

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

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

33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ian Lewney and Menna Jones.

34. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

35. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.*

36. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

37. PRESENTATION ON BIODIVERSITY GRASS CUTTING IN DENBIGHSHIRE

The Clerk explained that Joel Walley, Ecology Officer with Denbighshire County Council, had realised on the day of the meeting that he had a clash of dates and was unable to attend.

RESOLVED: *to contact the Ecology Officer to give a presentation on the benefits of a biodiversity cut of grass verges for wildlife at the next meeting.*

38. CHRISTMAS TREES 2018

Members were requested to consider two quotations for provision of Christmas trees in Ruthin in 2018; namely Cambrian Woodland Services at £1,222.00 plus VAT and Pen Lan, Llangollen at £2,670.00 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: *to accept the quotation from Cambrian Woodland Services at £1,222.00 plus VAT and to contact the owner of the field near the Esso Garage on Denbigh Road to have discussions regarding protecting the tree placed there from sheep.*

39. FESTIVE MOTIFS 2018

Members were requested to consider a quotation from Denbighshire County Council for testing, picking up, fitting and removing the Christmas lighting motifs in the sum of £4,518.54 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: *to accept the quotation.*

40. MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS PLAY AREA

Members were asked to consider an offer from Ruthin Town Football Club to paint the fence surrounding the play area, subject to the Town Council providing the paint. The Clerk also provided an update on the efforts to upgrade the play provision at the site, which will include a further consultation event as part of a feasibility study.

RESOLVED: *to provide Protek paint from the Tidy Town Team supplies for painting the fencing.*

41. ROAD CLOSURE FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Members were requested to consider an email message from PC 1627 Chris Jones, Events Co-ordinator for Central Division, North Wales Police regarding an official road closure for Remembrance Sunday.

RESOLVED: *to contact Denbighshire County Council's Street Lighting department and Legal Officer and liaise with Sergeant Martin Jones.*

42. TREES ON ST. PETER'S SQUARE

Members were asked to consider the advice from Dr. Peter Spencer, Cambrian Woodland Services, regarding cutting back the trees on the Square and consider the quotation. Members

discussed the advice, and decided that they did not want the trees cut back to their original shape rather to have the lower branches trimmed, and to consider replacing the lights on the trees when this task had been completed.

RESOLVED: *to contact Dr. Peter Spencer, Cambrian Woodland Services, for a revised quotation.*

43. ART TRAIL TREE

Members were requested to consider a quotation from Dr. Peter Spencer, Cambrian Woodland Services, to supply and plant a replacement tree on Market Street as part of the Ruthin Art Trail at a cost of £289.00 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: *to accept the quotation.*

44. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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