

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held at the
Town Hall, Wynnstey Road, Rhuthun on Monday, 11 June 2018 at 7:45p.m.

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

1. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members of the Amenities Committee and members of the Planning and Development Committee considered a request for financial assistance from Ruthin Festival Committee, presented on the appropriate form. The request was for £1,000 towards the costs of hosting the festival.

RESOLVED: *to give £1,000 of financial assistance to Ruthin Festival Committee.*

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gavin Harris.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Menna Jones was proposed to chair the meeting for the evening, and to include this item on the agenda of the next meeting. This was agreed.

RESOLVED: *to elect Councillor Menna Jones as chair of the meeting this evening, and to include this item on the agenda of the next meeting to elect a Chair for the forthcoming year.*

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

5. DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members considered the draft terms of reference presented.

RESOLVED: *to adopt the terms of reference for the Amenities Committee.*

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

7. MATTERS ARISING

It was reported that the Ffordd Glasdir signs were now in place.

8. FREE PARKING DAYS

The Clerk informed the members that she had not received a cost for two additional free parking days from Denbighshire County Council.

RESOLVED: *to ask the relevant officers again.*

9. PRICE FOR PLANTING THE PLANTERS

The Clerk explained that no response had been received to date, but she would make further enquiries. She said that there is an intention to create a footpath across Park Road car park, which would reduce the number of concrete blocks there.

RESOLVED: *to note the information and make further enquiries regarding planting.*

10. ESTABLISHING A TIDY TOWNS GROUP

There was discussion about the need for a work programme for the Group and to decide on the frequency of meetings. It was decided to discuss this at the next meeting when Councillor Gavin Harris, who had offered to co-ordinate this, would be present. It was also proposed that it would be a good opportunity to launch the town as a plastic free town. The Clerk said that the County Councillor for Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd and Llangynhafal was looking for volunteers to help him with getting rid of weeds from the town's car parks on Saturday, 16 June. The intention was to meet in Market Street car park at 10am, and a number of members offered to help. Also a request was made to send a complaint, on behalf of the Committee, to the County Council regarding the standard of grass cutting in the town and grass cutting in the cemetery, where the cut grass was

left behind.

RESOLVED: *to send a letter to Denbighshire County Council regarding the standard of grass cutting in the town and the cemetery.*

11. DATE FOR JUDGING FLORAL DISPLAYS

The Mayor and Councillors Menna Jones and Anne Roberts offered to be on the judging panel, and to agree a date following the Council meeting.

RESOLVED: *to agree a date following the Council meeting on 18 June.*

12. BIN BY FELIN YSGUBORIAU

The Clerk explained that the dog waste bin owned by Ruthin Town Council had been damaged and removed from the site. She asked whether members were willing to contribute in the region of £350 for a new multi-purpose bin at this location.

RESOLVED: *that the members were willing to contribute towards a new multi-purpose bin, subject to the County Council being responsible for the new bin.*

13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the date of the next meeting of the Committee would be Monday, 9 July 2018 at 7:30pm.*