

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held at the
Town Hall, Wynnstay Road, Rhuthun on Monday, 8 January 2018 at 7:30p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Keiran Allsopp-Robson, Jim Bryan, Ian Lewney, Anne Roberts,
Dave Snape and Emrys Wynne.

46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Menna Jones and Gavin Harris. Councillor Ian Lewney was nominated to chair the meeting, in the absence of the Chair.

47. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

48. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.*

49. MATTERS ARISING

Reference was made to the disappointing standard of the Christmas trees erected around the town and a problem with sheep having eaten the lower branches of the tree on Denbigh Road and that it was necessary to resolve this issue and request prices from other companies for Christmas 2018.

50. REPAINTING RAILINGS SURROUNDING THE WAR MEMORIAL

Members were requested to consider the need for repainting the railings and the need to clean and reset the paving flags surrounding the memorial. Councillor Anne Roberts offered to contact the Head teacher of Ysgol Brynhyfryd and the Scouts and Air Cadets to see whether they would be interested in looking after the war memorial.

RESOLVED: *to contact the school and the above organisation and to discuss the matter again at the next meeting.*

51. FINANCIAL ESTIMATES

Members considered the Committee's proposed expenditure in 2018 / 2019, based on last year's costs.

RESOLVED: *to seek further information regarding dog poo bag dispensers and public seats, in case the amount under these heading needed to be increased for 2018/19.*

52. OLD COURTHOUSE BUILDING

Members were provided with an update following viewing of the property and a meeting of the working group with the Right Honourable David Jones MP who had been discussing the situation with NatWest. The bank say that there is a great deal of interest in the building and offered to enter into a 'pre-emption arrangement' with the Town Council which would give the Council the opportunity to match any offer put forward by another potential purchaser. Members were also requested to consider commissioning a structural survey of the building. Members were provided with an update and asked to consider commissioning a structural survey of the building.

RESOLVED: *to obtain prices for forming a pre-emption arrangement and to proceed if it is less than £500, but not to commission a survey at present.*

53. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the date of the next meeting of the Committee would be Monday, 12 February 2018 at 7:30pm.*