

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held
on **Monday, 6 July 2020 at 7:00p.m via Zoom.**

PRESENT: Councillors Gavin Harris, Menna Jones, Anne Roberts, Dave Snape and Heather Williams.

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Keiran Allsopp-Robson and Jim Bryan.

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

84. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 2 March 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.*

85. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

86. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Members received details of Denbighshire County Council's proposed response to Covid-19 measures required to maintain safe social distancing. The Chair reported that the local authority had received £900k funding for cross-county measures to improve safety, allow safe social distancing and encourage active travel in the county. The measures introduced would be temporary for a period of 12 to 18 months. The intention in Ruthin is to introduce a one-way traffic system with vehicles travelling up Well Street and down Market Street, with a designated cycle lane on Market Street. Temporary bollards would be used to designate the wider pavements, with planters in between. Denbighshire County Council were able to provide the planters and plants but did not have the capacity for watering and maintenance. Members suggested low maintenance, water resilient aromatic plants and possibly a sponsorship scheme by nearby premises and getting young people involved in the upkeep of the planters.

RESOLVED: *to receive and support the proposed plans, and to approach the Town Council's plants watering contractor for a price for watering the planters once the exact number was known.*

87. PLANTERS

Members were asked to consider the planters in Cae Ddôl. A suggestion had been received to use the planters for an Incredible Edible project in Ruthin.

RESOLVED: *to circulate an e-mail with further details and give further consideration to the proposal.*

88. WELSH GOVERNMENT TREE PLANTING GRANTS

Members were asked to consider how Ruthin Town Council may benefit from the new grants announced by Welsh Government recently. Members were eager to take advantage of the grants and to develop a co-ordinated scheme with the community.

RESOLVED: *to consider the possibilities in more details and discuss at the next Amenities Committee meeting.*

89. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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