

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held at the  
**Town Hall, Wynnstay Road, Rhuthun on Monday, 9 July 2018 at 7:30p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Keiran Allsopp-Robson, Jim Bryan, Gavin Harris, Menna Jones, Ian Lewney, Anne Roberts and Dave Snape.

**14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Emrys Wynne.

**15. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Councillor Gavin Harris was proposed and seconded as Chair of the Committee, and this was unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED:** *to elect Councillor Gavin Harris as Chair of the Amenities Committee.*

**16. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**17. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.*

**18. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**19. FREE PARKING DAYS**

The Clerk informed the members that Denbighshire County Council had informed her that the cost of an additional free parking day would be £350, therefore £700 for two. She asked the members to confirm the dates of the four free parking days and to decide whether they wished to ask for an additional day or days.

**RESOLVED:** *to select Saturday, 8 September – first day of the Open Doors weekend and the four Saturday in December i.e. 1, 8, 15 and 22 December and to ensure publicity for the fact that Ruthin Town Council was paying for an additional free parking day before Christmas.*

**20. LETTER FROM YSGOL PEN BARRAS PUPILS**

Members considered letter from Year 2 pupils of Ysgol Pen Barras noting their concerns about the litter in the town and that they wished to see more people being fined for dropping litter. It was suggested that the children may be included by asking them to design posters requesting people not to drop litter.

**RESOLVED:** *to send a letter of reply to the pupils to thank them and to mention the Tidy Town group.*

**21. ESTABLISHING A TIDY TOWNS GROUP**

Councillor Gavin Harris proposed that the Amenities Committee should lead on this, with the group to meet every four weeks to improve the townscape and engage with the community, and not just picking up litter. The intention is to focus on a small area at a time, and make a visible difference. Volunteers would be expected to commit to attend six of the 12 sessions during the year.

Reference was made to the need for risk assessments and to contact the insurance company. Members suggested contacting the Scouts and ATC and to have a press release and publicity via social media. There is £10,000 in the Town Council budget for Cae Ddôl, and as the loan has now been fully repaid, Councillor Harris suggested utilising this fund and the £1,500 earmarked for benches to get some equipment for the Group and to get new multi-purpose bins to replace the dog waste bins. He also suggested a sponsorship scheme for businesses, with bronze, silver and gold tiers available. He offered to hold a launch evening on Wednesday, 12 September, at the Manorhaus with the first session to be held on 16 September.

**RESOLVED:** *request the approval of the full Council regarding use of the budget and to hold a*

*launch evening on 12 September 2018.*

## **22. PEERS CLOCK TOWER**

Members were asked to consider the condition of the Clock Tower. Members said that a local historian had seen documents in the Archives indicating that this was the property of Denbighshire County Council.

**RESOLVED:** *to make enquiries to establish who owns the tower.*

## **23. PRICE FOR PLANTING THE PLANTERS**

The Clerk said that John Stubbs of Glyndwr Plant apologises that he had not been able to visit the site to assess the requirements as he was so busy watering during the hot weather.

**RESOLVED:** *as a footpath is going to be created in the car park to not pursue planting the planters at present.*

## **24. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** *that the date of the next meeting of the Committee would be Monday, 10 September 2018 at 7:30pm.*