

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held at the
Town Hall, Wynnstay Road, Rhuthun on Monday, 12 February 2018 at 7:30p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Menna Jones (Chair), Keiran Allsopp-Robson, Jim Bryan, Gavin Harris, Ian Lewney and Anne Roberts.

54. RUTHIN MARKET TOWN OF THE FUTURE – UPDATING THE PLAN

Members of the Amenities Committee were also be present to hear the latest developments with regards to updating the above plan. Councillor Gavin Harris outlined the work undertaken in 2012 to produce the first version, and the proposal to review the plan and update it with a cohesive vision for future projects and developments in Ruthin. He had discussed this with the Asset Management Department and Economic Development section of Denbighshire County Council, both willing to provide £500 towards the cost of the next stage, and was also hopeful that the Planning Department would contribute towards the updated plan. He explained that Bro Rhuthun Tourism Group was being resurrected and would be willing to provide some of their funds, as would the Manorhaus. The author of the original plan, Dr. Matthew Jones, had provided a Scoping Report and Project Proposal for updating the plan, at a total cost of £2,350 and Councillor Harris requested that members consider a contribution of £1,000 from the Town Council. This was proposed by Councillor Anne Roberts and seconded by Councillor Robert Owen-Ellis and agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: that Ruthin Town Council contribute £1,000 towards the cost of updating the Ruthin – Market Town of the Future Plan.

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dave Snape and Emrys Wynne.

56. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

57. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

58. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

59. UPDATE REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

Councillor Anne Roberts reported that she had met with Ysgol Brynhyfryd's Headteacher, but that they did not feel this was a suitable project for the pupils. The Clerk informed the members that she had requested three prices for cleaning the war memorial and repainting the letter, plus a price for removing the paint and repainting the railings and resetting the loose paving.

RESOLVED: to await the quotations and to discuss the matter again at the next meeting.

60. PROGRAMME TO REFURBISH PUBLIC SEATS

Members were asked to consider a programme to refurbish the Town Council's public seats, and Councillor Gavin Harris suggested that this should be part of updating the Ruthin – Market Town of the Future plan. It was suggested that it would be wise to review the dog waste bins/litter bins at the same time.

RESOLVED: to deal with this as part of updating the Ruthin – Market Town of the Future plan and to organise a meeting with Mr Simon Billington, South Denbighshire Highway Operations and Streetscene Manager to discuss the bins, public seats etc.

61. TOWN CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

Members were asked to consider a date for the annual clean-up campaign. The Clerk stated that this was traditionally undertaken on the Saturday before Easter, which falls on 24 March this year. The date was convenient for Gareth Jones, Keep Wales Tidy. It was suggested requesting that

Ysgol Brynhyfryd and Ruthin School arranges for some of their pupils to pick up litter in the vicinity of their schools.

RESOLVED: *to undertake the clean-up campaign on Saturday, 24 March, and to contact the secondary schools, Rotary Club of Ruthin and the Free Press.*

62. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the date of the next meeting of the Committee would be Monday, 19 March 2018 at 7:30pm.*