

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of **RHUTHUN TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wynnstay Road, Rhuthun on Monday, 25 September 2017, at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Bryan (Mayor).
Councillors Keiran Allsopp-Robson, Stephen Beach, Gavin Harris, Ken Hawkins, Menna Jones, Robert Owen-Ellis, Anne Roberts, Dave Snape, Heather Williams and Emrys Wynne. Also County Cllr. Bobby Feeley.

86. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Geraint Woolford and Ifan Wyn.

87. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Declarations of personal interest were received as follows: Item 4 – Request for financial assistance from Ruthin Community Group – Councillor Dave Snape. Item 16 – Request for financial assistance from Ruthin Ambulance Hall Committee – Councillor Stephen Beach.

88. PRESENTATION OF A GIDEON COPY OF THE SCRIPTURES TO THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed Mr Trebor Roberts who, after saying a few words, presented him with a Gideon copy of the Scriptures.

89. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – RUTHIN COMMUNITY GROUP

Mr Ron Bell, Chair of Ruthin Community Group was welcomed to the meeting by the Mayor to provide further information regarding the request for financial assistance for the New Year's Eve celebrations at St. Peter's Square. Members asked questions regarding the security arrangements, road closure arrangements, cost of a live band and the charge for the fireworks. They also asked for further information regarding the consultancy fees and management fees referred to in the accounts and whether Ruthin Community Group had applied for Police and Community Trust funding from North Wales Police.

RESOLVED: *to defer the request for one month to receive a breakdown of the costs and details of the health and safety arrangements.*

90. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that he had attended the following events.

- 20.07 Denbighshire County Council Cluster meeting for Chairs and Clerks
- 24.07 Drop-in session re. Park Road car park
- 31.07 Judging floral displays
- 01.08 Opening of the Arts Group exhibition in St. Peter's Church
- 07.08 Meeting with Lisa Jones, Legal Services Manager, Denbighshire County Council
- 12.08 Opening of Truckfest in Caerwys
- 14.09 Emergency Powers meeting
- 19.08 Presentation of cups at Ruthin Flower Show
- 02.09 Open Doors Denbighshire – Ruthin weekend and inspection of the cadets at the Reaffirmation of the Freedom of the County to the Royal Welsh
- 03.09 Holywell Civic Service
- 07.09 Ruthin Steering Group meeting
- 11.09 Awelon Management Committee AGM
- 14.09 Welsh Language Scheme Sub-committee meeting
- 17.09 Rhuddlan Civic Service
- 22.09 Stroke Association charity fundraising evening at The Centre, Llanfwrog
- 24.09 Chair of Denbighshire County Council's Civic Service, St. Thomas' Church, Rhyl and Towyn & Kinmel Bay Civic Service
- 25.09 Welcoming representatives from Cardiff University Racing team and their car, Gwyneth, by the Tom Pryce memorial.

91. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- Cllr. Ian Lewney Emergency Powers meeting and Ruthin Steering Group meeting
Cllr. Keiran Reaffirmation of the Freedom of the County to the Royal Welsh
Allsopp-Robson
Cllr. Stephen Meeting with North Wales Policy and Crime Commissioner, Open Doors,
Beach Ruthin Steering Group meeting, Ruthin Festival Committee AGM and the
environmental day at Ruthin Rugby Club regarding dog fouling
- Cllr. Gavin Harris Nothing to report
Cllr. Ken Hawkins Nothing to report
Cllr. Rosie Hughes Nothing to report
Cllr. Robert Food bank x 10 sessions, Ruthin Steering Group meeting, Food collection
Owen-Ellis in Tesco Ruthin – customers donated 565 kg of food and £68.52 to the
Food Bank and Canolfan Awelon Management Committee AGM
- Cllr. Menna Jones Judging floral displays, Emergency Powers meeting, Ruthin Flower Show,
Open Door and Reaffirmation of the Freedom of the County to the Royal
Welsh
- Cllr. Anne Roberts Coach friendly status for Ruthin working group meeting, distribution of
tourist leaflets on St. Peter's Square, drop-in session re. Park Road car
park, Ruthin Forward meeting, judging floral displays, Ruthin and District
Civic Association meeting x 2, Over 50's Forum at Llys Erw, Reaffirmation
of the Freedom of the County to the Royal Welsh and Ruthin Steering
Group meeting
- Cllr. Dave Snape Ruthin Flower Show
Cllr. Heather Coach friendly status for Ruthin working group meeting
Williams
Cllr. Ifan Wyn Meeting with officers of Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych and Welsh Language
Scheme sub-committee meeting
- Cllr. Emrys Wynne Drop-in session re. Park Road car park, Ruthin Flower Show, Over 50's
Forum at Llys Erw, Active Travel drop-in session at County Hall and
Reaffirmation of the Freedom of the County to the Royal Welsh

92. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.*

93. MATTERS ARISING

The Mayor reported that he had visited the pupil who had requested funding for a defibrillator cabinet at Rhos Street School, and all were in agreement that this should be put in place at the new school site in Glasdir.

94. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the Special meeting held on 1 August 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.*

95. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

96. EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: *to receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2017.*

97. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2017.
RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the meeting be received.*

98. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2017.

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the meeting be received.*

99. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2018

Members were presented with a list of proposed dates for the Mayor's Charity Dinner and Ordinary meetings and Committee meetings for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED: *that the dates be accepted.*

100. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – LLANFWROG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Members considered a request for £1,200 financial assistance towards the annual fireworks display organised by the above association.

RESOLVED: *to provide £1,200 financial assistance towards the fireworks display.*

101. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – RUTHIN AMBULANCE HALL COMMITTEE

Members considered a request for £500 financial assistance towards repairs to the Ambulance Hall roof.

RESOLVED: *to provide £500 financial assistance toward repairs to the roof of the hall.*

102. GLASDIR RESIDENTS' CONCERNS

Members considered an e-mail message from Glasdir resident Elena Vardoulaki regarding issues at the development site and she was invited to address the meeting to further explain the concerns. Members were informed that a meeting had been held between Tony Ward, Head of Highways and Environmental Services at Denbighshire County Council and Jason Berry for Taylor Wimpey.

RESOLVED: *to send a letter to Taylor Wimpey regarding the concerns, inviting all parties to a meeting with the aim of resolving the issues.*

103. MAYOR'S CHARITY CALENDAR

The Mayor submitted a request that payment for the Mayor's Charity Calendars be made from Ruthin Town Council's account initially, to be repaid in due course from the proceeds of selling the calendars.

RESOLVED: *to agree to this request.*

104. AUDIT CERTIFICATE AND EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Clerk presented the Auditor General for Wales' unqualified opinion Audit Certificate and the Issues Arising Report detailing two issues for the year ended 31 March 2017.

RESOLVED: *to receive the Audit Certificate and approve the actions to ensure that the issues reported do not recur.*

105. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

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

106. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

5081	Llanfwrog CIC	Grass cutting - September	£342.00
5082	Llanfwrog CIC	Basket watering services x 8	£1,144.00
5083	HMRC	Income tax and National Insurance	£274.90
5084	Walsh Trophies	Engraving Floral Display Cups	£10.00
5085	Marian Rees	Simultaneous translation, 11 & 25 Sept	* £180.00

5085	Cllr. Jim Bryan	Second payment of Mayor's allowance		£600.00
5087	Blachere Illumination UK Ltd	1 st year 2017 hire charge of 3 year hire	*	£3,789.25
5088	Elevator Design Limited	Web hosting and SSL certificate	*	£186.00
D.D.	BT Business	Phone services	*	£115.96
5091	Boyns Net	New ADSL router	*	£48.00

107. RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL BROADBAND AND TELEPHONE SERVICES

Members were asked to consider renewing contracts with BT Business:

Standard unlimited broadband - £22 per month for 24 months or Fibre unlimited broadband - £20 per month for the first 12 months on a 24 month contract, going up to £35 per month for the last 12 months.

Telephone line rental - £16.50 per month on a 24 month contract.

RESOLVED: *to renew standard unlimited broadband and the telephone line rental with BT Business.*

PART TWO

It was proposed and seconded that the following items be considered without the press and public being present due it being likely that exempt information (as defined in paragraphs 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act) would be disclosed.

108. TOWN CLERK'S SALARY

Members received details of the Town Clerk's salary and were requested to confirm payment owing and the expenses claimed.

RESOLVED: *to receive the details and to pay the amounts owing.*

109. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *to confirm the date of the next ordinary meeting as Monday, 23 October 2017 at 7.00pm.*