

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

53. PRESENTATION REGARDING WORKS TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH BELLS AND CLOCK

A presentation was given by Mrs Jennifer Trigger, Chair of St. Peter's Church Bells Restoration Group, regarding the proposed maintenance works to the Church bells and clock. She explained that six new bells had been installed in 1843 on one wooden frame and a further two bells on a separate frame balancing on the lower frame. John Taylor & Co, Bellfounders, Bellhangers and Carillon Builders, had undertaken a survey regarding complete repair and renewal of the bells, with all on the one frame. This would necessitate moving the clock mechanism, at a cost of £3,299.00 plus VAT. The Group had also received quotations for a new motor drive for the clock and electromagnetic chime hammers for the bells, with a control panel in the vestry. Quotation from John Taylor & Co was £12,916.00 plus VAT with a fee of £430 plus VAT for annual maintenance and from Smiths of Derby was £28,255.00 plus VAT. Members were asked to consider a contribution from the Town Council towards the cost of the work. Members took the opportunity to ask questions, and were told that the anticipated start date for the work was March/April 2017. The Mayor thanked Mrs Trigger for the informative presentation.

RESOLVED: *to consider the matter in detail at the September meeting.*

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ian Lewney and Robert Owen-Ellis.

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

56. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor read a thank you card from Polly Snape and reported on the following visits.

- 28.06 Interview with S4C regarding Ruthin Festival
- 29.06 Ruthin Festival concert in Awelon
- 01.07 Lunchtime recital at St. Peter's Church
- 02.07 Ruthin Festival Top of Town event
- 03.07 Chair of Denbighshire County Council's Civic Sunday Service, Rhuddlan Concert at the English Presbyterian Chapel
- 04.07 Welsh Language Scheme sub-committee meeting
- 08.07 Lunchtime recital at St. Peter's Church
All Nations concert at Llangollen International Eisteddfod
- 13.07 Celebration of Achievements evening at Ysgol Brynhyfryd
- 14.07 Ruthin Castle Trust video
- 15.07 Lunchtime recital at St. Peter's Church
- 16.07 Visit to Ysgol Pen Barras
- 17.07 Civic Sunday
- 18.07 Meeting with North Wales Police
- 19.07 Opening of Trevor House - new residential block at Ruthin School
- 22.07 Lunchtime recital at St. Peter's Church

57. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- Cllr. James Bryan
(Deputy Mayor) Canolfan Awelon Management Committee meeting, Welsh Language Scheme sub-committee meeting, Ysgol Borthyn Summer Fair, Mayor's Civic Sunday, meeting with North Wales Police, opening of Trevor House - new residential block at Ruthin School and North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils AGM and quarterly meeting at Connah's Quay.
- Cllr. Stephen Beach Ruthin Festival concert at Awelon, Top of Town event, Welsh Language Scheme sub-committee meeting, Neighbourhood Watch Steering Group meeting, Carers' Big Tea Party and Mayor's Civic Sunday
- Cllr. Elisabeth Culshaw Ruthin Show summer outing, Awelon Management Committee meeting, Ruthin Show Committee meeting, Ruthin Show coffee morning and Mayor's Civic Sunday
- Cllr. June Derry Mayor's Civic Sunday and opening of Trevor House - new residential block at Ruthin School.
- Cllr. Ken Hawkins Mayor's Civic Sunday and opening of Trevor House - new residential block at Ruthin School.
- Cllr. Rosie
Hughes-Moseley
Cllr. Menna Jones Mayor's Civic Sunday.
- Cllr. Anne Roberts Ruthin Festival Top of Town event, Welsh Language Scheme sub-committee meeting, Food Bank, Mayor's Civic Sunday, Ysgol Borthyn leavers service, opening of Trevor House - new residential block at Ruthin School and open air opera.
- Cllr. Heather Williams
Cllr. Emrys Wynne Ruthin Forward meeting, Carers' Big Tea Party, Town Team meeting and handing out tourism leaflets on St. Peter's Square as part of a Town Team initiative, Ruthin Castle, North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils AGM and quarterly meeting at Connah's Quay, Mayor's Civic Sunday, opening of Trevor House - new residential block at Ruthin School and County Conversation.
- Mayor's Civic Sunday.
- Welsh Language Scheme sub-committee meeting and Mayor's Civic Sunday.

58. MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.

59. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

60. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2016.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting be received.

61. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2016.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting be received.

62. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members considered the financial statement for the year ended 31 October 2015 from Ruthin Show Society in support of their request for financial assistance.

RESOLVED: to provide £500 financial assistance toward Ruthin Show 2016.

63. PROPOSED EXTENSION TO LLANRHYDD CEMETERY

Members considered the draft form of words submitted by Denbighshire County Council to be signed by Denbighshire County Council and Ruthin Town Council.

RESOLVED: *to refer the draft form of words to Miss Delyth Geraint Williams of Llewellyn-Jones Solicitors, who has acted on behalf of the Town Council from the outset, to check the agreement and, subject to her approval, to proceed to sign a bilingual document and pay £10,000 for the additional land on receipt of an invoice from Denbighshire County Council.*

64. WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME

Councillor Emrys Wynne, who chaired the meeting of the Welsh Language Scheme sub-committee held on 4 July, was invited to lead the members through the changes and updates to Ruthin Town Council's Welsh Language Scheme. He explained the amendments, and said that he would provide further information at September's meeting which would provide the basis of the Annual Report required by the Scheme.

RESOLVED: *to adopt the revised and updated Welsh Language Scheme.*

65. EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE

Members discussed possible dates and the Mayor asked for volunteers to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED: *that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be authorised to sign cheques and approve planning applications of a non-controversial nature during the recess and that a meeting of the Emergency Powers Committee be held on Monday, 15 August at 10am at the Town Clerk's Office with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Elisabeth Culshaw and Anne Roberts.*

66. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES

The Clerk provided details of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Report 2015/16 and Councillor Ken Hawkins offered to peruse the document.

67. CORRESPONDENCE

Members received information about 'Celebrate your Community' grant funding opportunity from Big Lottery Fund Wales, summary report on the consultation regarding the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill, survey on higher rates of tax on purchases of second homes and Local Government reorganisation and boundary changes consultation survey from North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils.

RESOLVED: *to note the correspondence, and investigate whether the work to the church bells and clock would be eligible for the 'Celebrate your Community' grant and for members to consider the implications of boundary changes and possible combining of town and community councils with the possibility of holding an extraordinary meeting in September to discuss Ruthin Town Council's response, to be submitted by 30 September.*

68. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

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

69. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: *that payment of the following accounts be approved.*

906	Llanfwrog Community Association	Contribution towards fireworks display 2016	£1,000.00
907	North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils	2 lunches at AGM and quarterly meeting, 15.07.16	£30.00
908	Llanfwrog CIC	Grass cutting - July	£342.60
S.O.	Canda Copying Ltd	Rental and minimum copies	* £129.14
909	Canda Copying Ltd	Additional black & white copies	* £36.66

910	Canda Copying Ltd	Additional colour copies	*	£29.82
911	Sandra Williams	Cost of Special Delivery Guaranteed postage	*	£7.25
912	Inland Revenue	Tax and National Insurance		£252.83
913	J & C Brimble	Flower basket watering x 11		£1,573.00
914	J & C Brimble	Art trail basket watering x 3		£99.00

70. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following planning applications:

02/2016/0690 Tan y Bondo, 5A Upper Clwyd Street, Ruthin – installation of conservation style rooflights to west and east roof slopes.

02/2016/0629 13 Castle Street, Ruthin – erection of iron railings and gate to frontage (Listed Building Application).

02/2016/0526 – Ruthin School, Mold Road, Ruthin (amended plans) - Demolition of two storey detached house and linked single storey garage and erection of new three storey dining hall.

RESOLVED: *that there were no objections to the proposed planning applications.*

71. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as Monday, 26 September 2016.*