

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held at the  
**Town Hall, Wynnstey Road, Rhuthun on Monday, 9 September 2019 at 7:00p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Keiran Allsopp-Robson, Gavin Harris, Menna Jones, Anne Roberts, Dave Snape and Heather Williams.

**22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jim Bryan and Emrys Wynne.

**23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**24. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 8 July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.*

**25. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**26. GRASS CUTTING AREAS**

The Clerk explained that the Biodiversity Officer had not responded to her message. It was suggested that the officer be contacted again and a meeting arranged with a small group of members to discuss this, and postpone the wider discussion until after this had occurred.

**RESOLVED:** *to contact the Biodiversity Officer again and arrange a meeting.*

**27. REVIEW OF PUBLIC BENCHES IN RUTHIN**

The Chair apologised that he had not circulated the map to members indicating which areas they had volunteered to take photographs of benches. It was proposed that this be adjourned to the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** *to circulate the map and discuss this, with the photographs, at the next meeting.*

**28. TIDY TOWN TEAM**

The Chair reported that the team had met over the summer, most recently to tidy up prior to the Open Doors weekend. The next sessions will be held on Sunday, 6 October and Saturday, 2 November 2019.

**RESOLVED:** *to note the date of the next Tidy Town Team sessions.*

**29. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

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

**Member of the Planning Committee had been invited to join the meeting to discuss the next two items.**

**30. RUTHIN AS CANDIDATE SITE FOR NORTH WALES VELODROME**

Members were asked whether they would be in favour of expressing an interest for a North Wales Velodrome to be located in Ruthin. Councillor Gavin Harris explained that four locations had been considered during the initial discussion, and the Glasdir site was favoured. The intention is to have an open air velodrome with an all weather pitch in the centre, with tunnel access so that both facilities can be used at the same time, on a site owned by Denbighshire County Council. The angle of the proposed velodrome had been slightly shifted so that it would not impact the application for 77 homes on the adjoining field. Councillor Harris emphasised that the facility must be a multi-use community facility, and it would be necessary to work with a range of partners to realise this.

**RESOLVED:** *that members were in favour of submitting an expression of interest for Ruthin to be considered as a candidate site for a North Wales Velodrome by 30 September.*

### **31. PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION – LAND AT GLASDIR, RUTHIN**

Members had received details about a pre-planning application consultation by Clwyd Alyn Housing Association regarding a proposed planning application for 77 dwellings on land at Glasdir.

Members questioned whether the town would be able to sustain this number of new dwellings, with regards to school places and ability to register and get appointments with the dentist and GP surgeries. There was concern that there was insufficient infrastructure to support the growth. Concern was expressed also that the plans indicate using the road into the new schools site at the access road into the new development, and there was concern that this would cause traffic problems and put pupil safety at risk. It was stated that the developer would be holding a public consultation event in the Farmers Market and Councillor were invited to attend to ask questions and discuss their concerns.

**RESOLVED:** *to note the comments and encourage members to attend the public consultation event.*