

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of **RHUTHUN TOWN COUNCIL** held via Zoom video conferencing on Monday, 18 May 2020, at 7:00pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Gavin Harris (Mayor), Heather Williams (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillors Keiran Allsopp-Robson, Stephen Beach, Jim Bryan, Ken Hawkins,  
John Wynne Hughes, Menna Jones, Ian Lewney, Robert Owen-Ellis,  
Anne Roberts, Dave Snape, Mike Van Der Eik and Ifan Wyn.  
County Councillor Emrys Wynne.

#### **245. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Mike Van Der Eik to his first meeting of the Council and congratulated him on his co-option, and welcomed everyone else to the first virtual meeting of the Council. There were no apologies for absence.

#### **246. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor John Wynne Hughes declared an interest in item 12 – request for financial assistance from Hope House as an employee of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. The Clerk to send a declaration of interest form following the meeting.

#### **247. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported that he had attended or been involved with the following events:

- 17.03 Velodrome meeting with Ruthin Cycling Club
- 28.03 Ruthin Community Update Week 1 – filmed at the Old Courthouse
- 30.03 Velodrome meeting with Cadwyn Clwyd
- 04.04 Ruthin Community Update Week 2 – filmed at the Old Courthouse
- 05.04 Mayor's Easter Parade – Part 1
- 06.04 Mayor's Easter Parade – Part 2
- The Old Courthouse working group meeting via Zoom
- 11.04 Ruthin Community Update Week 3 – filmed at the Old Courthouse
- 18.04 Ruthin Community Update Week 4 – filmed at the Old Courthouse
- 20.04 The Old Courthouse working group meeting via Zoom
- 21.04 Velodrome meeting with the consultants LK2 and Cadwyn Clwyd via Zoom
- 25.04 Ruthin Community Update Week 5 – filmed at the Old Courthouse
- 02.05 Ruthin Community Update Week 6 – filmed at the Old Courthouse
- 04.05 The Old Courthouse working group meeting via Zoom
- 09.05 Ruthin Community Update Week 7 – filmed at the Old Courthouse
- 11.05 Ruthin Town Council informal meeting
- 13.05 Velodrome meeting via Zoom
- The Old Courthouse Business Cluster meeting via Zoom

A number of informal meetings via Zoom with Ruth Astbury regarding the Velodrome and Kate Harcus regarding the Old Courthouse.

#### **248. MEMBERS' REPORTS**

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| Cllr. Heather Williams<br>(Deputy Mayor) | The Old Courthouse working group meetings via Zoom<br>Recorded a reading for VE Day service by Rev. Stuart Evans |
| Cllr. Keiran<br>Allsopp-Robson           | Nothing to report  |
| Cllr. Stephen Beach                      | Rhos Street Governors virtual meeting  |
| Cllr. Jim Bryan                          | Nothing to report  |
| Cllr. Ken Hawkins                        | Nothing to report  |

Cllr. John Wynne Hughes	Nothing to report
Cllr. Menna Jones	Helping at the Food Bank every week as fewer people are available during the Covid-19 pandemic
Cllr. Ian Lewney	Nothing to report
Cllr. Jabez Oakes	Nothing to report
Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis	Nothing to report
Cllr. Anne Roberts	Ruthin Forward meeting and the Old Courthouse working group meetings via Zoom
Cllr. Dave Snape	The Old Courthouse working group meetings and Business Cluster meetings via Zoom
Cllr. Mike Van Der Eik	Nothing to report
Cllr. Ifan Wyn	Nothing to report

#### **249. RUTHIN COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Emrys Wynne submitted a report on behalf of the three Ruthin ward members.

#### **250. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.*

#### **251. MATTERS ARISING**

A member asked what would happen to the donation of £200 to Llangollen International Eisteddfod as the 2020 event has now been postponed. The Clerk explained that the cheque has been sent as agreed at the previous meeting, prior to lockdown regulations, but it had not been presented to date.

#### **252. MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2020.

**RESOLVED:** *to receive the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2020.*

#### **253. ARRANGEMENTS FOR RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Members considered when would be best to hold the AGM, which new regulations recommend be held before the end of 2020 and before May 2021 at the latest. It was suggested that current Mayor and Deputy Mayor continue in post for a further six months and to arrange a meeting in November. It was also suggested that the Good Citizen Awards be deferred until then also and to promote the award vigorously as there has been so much voluntary action during the Covid-19 pandemic. Members were unanimously in favour of this.

**RESOLVED:** *to postpone the AGM until November and the Clerk to circulate a suitable date.*

#### **254. UPDATE ON THE OLD COURTHOUSE**

Members had received the update report prior to the meeting and were satisfied with the progress being made under the current circumstances. The Clerk added that a cheque for £326 had been received from Canolfan Awelon Management Committee as the community centre was now closed. Members wished to send a letter of thanks to express their gratitude for this donation.

**RESOLVED:** *to receive the update and send a thank you letter to Canolfan Awelon Management Committee.*

## 255. UPDATE REGARDING NORTH WALES VELODROME BID

A member referred to the use of drone footage mentioned in the update report. Councillor Emrys Wynne suggested using Google Earth images as these are very detailed. The Mayor confirmed that drone usage was no longer required and the work would be undertaken using photograph and panorama images.

**RESOLVED:** to note the update.

## 256. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – TŶ GOBAITH

Members were requested to consider a request for financial assistance in the sum of £1,000 from Tŷ Gobaith / Hope House. Members felt that there could be several similar requests following the outbreak of coronavirus Covid-19, and that some of the events usually given financial support would be postponed or cancelled. They were eager to have a more detailed understanding of the financial position in order to be able to support local groups and events. It was proposed and seconded that the request be declined and this was carried.

**RESOLVED:** to decline the request and to have an agenda item and report at the next meeting outlining the groups and events who normally request and receive financial assistance and the available budget for financial assistance.

## 257. RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2019-2020

Members were requested to consider Ruthin Town Council's accounts for the year ending 31 March 2020 prior to being submitted to the Internal Auditor.

**RESOLVED:** to receive and approve the annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2020.

## 258. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Members were requested to receive and approve the financial statement for the period ending 30 April 2020.

**RESOLVED:** to receive and approve the financial statement for the period ending 30 April 2020.

## 259. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**RESOLVED:** that payment of the following items be approved.

From Ruthin Town Council current account:

OB	Llanfwrog CIC	Grass cutting services – May 2020		£554.76
(online banking)				
OB	Canda Copying Ltd	Photocopier rental and minimum copies	*	£41.90
OB	Canda Copying Ltd	Additional black and white copies	*	£15.06
OB	Canda Copying Ltd	Additional colour copies	*	£2.59
OB	HMRC	Income tax and National Insurance		£719.61
OB	Hill & Roberts	Accountancy and payroll services fee – May 2020	*	£84.00

From Ruthin Town Council Old Courthouse account:

OB	Three Feathers Ltd	Return of Old Courthouse donation		£1,000.00
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## 260. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**RESOLVED:** to confirm the date of the next ordinary meeting will be Monday, 15 June 2020 at 7pm.