

PRESENT: Councillor Geraint Woolford (Mayor)
Councillors Stephen Beach, James Bryan, June Derry, Elisabeth Culshaw, Ken Hawkins, Rosie Hughes-Moseley, Menna Jones, Ian Lewney, Robert Owen-Ellis, Heather Williams and Emrys Wynne.

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bob Costain, Simeon Jones and Anne Roberts.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

15. POLICE REPORT

The Mayor welcomed PCSO Sandra Jones to the meeting to give a report on policing matters. She reported that they were dealing with the anti-social driving by drivers congregating in the Park Road car park and two Section 59 notices had been issued. She confirmed that there are two PCSO in Ruthin at present, in addition to the police officers. Neighbourhood disputes is taking up a great deal of their time as well as dealing with problematic and vulnerable individuals. Members took the opportunity to ask questions and inform the officer about problems, such as young people gathering to drink by the old bridge in Cae Ddôl, the football club stand and St. Peter's graveyard. They also requested crime statistics for Ruthin when the police next attend a Town Council meeting.

RESOLVED: *that the presentation be noted.*

16. PRESENTATION FROM CYMDEITHAS CYMUNED LLANFWROG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Mayor welcomed Mr Rod Bowden, Trustee of the above Association, and Mr Bleddyn Jones, Centre Manager, to provide further details regarding their request for financial assistance to install a lift and stairs at the Centre. They emphasised that they wished to provide access to everyone to the upper floor, which would have the added benefit of being able to hire the first floor room with separate access which would not affect activities in the ground floor room. They reported that they were awaiting a decision regarding their application for £15k from the Williams Family Foundation, and their bid to the Postcode Lottery had been unsuccessful. In response to members' questions they confirmed that the Centre was profitable with various groups and activities based there. They stated that it has an asset value of £500k and that the audited accounts were available to view online. An invitation was extended to members to visit the Centre.

RESOLVED: *to defer the decision until the outcome of other funding applications is known.*

17. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor read thank you letters from Ruthin and District Twinning Association and Ruthin Open Doors for £500 and £1,500 of financial assistance respectively, and Ruthin and Denbigh Gymnastics Club, Ruthin Scouts and Ruthin Young Farmers for money received as the Mayor's chosen charities.

- 26/04 Official launch of No. 5 restaurant, Upper Clwyd Street
- 28/04 Chairman of Denbighshire County Council's charity concert in Rhyl
- 04/05 Engagement event regarding HMP Berwyn
- 06/05 Installation of Denbigh Town Mayor
- 14/05 Eurovision Party
- 16/05 Greeting twinning visitors at Llanfwrog Centre
- 17/05 Meet and greet the whole Brieic group
Joint meeting between Ruthin and Brieic Twinning Committees
- 18/05 Meal at Clwyd Gate Restaurant with twinning groups
Opening of community garden at Cae Seren
Tour of Rhos Street School with Brieic visitors

- 19/05 Visit to Nantclwyd House with twinning groups
Cluster meeting for Chairs and Clerks of Town and Community Councils
- 20/05 Farewell to Briec visitors
Official opening of the Lord's Garden, Nantclwyd House
Mayoress attended official opening of the new reception at Ysgol Brynhyfryd
- 21/05 Comedy night at Theatr John Ambrose
- 22/05 Denbigh Civic Sunday service

18. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- Cllr. Stephen Beach Exhibition of proposals for the new build for Ysgol Pen Barras and Rhos Street School, Poppy Awards at Rydal Penrhos School, Hubbub meeting, official opening of Cae Seren community garden and official opening of the Lord's Garden
- Cllr. James Bryan Ruthin Festival committee meetings, Ruthin Scouts AGM and comedy night at Theatr John Ambrose
- Cllr. Elisabeth Culshaw Official opening of Cae Seren community garden, official opening of the Lord's Garden, Ruthin Memories tea dance and Ruthin Castle event for Ruthin Memories project
- Cllr. June Derry Ruthin School service for Old Ruthinians
- Cllr. Ken Hawkins Town clean-up campaign and official opening of the Lord's Garden
- Cllr. Menna Jones Llys Marchan management committee meeting, Food Bank, official opening of Cae Seren community garden, Briec visitors former mayors gathering, official opening of the Lord's Garden and Ysgol Borthyn governors meeting.
- Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis Food bank x 4, exhibition of proposals for the new build for Ysgol Pen Barras and Rhos Street School, town clean-up campaign and official opening of the Lord's Garden.
- Cllr. Heather Williams Exhibition of proposals for the new build for Ysgol Pen Barras and Rhos Street School, town clean-up campaign, walking tours for Briec visitors and Ruthin Memories project and official opening of the Lord's Garden.
- Cllr. Emrys Wynne Exhibition of proposals for the new build for Ysgol Pen Barras and Rhos Street School.

19. MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.

20. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

21. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16 May 2016 be received and adopted.

22. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2016.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting be received.

23. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2016.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting be received.

24. BANK MANDATE – BARCLAYS BANK

RESOLVED: to confirm the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as the new signatories and to complete the bank mandate form accordingly.

25. MEMBERS OF RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLVED: to confirm that the details were correct, and for use of members only, subject to receiving current mobile telephone number from Councillor Ian Lewney.

26. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2016/17

Members considered membership of the various committees and sub-committees.

RESOLVED: to update committee memberships for 2016/17.

27. REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES 2016/17

Members reviewed Town Council representation on external bodies.

RESOLVED: to update representation on external bodies.

28. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – DENBIGHSHIRE VOLUNTARY SERVICES COUNCIL

RESOLVED: to renew Ruthin Town Council's membership of DVSC for £15.00.

29. CORRESPONDENCE

Members were requested to receive and note correspondence Emily Reddy, Senior Development Officer, DVSC, invitation to Armed Forces Day, invitation to One Voice Wales annual conference on 6 July and a letter regarding the Centenary Fields project from Fields in Trust.

RESOLVED: to note the correspondence and to decline the invitation to the One Voice Wales conference and nominate the Memorial Playing fields for the Centenary Fields project.

30. RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL LOGO

Members considered the current logo and the reworked logo and

RESOLVED: to retain the current logo.

31. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2016

The Clerk presented a copy of the Internal Audit Report from JDH Business Services Ltd, which noted three findings.

RESOLVED: to note the report.

32. EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Members were asked to approve the annual return, in draft, and the Annual Governance Statement.

RESOLVED: to approve both.

33. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Members were asked to approve the Financial Statement for the period ending 30 April 2016.

RESOLVED: to receive and approve the Financial Statement for the period ending 30 April 2016.

34. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that payment of the following accounts be authorised.

887	Ruthin Festival	Donation		£1,000.00
888	Stroke Association	Good Citizen of the Year's chosen charity		£100.00
889	Denbighshire Triathlon Club	Young Person of the Year's chosen charity		£100.00
D.D.	BT Business	Broadband services	*	£75.72
890	Llanfwrog CIC	Grass cutting services – April and May 2016		£856.50
891	Planning Aid Wales	Planning training event – Cllr. Ian Lewney		£25.00
892	DVSC	Membership renewal		£15.00
893	Mrs Val Wright	Repairs to Mayoral Robe		£38.00
894	JDH Business Services Ltd	Fee for 2015/16 internal audit	*	£306.00
895	Marian Rees	Simultaneous translation - AGM	*	£102.00
896	Marian Rees	Simultaneous translation 23 May 2016	*	£108.00
897	Inland Revenue	Tax and National Insurance		£252.83

898	Cllr. Geraint Woolford	Mayor's Allowance (part payment)	£600.00
771	<i>Retrospective approval</i> J & C Brimble	Basket watering – 14 waterings	£1,951.80
772	<i>Retrospective approval</i> J & C Brimble	Basket watering – Art Trail	£519.90

35. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as Monday, 27 June 2016.