday
- 09/11 Financial Scrutiny committee
- 10/11 Town Team
- 11/11 Cenotaph – Armistice Day commemoration
- 11/11 Ruthin Forward meeting – arrangements for Xmas festivities
- 11/11 Over 50's Forum – Llys Erw
- 12/11 Age Connects AGM – Eirianfa Denbigh
- 13/11 Mayor's Charity Evening – Vale Country Club
- 18/11 Public consultation presentation - Awelon
- 21/11 North Wales Brass Bands competition – Ysgol Brynhyfryd

117. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. James Bryan	Ruthin Festival, Remembrance Sunday, Mayor's Charity Evening
Cllr. Elisabeth Culshaw	Canolfan Awelon AGM, Remembrance Sunday
Cllr. Ken Hawkins	Remembrance Sunday, Mayor's Charity Evening, DCC consultation event at Awelon

Cllr. Menna Jones	Llys Marchan, DCC consultation event at Awelon
Cllr. Ian Lewney	Chamber of Trade x 2, Remembrance Sunday, Mayor's Charity Evening, Ruthin Market
Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis	Food Bank sessions x 4, Remembrance Sunday, Mayor's Charity Evening, DCC consultation event at Awelon, Ysgol Pen Barras Health and Safety Sub-committee meeting
Cllr. Geraint Woolford	Clwydian Range Tourism Forum, Meeting with North Wales Police, meeting with Chair of Governors of Rhos Street School, Opening of Children's Society Charity Shop, Fireworks display Llanfwrog Centre, Remembrance Sunday, Financial Scrutiny Committee, GB Rally, Governors meeting Rhos Street School, Mayor's Charity Evening, DCC consultation event at Awelon

118. MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: that, subject to including that Cllr. Menna Jones had declared an interest in Min. No. 101 Request for Financial Assistance – (b) Rhuthun and District Civic Association re. Open Doors and completed the relevant Declaration, the minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

119. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising,

120. AMENITIES MEETING

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2015.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be received.

121. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2015.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be received.

122. FINANCIAL SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED: that the meeting take place following the next Committee meetings.

123. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(a) RUTHIN CASTLE FOUNDATION

The Town Clerk submitted an e-mail from Phil Ebbrell, Conservation Architect, Denbighshire County Council.

RESOLVED: to request that a representative from the Foundation attend a meeting to give further details.

124. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – BUS SERVICES

Members were advised of the current consultation about possible future changes. Cllrs. Elisabeth Culshaw, Ken Hawkins and Menna Jones requested hard copies of the consultation documents.

Comments to be submitted by 12 December 2015.

125. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – FUTURE OF IN-HOUSE CARE SERVICES

Members were advised of the above consultation, including consulting specifically on options for the future of Awelon residential care home and day care centre in Rhuthun. Cllr. Bobby Feeley informed councillors that the closing date for comments had been extended to 24 January 2016. Members were asked to send their views/comments to the Town Clerk to provide a response on behalf of Ruthin Town Council.

126. TESCO LOCAL COMMUNITY SCHEME

Details were provided regarding the above scheme, to be found at

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/sites/tescocommunityscheme>

RESOLVED: to receive the details.

127. LLANRHYDD CEMETERY

The Town Clerk updated that members that National Resources Wales had no objections to the proposals. Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis asked where the additional strip of land would be.

RESOLVED: to receive the update.

128. TRANSLATION ARRANGEMENTS

The Town Clerk read an e-mail from Mrs Marian Rees, stating that she would be providing simultaneous translation services to the Town Council from January 2016 onwards.

RESOLVED: to note the information.

129. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

130. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that payment of the following accounts be authorised.

D.D.	B.T.	Broadband services	*	69.00
806	Sandra Williams	Translation	*	90.00
807	Inland Revenue	Tax and National Insurance		199.11
808	Royal British Legion	Annual Donation		50.00
809	Dafydd Williams	Remembrance Sunday – tea / coffee / biscuits		12.76
810	Rick Parr	PA system for Remembrance Sunday		80.00
811	The Don Photography	Copyright image – Christmas Card		50.00
812	Dafydd Williams	Engraving cups		27.38
813	Ground Control Limited	Art Trail hedge on Market Street - pruning	*	258.00
814	Sandra Williams	Translate Rhuthun website	*	561.00
815	Sandra Williams	Translate ‘Town Clerk duties’	*	75.56
816	Anne Roberts	Mayor’s Allowance (final part)		600.00

(The items marked with an * above include recoverable V.A.T. of £632.81)

131. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: to confirm the date of next meeting of the Town Council as Monday, 21 December 2015.