

**CYNGOR TREF RHUTHUN
RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL**



Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held
on **Monday, 4 October 2021 at 7:45pm via Zoom.**

PRESENT: Councillors Menna Jones (Chair), Anne Roberts, Stephen Beach, Jim Bryan, Rachel Lewington, Heather Williams, Christine Ellis and Mike van der Eijk

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Gavin Harris

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

54. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 13 of September 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.*

55. MATTERS ARISING

None.

56. MAYOR'S TREMENDOUS TREES PLANTING PROJECT

The Mayor's report was considered by the Committee. Details included an outline of work undertaken and discussions held with several groups and the County Council on potential tree planting opportunities. A tree planting project in Llanfwrog had been successful in receiving funding for trees; planting would take place on 13 November 2021. Denbighshire County Council were actively looking at the potential for tree planting at Cae Ddol and the feedback of the Town Council would be sought on these plans. Tree planting would be encouraged to mark the Jubilee in 2022, including in residents' gardens which would be noted on a 'Jubilee trees map'. Feedback from the community would be encouraged and contact with the local schools would take place.

Members were keen to ensure that consideration was given to replacement planting e.g Porth y Dref as well as ensuring that maintenance of trees planted by the Town Council (e.g Art Trail and along the avenue along the North Link Road) was appropriately undertaken. It agreed that maintenance of the trees in St Peter's Square be carried out.

RESOLVED: *to accept the Mayor's report and to carry out maintenance on the trees in St Peter's Square.*

57. FINGERPOSTS

The installation of the fingerposts had been undertaken; it was explained that some small adjustments were required on two of the posts (one on Clwyd Street and one on Castle Street). Feedback from residents and business had been very positive and the fingerposts considered to be a beneficial addition to the town to help pedestrians navigate the area. It was stated that the fingerposts was the only element of the Covid-19 Town Centre funding that remained as Denbighshire County Council elements had been removed. The Committee warmly thanked Cllr Gavin Harris for his work in overseeing the fingerpost project.

RESOLVED: *to note the successful installation of the fingerpost around the town.*

58. LITTER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Cllrs Jones and Roberts had liaised with the three local primary schools requesting that the pupils draw pictures/posters about litter awareness. The completed drawings would be received prior to the half term break with some displayed at The Old Courthouse and in other locations around the town.

RESOLVED: *Members noted the update and thanked Cllrs Jones and Roberts for progressing the campaign.*

59. PARKING IN HAULFRYN ESTATE

Concerns were raised about the parking situation in Haulfryn Estate, which was affecting residents could possibly adversely affect emergency vehicles. The Committee was reminded that Town Councillors had initiated contact with Denbighshire County Council officers on the matter about three years ago and had sought possible solutions to resolve the parking situation by e.g removal of garages to create parking spaces. Similar solutions had proved beneficial in other areas of Ruthin. The local Policing Team were aware of the parking situation and had provided appropriate advice to residents.

RESOLVED: *That a letter be sent to Denbighshire County Council expressing concerns about the parking and requesting that the situation be addressed as soon as possible.*

60. CHRISTMAS TREE AND LIGHTS

The Town Clerk provided a verbal update. Confirmation had been received just prior to the Committee meeting that Clogau was formally offering to sponsor the Christmas Tree and its lights this year. Members welcomed confirmation of the sponsorship opportunity. The Committee agreed for the Town Clerk to progress contact with the marketing company acting on behalf of Clogau to clarify the basis of the sponsorship and to receive any concepts for additional decorations and signage to ensure that all was in line with the requirements of the Town Council. A one year extension had been agreed to the existing Christmas lights contract. Confirmation was given that Ruthin's Christmas Tree and lights would be switched on Saturday, 4 December 2021.

RESOLVED: *the confirmed sponsorship offer of the Christmas tree and its lights was noted and agreement given to the Town Clerk to actively pursue this opportunity. The Christmas Tree switch would be on 4 December 2021.*

61. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the date of the next meeting will be Monday 8 November 2021 at 7:30pm.*