

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

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Bryan, Anne Roberts, Dave Snape, Heather Williams and Emrys Wynne.

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gavin Harris, Keiran Allsopp-Robson and Menna Jones. Deputy Mayor Councillor Heather Williams was nominated and seconded to chair the meeting in the absence of the chair.

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

34. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 9 September 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.*

35. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

36. UPLIGHTING TOM PRYCE MEMORIAL

Members were requested to consider a message from Aerial Electrics regarding resolving the problem with uplighting the Tom Pryce memorial. Members discussed the proposed solutions, and suggested that Aerial Electrics liaise with a local construction company to ensure better drainage at the site so that the issue does not reoccur. Members were satisfied with the estimated cost of £452.00 + VAT for the lighting works, to come from the Tom Pryce Memorial budget, and approved up to a further £200.00 for drainage works.

RESOLVED: *to proceed with repairs to the uplighting at an estimated cost of £452.00 + VAT for the lighting works and up to a further £200.00 + TAW for drainage works.*

37. REVIEW OF PUBLIC BENCHES IN RUTHIN

It was decided to defer this item to the next meeting, with the map and which Councillor is covering particular areas to be sent to members.

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

38. RUTHIN CHRISTMAS TREE AND LIGHTS

Members were requested to consider prices for the Christmas tree and LED illuminations on the tree. Only one company had responded to the request for Christmas tree prices. Cambrian Woodland Services quoted £512.00 + VAT for a 25 foot tree and explained that a taller, larger tree would be more expensive due to the need for specialist transport. Members requested that a member of the Committee be allowed to go to choose the tree or to see it before it be erected on the Square. No prices had been received for LED lights on the tree. The Clerk would contact the company again to confirm that the Christmas tree height would be 25 feet. With regards to the Christmas motifs if Ruthin Town Council wished to extend its three year hire agreement for a further year, it would then own the motifs. Members discussed this and the advantages and disadvantages of owning the lights versus hiring, with the benefit of a very responsive repairs and maintenance service.

RESOLVED: *to accept the price of £512.00 + VAT for the Christmas tree and to request prices for extending the contract or entering into a new hiring agreement for the Christmas motifs, to be considered at the next meeting.*

39. UPDATE REGARDING MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS PLAY AREA

Members considered the e-mail message from Llyr Williams, Chair of the Memorial Playing Fields

Association regarding putting forward a proposal to the Association's AGM on Sunday, 10 November, to remove the playground for added parking provision. Members asked whether the Association was willing to do this at their own cost, and asked who owns the play equipment.

RESOLVED: *to request legal advice from Denbighshire County Council regarding ownership of the site and the play equipment.*

40. TIDY TOWN TEAM

It was suggested that the Mayor and Old Courthouse Manager/Deputy Clerk liaise regarding future dates for Tidy Town Team volunteers and to report back at the next meeting.

RESOLVED: *that Mayor and Old Courthouse Manager/Deputy Clerk liaise regarding future dates for Tidy Town Team volunteers and to present a report to the next meeting.*

41. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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