

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held at the
Town Hall, Wynnstey Road, Rhuthun on Monday, 11 February 2019 at 7:30p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public.

75. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

76. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

77. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 7 January 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.*

78. MATTERS ARISING

The Chair of the Committee invited the member of the public to share her concerns regarding benches in the town. She made a request for the bench that had been at the junction of Clwyd Street and Upper Clwyd Street prior to erecting the Tom Pryce memorial there to be replaced, and also for a bench in Cae Seren to be moved opposite the garages so that the bench is not directly in front of a residential property. Members agreed to consider the requests.

79. PRICES FOR GRASS CUTTING 2019

Members were asked to consider two quotations for grass cutting during the 2019 season. The price submitted by Llanfwrog Community Interest Company was proposed, and a majority of members voted in favour.

RESOLVED: *to accept Llanfwrog CIC's price for grass cutting in 2019 in the sum of £3,170.34.*

80. PRICES FOR PLANTING HANGING BASKETS 2019

Only one firm had responded to the request for prices. Members were asked to consider the quotation submitted for planting the hanging baskets for the 2019 season.

RESOLVED: *to accept Planhigion Glyndŵr Plants quotation for planting the hanging baskets in 2019 in the sum of £3,214.80 including VAT.*

81. PRICES FOR WATERING HANGING BASKETS 2019

Members were asked to consider two quotations for watering the hanging baskets during the 2019 season. The price submitted by Llanfwrog Community Interest Company was proposed, and a majority of members voted in favour.

RESOLVED: *to accept Llanfwrog CIC's quotation for watering hanging baskets in 2019 in the sum of £5,990.00.*

82. RE-WICKING HANGING BASKET CONTAINERS

Members were requested to consider a quotation for re-wicking the hanging basket holders and inserts, and to consider whether to purchase individual strips or a roll of wicking material for this purpose.

RESOLVED: *to enquire whether the successful bidder for planting the hanging baskets would be willing to undertake this task, and to purchase a 50 metre roll of wicking material at a cost of £186.00.*

83. REVIEW OF EXPENDITURE ON CHRISTMAS TREES AND LIGHTS

Members were asked to consider the Town Council's expenditure on the town's Christmas trees and lights, in view of the cost of erecting and placing festive lights on five Christmas trees for a one

month period. Having one larger, good quality Christmas tree on the Square with enhanced lights was proposed as a trial for one year and not place trees in the other four locations.

RESOLVED: *to have one larger, good quality Christmas tree on the Square with enhanced lights as a trial for one year.*

84. TIDY TOWN TEAM

It was confirmed that the next session of the Group would be on Saturday, 23 February 2019, when volunteers would be focussing on the area from Tesco to Hen Lôn Parcwr.

RESOLVED: *to note the information.*

85. PLANTING TREES TO DENOTE FOOTPATHS / GREEN LINKS

Councillor Gavin Harris provided an update following a meeting with Ben Wilcox-Jones of Denbighshire County Council's Highways Department. They had discussed planting trees of the same species as those at the entrance to Cae Ddôl, with the suggestion of three by Pont y Plant, three on Park Road and three by the Fire Station. The Town Council were being asked for a contribution of £5,000.00 towards the nine trees. A members asked whether economies of scale could be achieved by purchasing 12 and planting another three at the Station Walk path. Councillor Harris agreed to make further enquiries about this.

RESOLVED: *in principle to provide a contribution of £5,000.00 towards the tree planting scheme.*

86. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The timing of the Committee meetings was discussed. Due to the need to have regular Old Courthouse working groups meetings, it was suggested that the working group meet at 6pm, followed by the Amenities Committee at 7pm and the Planning Committee at 8pm.

RESOLVED: *that the date of the next meeting will be Monday, 11 March 2019 at 7:00pm.*