

PRESENT: Councillors Geraint Woolford (Mayor), James Bryan (Deputy Mayor).
Councillors Stephen Beach, Bob Costain, June Derry, Ken Hawkins,
Menna Jones, Ian Lewney, Robert Owen-Ellis, Anne Roberts and Emrys Wynne.

232. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

233. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

234. PRESENTATION ON COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLANS

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Eilwen Jones, Regional Emergency Planning Officer, who gave a presentation regarding Community Resilience Plans. She explained that a Resilience Plan covered more than just flooding disasters, and their purpose was for the community to be prepared for any eventuality. Members were given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments, and it was suggested that the Town Champion, Town Team and other stakeholders should be involved with forming a Ruthin Community Resilience Plan.

RESOLVED: *to set up a small working group with two representatives from Ruthin Town Council, two from DVSC and two lay people to progress forming the Plan.*

235. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that he had attended the following events.

- 03.03 Older People's Commissioner visit at Llys Erw
- 09.03 Ruthin Steering Group meeting
- 13.03 Commonwealth Day flag raising at County Hall
- 18.03 Mayor's Charity Dinner
- 27.03 Meeting with Denbighshire Free Press regarding boy racers
- 01.04 Twinning Association coffee morning
- 03.04 British Legion Ruthin branch meeting
- 08.04 Town Clean-up Campaign
- 10.04 Judging Easter bonnet competition at the Candyshack
- 14.04 Mayor's Charity Concert
- 21.04 Opening of Go Training Solutions, Clwyd Street

236. MEMBERS' REPORTS

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| Cllr. James Bryan | Ruthin Festival Committee and Mayor of Rhyl's Charity Quiz evening |
| Cllr. Stephen Beach | Town Clean-up campaign, North Wales Neighbourhood Watch, Mayor of Rhyl's Charity Quiz evening, Mayor's Charity concert, Rhos Street School Governors meeting and meeting with DCC Housing Team |
| Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis | Food bank sessions x 4 and Mayor's Charity concert |
| Cllr. Ken Hawkins | Town Clean-up campaign, Twinning Association coffee morning and Mayor's Charity concert |
| Cllr. Menna Jones | Town Clean-up campaign, Good Citizen's Group meeting and Mayor's Charity concert |
| Cllr. Ian Lewney | Town Clean-up campaign and Town Team meeting |
| Cllr. Anne Roberts | Ruthin Forward meeting regarding Ruthin Carnival, Mayor of Rhyl's Charity Quiz evening, Ruthin Forward meeting, RADCA meeting, Town Clean-up campaign, Good Citizen Group meeting, Mayor's Charity concert and opening of new Go Training Solutions business |
| Cllr. Emrys Wynne | Town Clean-up campaign |

237. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING

***RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.*

238. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Emrys Wynne explained that he had been unable to attend the NMWALC meeting in Welshpool and gave a cheque for £32.00 to reimburse the Council for the cost of the lunches.

239. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2017.

***RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting be received and that this meeting be held as the second meeting at 7.30pm on a regular basis from now on.*

240. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2017.

***RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting be received and that this meeting be held as the first meeting at 6.45pm on a regular basis from now on.*

241. UPDATE REGARDING NATWEST BANK

Members received an update e-mail from Darren Millar AM regarding Ruthin NatWest Bank building, stating that the bank would be prepared to come to an arrangement to dispose of the building to the Town Council at an agreed valuation. This was discussed and members were of the opinion that a working group should be set up to establish a solid business plan. It was also suggested that a public meeting would need to be held to consult with residents.

***RESOLVED:** that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Clerk meet with Gary Williams, Head of Legal Services at Denbighshire County Council, to discuss the way forward, including how this could be funded and the legal transactions required.*

242. COACH FRIENDLY TOURISM DESTINATION

Members considered establishing a task and finish group to progress achieving this designation for Ruthin. Councillor Heather Williams had offered to lead on this.

***RESOLVED:** to set up a working group including Councillors Heather Williams and Anne Roberts, Peter McDermott from Denbighshire County Council and other relevant stakeholders.*

243. GOOD CITIZEN AND YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2017

Members received the nomination for the Good Citizen of the Year Award.

***RESOLVED:** to approve presenting the 2017 Good Citizen of the Year Award to Mrs Ceris Edwards.*

244. DATA PROTECTION REGISTRATION

Members received notification of the requirement to renew Ruthin Town Council's data protection registration at a cost of £35.00.

***RESOLVED:** to pay the data protection registration renewal fee.*

245. NOTIFICATION OF INTERNAL AUDIT

Members received notification that the audit arrangements for the 2016/17 internal audit by JDH Business Services Ltd.

***RESOLVED:** to note the information.*

246. NOTIFICATION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT

Members received notification from BDO that the external audit arrangements for 2016/17 were for the notice to be displayed between 22 May and 4 June with the records to be made available from 5 June to 30 June, to be submitted by the audit date of 3 July 2017.

***RESOLVED:** to note the information.*

247. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2017

Members were requested to receive and approve the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017.

RESOLVED: to receive and approve the accounts.

248. CORRESPONDENCE

Members considered the following items of correspondence:

- i. Quarter of a billion pound boost for Wales' rural communities, Wales Rural Network.
- ii. Updated 'Good Councillor Guide'.
- iii. Audit fees and other matters relating to 2015-16 audit from the Wales Audit Office
- iv. Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board consultation events
- v. North Wales Police Problem Orientated Partnership Awards.

RESOLVED: to note the correspondence.

249. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Members were asked to approve the Financial Statement for the period ending 31 March 2017.

RESOLVED: to receive and approve the Financial Statement for the period ending 31 March 2017.

250. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that payment of the following accounts be approved.

5017	Sandra Williams	Salary owing		£50.85
5018	Sandra Williams	Travelling expenses		£47.70
5019	Denbighshire County Council	Contribution to Ruthin Craft Centre		£30,000.00
5020	NMWALC	Two lunches, Quarterly Meeting 21.04.17		£32.00
5021	Planning Aid Wales	2 training places 28.03.17		£31.50
5022	Cylch Ti a Fi Rhuthun	Financial assistance		£200.00
5023	Councillor James Bryan	Travelling expenses 28.03.17		£35.50
5024	Zoll Medical UK Ltd	CPR-D pads for defibrillator	*	£85.14
5025	Dafydd Williams	Renewal of Norton Anti-virus subscription		£39.99
5026	Marian Rees	Simultaneous translation	*	£90.00
5027	HMRC	Income tax and National Insurance		£274.90
S.O.	Canda Copying Ltd	Photocopier rental and minimum copies	*	£129.14
5028	Canda Copying Ltd	Additional black and white copies	*	£29.53
5029	Canda Copying Ltd	Additional colour copies	*	£40.94
5030	Llanfwrog CIC	Grass cutting - April		£342.00
5031	Fineline	Office stationery	*	£39.50

251. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

RESOLVED: to confirm the date of the Town Council's next meetings – Annual General Meeting on 15 May, and Ordinary Meeting on 22 May 2017, both at 7.00pm.