

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of **RHUTHUN TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wynnstay Road, Rhuthun on Monday, 18 December 2017, at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Bryan (Mayor) and Ian Lewney (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors Keiran Allsopp-Robson, Stephen Beach, Gavin Harris, Ken Hawkins, Menna Jones, Robert Owen-Ellis, Anne Roberts, Dave Snape, Heather Williams, Ifan Wyn and Emrys Wynne.

158. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

159. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

160. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that he had attended the following events.

- 28.11 Mayor's Cheese & Wine evening at The Myddelton Grill on the Square
- 02.12 Christmas lights switch on
- 04.12 Chairman of Denbighshire County Council's Carol Service at St. Thomas' Church, Rhyl
- 07.12 Ruthin School Carol Service at St. Peter's Church, Ruthin
- 10.12 Multiple Sclerosis Coffee Morning at Ruthin Library
- 14.12 Swayne Johnson Solicitors mince pies and mulled wine event
- 15.12 Distributing Christmas comforts
- 17.12 Nine Lessons and Carols Service at St. Peter's Church, Ruthin

161. MEMBERS' REPORTS

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| Cllr. Ian Lewney | The Mayor's Cheese and Wine evening, Christmas lights switch on and distributing Christmas comforts |
| Cllr. Keiran Allsopp-Robson | The Mayor's Cheese and Wine evening and Christmas lights switch on |
| Cllr. Stephen Beach | The Mayor's Cheese and Wine evening and Denbighshire Tenants and Residents Forum |
| Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis | 4 Food Bank sessions, two day food collection at Tesco and making up the Christmas hampers, Christmas lights switch on, Ysgol Pen Barras Governors Health and Safety Committee and full Governing Body meeting, Foundation Phase Christmas production at Capel Pendref and Ysgol Pen Barras Head teacher's Performance Management meeting with GwE |
| Cllr. Menna Jones | Christmas lights switch on |
| Cllr. Anne Roberts | The Mayor's Cheese and Wine evening, late night shopping event at Lifestyle Garment Spa, Lôn Parcwr, Christmas lights switch on and Ruthin and District Civic Association meeting |
| Cllr. Dave Snape | Ruthin Business Group meeting, the Mayor's Cheese and Wine evening, Christmas lights switch on and Theatr John Ambrose Management Committee meeting |
| Cllr. Heather Williams | Canolfan Awelon Management Committee meeting |
| Cllr. Ifan Wyn | Theatr John Ambrose Management Committee meeting |
| Cllr. Emrys Wynne | Ysgol Borthyn Governors meeting, Age Connect Older People's Forum at Llys Awelon, tour of Ruthin with PCSOs, Christmas lights switch on, meeting with Grace Kirk and David Jones MP in Cae Ddôl to discuss the state of parts of the field, lack of benches and lack of provision to allow dogs to run free. |

162. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING

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

163. MATTERS ARISING

Members were referred to the letter from Dr Mohammed Mehmet, Chief Executive of Denbighshire County Council, explaining the status of the Ysgol Pen Barras and Rhos Street School site and the aspiration to develop a Health Centre on the site.

164. CO-OPTION OF TOWN COUNCILLOR

It was proposed and agreed to hold a confidential paper ballot for the co-option of a new town councillor from amongst the four individuals who had expressed an interest. The Clerk distributed and collected the ballot papers, and the count was verified by the simultaneous translator. The Mayor announced that John Wynne Hughes was elected by a majority vote.

RESOLVED: to contact John Wynne Hughes to invite him to sign the declaration of office.

165. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – RUTHIN CRICKET CLUB

Members were requested to consider an application for £700 towards the cost of external cricket nets from Ruthin Cricket Club. The full amount was proposed and seconded and it was

RESOLVED: to provide £700 of financial assistance to Ruthin Cricket Club, with a request that the Town Council's contribution be acknowledged by displaying their logo.

166. RENEWAL OF SLCC MEMBERSHIP

Members were asked to consider renewal of the Clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks at a cost of £165.00

RESOLVED: to renew the Clerk's membership of SLCC.

167. GOOD CITIZEN 2018

Members were asked to agree a date for the Good Citizen Group meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would send out proposed dates for a meeting in January.

168. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Members were asked to approve the Financial Statement for the period ending 30 November 2017.

RESOLVED: to receive and approve the Financial Statement for the period ending 30 November 2017.

169. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that payment of the following items be approved.

5116	Ruthin CAB	Financial donation 2017-18		£2,000.00
5117	Fineline	Office stationery	*	£36.26
5118	HMRC	Income tax and National Insurance		£274.90
5119	Marian Rees	Simultaneous translation service	*	£90.00
5120	Sandra Williams	Shield from Jaycee Trophies		£78.98

170. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: to confirm the date of the next ordinary meeting as Monday, 22 January 2018 at 7.00pm.