

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held
on **Monday, 5 July 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom.**

PRESENT: Councillors Menna Jones (Chair), Anne Roberts, Stephen Beach, Gavin Harris, Jim Bryan, Heather Williams, Christine Ellis

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mike van der Eijk

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

20. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 7 June 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.*

21. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Menna Jones updated members that the litter awareness campaign that she and Cllr Anne Roberts are leading on with the schools will be happening after the summer break.

Cllr Gavin Harris updated members on the benches. 3 will be replaced within the next two weeks (Park Road corner, two on Lon Parcwr). He now has the forms to apply for permits for the two new locations. Still no response from DCC regarding the two RTC benches in storage. Cllr Harris will ask Teesons to remove the broken bench near Awelon, so it can be collected by Rob Stephen (son of the gentlemen that fabricated the bench metalwork).

The Deputy Town Clerk updated members that there has been no response from DCC regarding the replacement of Dog Foul Bins or issue of Dogs generally in Cae Ddol.

Cllr Menna Jones advised the members that the plaque for Mr Phillips will be unveiled later this year once Mrs Phillips is able to attend.

The Deputy Town Clerk updated members regarding the hanging baskets – those that needed to be relocated have been. There are no plants at this stage in the season to fill them, so it was agreed they will remain empty. The Deputy Town Clerk will contact Glyndwr Garden Centre to enquire about RTC's planter inserts that they store. It was agreed that lessons have been learned about the process, which will help the installation next year.

22. DATE FOR JUDGING FLORAL DISPLAYS

The judging will be promoted via the Yr Hen Lys Facebook page, so business owners are aware it is happening.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that businesses on Clwyd Street have been very proactive this year and as a result Reebees have kindly agreed to put together a series of packages for business owners in the town in 2022 (they will need to order before the end of 2021).

RESOLVED: *Cllrs Menna Jones, Heather Williams and Christine Ellis will judge the displays in early August. Date tbc.*

23. TIDY TOWN TEAM

It was explained that TTT has been quiet due to restrictions. It was proposed that the team will relaunch in July and will focus on the area around Dog Lane carpark with a litter pick and a survey of what else can be done in that area.

RESOLVED: *The Deputy Town Clerk will coordinate the TTT and organise an event in July.*

24. GARDEN AREA ADJACENT TO POLICE STATION

Members were informed that the small garden adjacent to the Police Station is not well used. It was suggested that Ruthin Town Council could enquire about the garden being used as a place of quiet contemplation.

RESOLVED: *Cllr Anne Roberts will contact Ceri (at the Police) regarding the garden.*

25. MAIN ROAD ENTRANCES TO RUTHIN

Cllr Menna Jones shared photos of the Corwen Road and Denbigh Road approaches into Ruthin, and the poor state they are in. Other issues were raised including the 'Welcome to Ruthin' signage, in light of new speed limits (Denbigh Road), overhanging brambles and undergrowth on active travel routes (Park Road, pathway to Glasdir schools site and Wrexham Road), plus the state of disrepair of pavements. It was proposed and agreed an extraordinary Amenities committee meeting is called and the three County Councillors will be invited to discuss this.

RESOLVED: *The Deputy Town Clerk will arrange a meeting with the Amenities Committee and County Councillors Huw Hilditch-Roberts, Bobby Feeley and Emrys Wynne.*

26. PARKING SPACE AT THE OLD COURTHOUSE

The space at the rear of the Old Courthouse has been used by local retailers since the bank branch closed in 2017. As there is now a need for staff to use it, it was proposed and agreed to install a fold down bollard.

RESOLVED: *Cllr Gavin Harris will request Teesons to install a drop down bollard.*

27. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS INFRASTRUCTURE

Members received information about the Denbighshire County Council Community Events Infrastructure fund. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the DCC officer coordinating this fund will present at the Town Council meeting on 12th July. It was noted that Ruthin Festival Committee and Menter Iaith Sir Dinbych have projects they would like to discuss.

RESOLVED: *When the Town Council has more detail and an understanding of the fund, RTC can reach out to community groups for ideas for suitable projects.*

28. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the date of the next meeting will be Monday 13 September 2021 at 7:00pm.*