

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of **RHUTHUN TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Town Hall, Wynnstay Road, Rhuthun on Monday, 25 February 2019, at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Ian Lewney (Mayor), Gavin Harris (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors Keiran Allsopp-Robson Stephen Beach, Ken Hawkins, John Wynne Hughes, Menna Jones, Jabez Oakes, Robert Owen-Ellis, Anne Roberts, Dave Snape, Heather Williams and Emrys Wynne.
County Councillor Bobby Feeley.

188. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ifan Wyn.

189. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

190. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that he had attended the following events.

- 11.02 Financial Scrutiny Sub-committee meeting
- 16.02 Mayor's Charity Dinner
- 22.02 Ruthin Panto Society's performance of 'Beauty and the Beast'
- 23.02 Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes Moel Famau Lodge Anniversary Dinner at the King's Head, Llanrhaeadr

191. MEMBERS' REPORTS

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| Cllr. Gavin Harris
(Deputy Mayor) | Meeting with Shane Brennan, Daily Post, regarding the Old Courthouse, Tidy Town Team session, interview with BBC Wales/Newyddion 9 in the Old Courthouse, meeting in the Old Courthouse with the Clerk and Glenda Jones, former bank employee, to sort out the keys, Old Courthouse open day, meeting with Ben Wilcox-Jones regarding planting trees on Park Road, meeting of the Financial Scrutiny Sub-committee, Denbighshire Destination Management meeting, Old Courthouse working group meeting, meeting with Hill & Roberts accountants and meeting with Dafydd Evans regarding the Old Courthouse. |
| Cllr. Keiran
Allsopp-Robson | Old Courthouse open day and Rhos Street School Governors meeting. |
| Cllr. Stephen Beach | Nothing to report. |
| Cllr. Jim Bryan | Old Courthouse open day, Ruthin Festival Committee meetings, Ruthin Twinning Association meeting and the Mayor's Charity Dinner. |
| Cllr. Ken Hawkins | Old Courthouse open day and the Mayor's Charity Dinner. |
| Cllr. Menna Jones | Tidy Town Team session, Old Courthouse open day and Ysgol Pen Barras Governors meeting. |
| Cllr. Jabez Oakes | Financial Scrutiny Sub-committee meeting. |
| Cllr. Robert
Owen-Ellis | Four Food Bank sessions, Old Courthouse open day, Financial Scrutiny Sub-committee meeting and the Mayor's Charity Dinner. |
| Cllr. Anne Roberts | Old Courthouse working group meetings, Ruthin Forward meeting, Good Citizen's Group meeting, meeting regarding grant funding for the Old Courthouse, the Old Courthouse open day, Financial Scrutiny Sub-committee meeting and the Mayor's Charity Dinner. |
| Cllr. Dave Snape | Good Citizen's Group meeting, the Old Courthouse open day, Financial Scrutiny Sub-committee meeting and the Mayor's Charity Dinner. |
| Cllr. Heather
Williams | Old Courthouse working group meeting and Tidy Town Team session. |
| Cllr. Ifan Wyn | Nothing to report. |

Cllr. Emrys Wynne Nothing to report.

192. RUTHIN COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Emrys Wynne reported that Canolfan Awelon would not be closing in 2019. A traffic counting device is to be placed on Mwrog Street to monitor usage and speeds. He reported that the County Council were considering engaging a new environmental enforcement company, who would focus more on dog fouling than dropped cigarette ends. He reported that Denbighshire County Council's council tax increase was 6.3%. Councillor Bobby Feeley provided an update on moving The Clinic from Mount Street to the Ruthin Hospital site, which had secured £1.7 million funding from Welsh Government with the possibility of more. She said that there was now five residents in Awelon and 17 staff. She also said that the County Council is considering an alternative delivery model for Leisure Services, through the proposed creation of an arm's length company.

193. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.*

194. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk read out a letter of thanks from Mrs Jennifer Trigger for the Town Council's contribution towards the restoration of St. Peter's Church bells.

195. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2019.

RESOLVED: *to receive the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2019.*

196. MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2019.

RESOLVED: *to receive the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2019.*

197. MINUTES OF THE FINANCIAL SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2019, and the recommendations to request prices for payroll and accountancy services from local accountancy firms for the 2019-20 financial year.

RESOLVED: *to receive the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2019 and to request quotations from local accountancy firms for payroll and accountancy services for the 2019-20 financial year.*

198. UPDATE ON THE OLD COURTHOUSE

Members were given an overview of the discussions at the Old Courthouse working group meeting, including Dafydd Evans, Kartre, Peter Astbury, Clerk of Works, Graham Holland, conservational architect, Fiona Gale, archaeologist and Robert Price, representing potential service users.

RESOLVED: *to note the update.*

199. RHOS STREET SCHOOL ESTYN INSPECTION REPORT

Councillor Keiran Allsopp-Robson, who represents the Town Council on the school's Governing Body, had requested this item on the agenda, so that all members were aware of the excellent Estyn inspection report received, following the move to the new school site in Glasdir.

RESOLVED: *to note the report and send a letter of congratulations from Ruthin Town Council to the Headteacher, staff, pupils and Governors of Rhos Street School.*

200. DISABLED CROSSINGS IN RUTHIN

Members were requested to consider a letter from Mr Huw Thelwall Davies regarding disabled

crossing points in Ruthin. The letter referred to problems, especially around St. Peter's Square. Members were keen to put pressure on Denbighshire County Council to undertake the works as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: *to send a letter of congratulations to Mr Davies for the research undertaken and to arrange a meeting with Denbighshire County Council officers and Councillors and to invite Mr Davies and representatives from Richards Moorheads and Laing and Jones Bros. Ltd to discuss the actions required.*

201. WELSH CYCLING – PROPOSED NATIONAL ROAD AND TIME TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP – RUTHIN 2019

Mark Allen, Development Team Leader with Cycling Wales, was welcomed by the Mayor and invited to address the members. He explained that Cycling Wales was keen to hold the National Road and Time Trials Championship in Ruthin on 1 and 2 June. The proposed road race would be held on Sunday, 2 June, starting from Ruthin Rugby Club and going through Llanfair DC, Nant y Garth and Pwllglas, with the finish on the Square at around 12.30pm to 1pm. He estimated that this would attract around 300 spectators and they were also eager to hold mini events in schools prior to the race and hold a children's race on the day. He outlined the road closures required and he was advised by members to contact Denbighshire County Council as soon as possible to discuss this.

RESOLVED: *that members supported the proposal and a letter of support be sent to Cycling Wales.*

202. REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

Members were asked to consider requests for donations from:

1. Conwy County National Eisteddfod, 2-10 August 2019
2. Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, 1-7 July 2019
3. Wales Air Ambulance

RESOLVED: *to give a donation of £200 to Conwy County National Eisteddfod, to increase the donation to Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod to £200 and to donate £200 to Wales Air Ambulance.*

203. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES ANNUAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019

Members were requested to consider the IRPW Annual Report 2019-20, following consideration of the draft report in October 2018. The Clerk stated that she would send a form to members so that arrangements could be made for payment of the £150 allowance to members, which would need to be submitted via payroll to HMRC.

RESOLVED: *to arrange a meeting of the Documents Scrutiny Group to consider the determinations in detail.*

204. MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES 2019-20

Members were asked to consider Ruthin Town Council becoming a member of One Voice Wales for 2019-20 at an introductory fee of £432.

RESOLVED: *not to join One Voice Wales due to the expensive membership cost.*

205. ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Members considered the Annual Risk Assessment and it was

RESOLVED: *to receive and confirm the Annual Risk Assessment.*

206. ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Members considered the Annual Investment Strategy and it was

RESOLVED: *to receive and confirm the Annual Investment Strategy.*

207. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Members were asked to approve the Financial Statement for the period ending 31 January 2019.

RESOLVED: to receive and approve the Financial Statement for the period ending 31 January 2019.

208. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that payment of the following items be approved.

100107	Zurich Municipal	Ruthin Town Council insurance cover 2019-20		£3,643.70
100108	Zurich Municipal	Insurance cover for the Old Courthouse		£496.72
100109	Cllr. Jim Bryan	Travelling expenses to NMWALC Quarterly meeting at Llandrillo College, Rhos on Sea		£27.90
100110	Denbighshire County Council	Fee for emptying dog waste bins 2018-19	*	£468.00
100111	Fineline	Office stationery, card and paper	*	£22.48
100112	HMRC	Income tax and National Insurance		£295.55
100113	Marian Rees	Simultaneous translation - February	*	£180.00
100114	Cambrian Woodland Services	Art Trail tree on Market Street	*	£318.00
100115	Denbighshire County Council	Installation/removal and testing/inventory of Christmas lights 2018	*	£5,422.25
100116	Aerial Electrics Ltd	LED festive illuminations on Christmas trees at five sites in Ruthin	*	£3,567.60
100117	Aerial Electrics Ltd	Electrical maintenance work to LED lights on tree on St. Peter's Square after damage to tree branch and replacement of yellow sodium lamps on St. Peter's Church with white metal halide conversion lamps	*	£151.80
100118	St. Peter's Church	Church floodlighting costs		£901.33

209. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: to confirm the date of the next ordinary meeting as Monday, 25 March 2019 at 7.00pm.