

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held
on **Monday, 7 June 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom.**

PRESENT: Councillors Anne Roberts, Stephen Beach, Menna Jones, Gavin Harris, Jim Bryan, Heather Williams, Christine Ellis and Mike van der Eijk.

1.. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED: *Councillor Menna Jones is the Chair. Nominated by Councillor Jim Bryan and seconded by Councillor Gavin Harris*

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 4 May 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.*

5. MATTERS ARISING

Ruthin Coach Friendly Status – this has not been resolved. The awarding body will be contacted again.

6. PUBLIC BENCHES

The Deputy Clerk explained that a member of the public whose father had fabricated the metal work of the bench currently taped off due to its state of repair had enquired if the bench was going to be refurbished or replaced. If the former, would it be possible for him to acquire the metal work. Cllr Harris reported he has contacted DCC re: permits required for new bench installations (Well Street and Clwyd Street). He has asked G Teeson if okay to split the installation regarding installation of these two new benches and replacement benches at Park Road Corner, Lon Parcwr 1 and Lon Parcwr 2.

It was suggested to offer the old benches to the Repair Café to be refurbished and used elsewhere.

RESOLVED: *to offer the metalwork back to the member of the public.*

Cllr Harris will contact the Ruthin Repair Café to offer the old benches.

7. RUBBISH BINS

Councillor Stephen Beach explained the poor provision of bins along Park Road from the Fire Station to the Craft Centre. Cllr Harris offered to update a map of bin locations, so a potential location can be suggested. It was also highlighted that it would be good to work with the 3 primary and 2 secondary schools in the town to reduce the problem of litter.

RESOLVED: *Cllr Harris to update the map. Cllrs Menna Jones and Anne Roberts to lead on the schools project.*

8. TOWN CENTRE COVID SCHEME

Members were informed that the scheme has been approved by Welsh Government. The company providing the signs has been contacted to update the two 'Cunning Green' fingers. Cllr Harris will liaise with DCC Highways and the sign company re: an installation date.

RESOLVED: *to note update*

9. PROPOSED TREE PLANTING PROJECT

The Mayor shared her plan for a year-long project of tree planting throughout the town, linking in with other groups and landowners, including the recently announced 'Queen's Green Canopy'. This proposal was well received by all members. Suggestions included establishing a Tree Planting budget from reserves and that some trees need replacing. The Mayor will compile a report for consideration at full council.

RESOLVED: to note the update.

10. PLAQUE ON BENCH FOR MR PHILLIPS

Cllr Menna Jones updated members on options for the wording on the plaque to be placed on the bench on Park Road corner to recognise the amazing work that Mr Phillips did over the years.

RESOLVED: The wording on the plaque will be:

Diolch / Thank You

Andrew Phillips, MBE

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11. DOGS OFF THE LEAD IN CAE DDOL

Councillor Anne Roberts requested this agenda item in response to complaints she has received about the safety of people and wildlife in Cae Ddol, due to some dog owners not being fully in control of their dogs. There was discussion about if there is a potential location within Ruthin that could be dedicated to dog exercising, but no conclusion was reached. The members agreed that a letter to be sent from RTC to DCC regarding this issue, requesting restrictions within Cae Ddol park.

RESOLVED: a letter to be sent to DCC to highlight the situation and request action.

12. DOG FOUL BINS

The Deputy Clerk explained that DCC emailed about the red bin at Crispin Yard car park as it is broken. DCC advised that they replace their red bins with dual purpose bins. It was agreed that RTC would also replace all their red bins with dual purpose bins. Cllr Harris offered to update the bin map and liaise with DCC to order the new bins.

RESOLVED: to replace dog foul bins with dual purpose bins.

13. HANGING BASKETS

The double hanging baskets still need to be relocated. DCC had quoted £200, but they would not be able to install the plants as their risk assessment states there can be no more than one person in a cherry picker. JB Platform hire would be able to relocate and install the plants at the same time. The planter in Dog Lane carpark has not been relocated yet. DCC need to be chased regarding this.

RESOLVED: Glyndwr plants will be contacted to request delivery of the remaining plants on the same day as the baskets are relocated.

14. ART TRAIL TREE REPLACEMENT

The Deputy Town Clerk updated on the replacement tree and that a new 'root rain' water system was installed. It was requested that the installer was contacted regarding frequency and quantity of water required and that Jeff Brimble is contacted to quote for this as an add-on to the current watering contract.

RESOLVED: to confirm the watering arrangements.

15. DENBIGHSHIRE LOCAL ACTIVE TRAVEL NETWORK CONSULTATION

Members of the Planning and Development committee joined the Amenities committee for this agenda item. Details of the current consultation had been shared with members ahead of the meeting. It was agreed that Councillors would email their feedback to Cllr Williams, and she will provide this to DCC.

RESOLVED: Councillors to provide their feedback on proposals in the consultation to Cllr Williams.

129. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: that the date of the next meeting will be Monday, 5 July 2021 at 7:00pm.