

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held at the
Town Hall, Wynnstay Road, Rhuthun on Monday, 11 March 2019 at 7:00p.m.

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

87. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

88. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

89. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 11 February 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.*

90. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to a message from Councillor Stephen Beach confirming that the bench in Cae Seren was the placed there by Star Park Residents Association and that any decision to move the bench would have to be agreed by the Association. He was liaising with the member of the public regarding this.

91. FREE PARKING DAYS 2019

Members were asked to consider the five free parking days in Denbighshire County Council car parks in the town. A member suggested that the proposed Cycling Wales event be considered for free parking.

RESOLVED: *that the dates of the free parking days in 2019 would be 29 June for Ruthin Festival's Top of Town event, 7 September for the Ruthin Open Doors event and Christmas shopping on 7, 14 and 21 December.*

92. PLASTIC FREE RUTHIN

Members were asked to consider supporting a campaign to achieve Plastic Free Community status for Ruthin. There was a request for a member of the Town Council to represent the Council on the steering group. Councillor Emrys Wynne was nominated as representative.

RESOLVED: *that Councillor Emrys Wynne represent the Town Council on this group, to send a letter of support from Ruthin Town Council and to invite Mair Davies to give a presentation to the Town Council regarding this campaign.*

93. TIDY TOWN TEAM

Councillor Harris confirmed that the next sessions of the Team would be Sunday, 24 March and Monday, 8 April. Members asked whether the annual Clean-up Campaign would be held this year, and it was suggested that it be held on Saturday, 6 April, 10am – 12pm, meeting in Crispin Yard car park. It was also suggested that a request be made to local sports clubs to clear up around their own areas on that day.

RESOLVED: *to note the dates of the Tidy Town Team sessions, and the Town Clean-up Campaign on Saturday, 6 April, and to contact the local sports clubs to request that they undertake litter picking around their premises on the same date.*

94. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the date of the next meeting will be Monday, 8 April 2019 at 7:00pm.*

95. PRESENTATION BY RHIAN PARRY, WORKPLACE WORKSAFE

The Mayor welcomed Rhian Parry from Workplace Worksafe and members of the Planning and Development Committee to hear a presentation regarding Workplace Worksafe's proposal for the work opportunities site at Canol y Dre, currently home to Popty and other enterprises. After running

a pilot scheme for six months with people with learning difficulties making bags for the company, she was keen to develop the site to create an energy hub. Only one eighth of the building, which is in poor condition, is being used at the moment. The proposal would be to get three or four other businesses to link in to ensure a steady and varied work stream for the individuals, with flexible office space which could be changed in size as required. Members were impressed with and supported the idea. It was suggested that Ms. Parry discuss the proposal with Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council.

RESOLVED: *to provide a letter of support for the proposal from Ruthin Town Council.*