Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held at the **Old Courthouse**, St. Peter's Square, Rhuthun on Monday, 6 January 2020 at 7:00p.m.

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

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jim Bryan and Anne Roberts. Councillor Emrys Wynne had tendered his resignation from the Town Council.

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

55. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

56. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk was requested to send thank you letters to the companies who had assisted with removing the damaged Christmas tree and installation of the replacement tree and lights.

57. ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016 PART 1 – SECTION 6 – THE BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY

Members were informed about the above duty, and exemplar form for recording the Town Council's related activities shared.

RESOLVED: to note the information and ensure that the reporting form be completed.

58. GRASS CUTTING TENDER

Members were requested to consider the content of the grass cutting tender for 2020-21, following discussions about wildflower areas and biodiversity cutting.

RESOLVED: to send out tender documents based on the previous year, with prices for each individual area to be cut, and stating that his may be subject to review.

59. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FOR 2020 AND FORTHCOMING YEARS

Members were requested to consider the Christmas lighting arrangements for 2020 onwards. *RESOLVED*: to obtain quotations for Christmas lighting, particularly a further 12 months hire.

60. FINANCIAL ESTIMATES FOR 2020-21 FINANCIAL YEAR

Members were asked to consider and agree the Amenities Committee expenditure for the next financial year. Members asked for the estimates for the current financial year to be circulated, and to add a heading for tree planting following the savings made by reducing the number of Christmas trees.

RESOLVED: to circulate the estimates for current financial year and add a heading for tree planting.

61. TIDY TOWN TEAM

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council to use the Tidy Town Team's equipment in order to paint railings and weed the paved area in front of the Naylor Leyland Centre.

RESOLVED: members agreed that DVSC volunteers could use the Tidy Town Team's equipment at the Naylor Leyland Centre.

63. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: that the date of the next meeting will be Monday, 3 February 2020 at 7:00pm.