

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held at the
Old Courthouse, St. Peter's Square, Rhuthun on Monday, 11 November 2019 at 7:00p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Bryan, Gavin Harris, Menna Jones, Anne Roberts, Heather Williams and Emrys Wynne.

42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Keiran Allsopp-Robson and Dave Snape.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

44. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

45. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that the underground fault affecting the lights on Lôn Parcwr had now been repaired.

46. SELECTING CHRISTMAS TREE

Members were requested to nominate a member to inspect and select the Christmas tree for St. Peter's Square. Councillor Emrys Wynne offered to undertake the task.

RESOLVED: *to accept Councillor Emrys Wynne's offer to select the Christmas tree for St. Peter's Square and to inform Dr. Peter Spencer accordingly.*

47. REVIEW OF PUBLIC BENCHES IN RUTHIN

Reference was made to the bench at Pen Stryt which has collapsed, and it was suggested that there was a suitable space along the footpath to Bro Deg to place a bench. It was decided to undertake a full review in March, and formulate a plan for rationalisation and upgrading of benches then.

RESOLVED: *to undertake a full review in March.*

48. GRASS CUTTING AND POTENTIAL WILDFLOWER VERGES

A report by Liam Blazey, Denbighshire County Council Biodiversity Officer, had been circulated to members. Members discussed the content, and asked who is cutting which areas and why. It was noted that wildflower areas can appear untidy whilst establishing as wildflower areas, and also that daffodil bulbs have been planted in some of the areas referred to.

RESOLVED: *to note the content of the report and consider this further prior to sending out the Town Council's grass cutting tender in February.*

49. LLANRHYDD CEMETERY

Councillor Emrys Wynne explained that graves in the extension to the cemetery had become submerged once again following the heavy rainfall. Councillor Wynne explained the short term measures to be implemented, and suggested that the boundary hedge be reinstated which would assist with drainage.

RESOLVED: *to send a letter expressing concern regarding the situation to Denbighshire County Council.*

50. UPDATE REGARDING MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS PLAY AREA

Members were informed about an e-mail received from Llyr Williams, Chair of Ruthin Memorial Playing Fields Association, following the Association's Annual General Meeting the previous evening. It outlined that the Association had unanimously agreed to put up a notice of intention to close the playground Saturday 29 February 2020 on the gate and fencing, requesting that anyone interested in managing the play area contact the Association. Erection of secure fencing would the

week commencing 2 March 2020 if no interest is shown, and planning application submitted to Denbighshire County Council for removal of the play equipment. It also contained a request for the Town Council to consider helping to circulate the notice to local residents.

RESOLVED: *to note the content of the e-mail message.*

51. TIDY TOWN TEAM

The date for the next session is Sunday, 1 December 2019. The Mayor reported that there was a core group of regular attenders and others who attend when the date is convenient for them. He suggested, as it has been 12 months since setting up the Tidy Town Team, that a social event be held, to be organised by the Old Courthouse Manager.

RESOLVED: *to note the date of the next session and to hold a social event to mark the first anniversary of establishing the Tidy Town Team.*

52. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the date of the next meeting will be Monday, 2 December 2019 at 7:00pm.*