

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of **RHUTHUN TOWN COUNCIL** held via Zoom video conferencing on Monday, 13 July 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, Robert Owen-Ellis, Anne Roberts,  
Dave Snape, Mike Van Der Eik and Ifan Wyn.  
County Councillors Bobby Feeley, Huw Hilditch-Roberts and Emrys Wynne.

**275. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting of the Council. There were no apologies for absence.

**276. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Mayor, Councillor Gavin Harris and County Councillor Huw Hilditch-Roberts declared an interest in agenda item 19 – Ruthin Covid-19 Sustainable Transport Grant Scheme as business owners in Ruthin who would be affected by the proposals and Councillor Emrys Wynne declared an interest in item 13 – Marie Curie Emergency Appeal for Funding as a local fundraiser.

**277. MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

15.06 The Old Courthouse working group meeting

29.06

Numerous Velodrome meetings via Zoom and meetings regarding the proposed one-way traffic system in Ruthin

**278. MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Cllr. Heather Williams (Deputy Mayor) Denbighshire Destination Partnership meeting via Zoom,  
The Old Courthouse working group meetings via Zoom and contact with Craig Berry, Denbighshire County Council, to discuss development plans for Ruthin Gaol.

Cllr. Keiran Allsopp-Robson Nothing to report.

Cllr. Stephen Beach Nothing to report.

Cllr. Jim Bryan The Old Courthouse working group meetings.

Cllr. Ken Hawkins Nothing to report.

Cllr. John Wynne Hughes Nothing to report.

Cllr. Menna Jones Weighing and distributing items at the Food Bank and preparing for the relocation to new premises at the end of the month.

Cllr. Ian Lewney Nothing to report.

Cllr. Jabez Oakes Nothing to report.

Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis Meetings regarding and preparing for the Food Bank to move to its new location at the Town Hall.

Cllr. Anne Roberts The Old Courthouse working group meetings via Zoom.

Cllr. Dave Snape The Old Courthouse working group meetings via Zoom.

Cllr. Mike Van Der Eik Nothing to report.

Cllr. Ifan Wyn Nothing to report.

**279. RUTHIN COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Bobby Feeley submitted a report on behalf of the three Ruthin ward members.

**280. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.*

**281. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**282. MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2020.

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.*

**283. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2020.

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.*

**284. UPDATE REGARDING THE OLD COURTHOUSE**

Members were informed that the Old Courthouse working group had held a meeting prior to the Council meeting, and were keen to be able to make use of the building again when it could be open and available for hire from 27 July.

**RESOLVED:** *to receive the update.*

**285. UPDATE REGARDING THE NORTH WALES VELODROME BID**

The Mayor reported that the consultants, LK2, had produced a draft report which had been circulated to stakeholders with comments invited by today. The comments will be included in the report and as appendices and will go back to Welsh Cycling. Members expressed concern about Glasdir residents' views and were assured that public consultation would be undertaken if the scheme were deemed viable to progress.

**RESOLVED:** *to note the update.*

**286. NORTH AND MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Members were requested to consider the renewal of Ruthin Town Council's membership of NMWALC for 2020-21 for a fee of £65.00. Current Town Council representatives Councillor Keiran Allsopp-Robson and Councillor Steve Beach felt that the Town Council benefited from membership.

**RESOLVED:** *to renew Ruthin Town Council's membership of NMWALC for 2020-21 for a fee of £65.00.*

**287. MARIE CURIE EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR FUNDING**

Members were requested to consider an appeal for a donation to the charity from Victoria Hardy, North Wales Community Fundraiser, Marie Curie. It was suggested that the Town Council could help by making the Old Courthouse available for fundraising events for local charities and voluntary organisations. A proposal to decline the Marie Curie request was seconded and carried.

**RESOLVED:** *to decline the request for a donation.*

## 288. ARRANGEMENTS FOR EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE MEETING

Members were requested to agree a meeting date in August to deal with any planning matters and accounts for payment.

**RESOLVED:** to hold the meeting on Monday, 10 August, at 6pm with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayor elect and any other members who wished to attend.

## 289. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

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

## 290. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

From Ruthin Town Council's current account:

OB	Cllr. Dave Snape	Microsoft Office 365 subscription – March, April, May & June 2020	*	£75.84
OB	Llanfwrog CIC	Watering services – June 2020		£1,134.00
OB	Llanfwrog CIC	Grass cutting service – July 2020		£369.84
OB	HMRC	Income tax and National Insurance		£719.61
OB	Hill & Roberts	Accountancy and payroll services fee – July 2020	*	£84.00
OB	Canda Copying Ltd	Photocopier rental and minimum copies	*	£41.90
OB	Canda Copying Ltd	Additional black and white copies		£0.02
OB	Canda Copying Ltd	Additional colour copies	*	£0.14
From Ruthin Town Council Old Courthouse account:				
OB	BT Business	Broadband and Cloud phone	*	£67.19
OB	Richard Williams (Deganwy) Ltd	Items for the Old Courthouse	*	£4.14
OB	Scottish Power	Electricity charges at the Old Courthouse, 18.03.20 – 19.06.20		£235.94

## 291. VISION STATEMENT FOR RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL

Members were requested to consider a Vision Statement for Ruthin Town Council as part of work to the Town Council's website to ensure it is accessible, attractive and informative.

**RESOLVED:** to consider the draft Vision Statement and discuss and agree at the September meeting.

## 292. RUTHIN COVID-19 SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT GRANT SCHEME

Members were asked to consider the Town Council's response to Denbighshire County Council's consultation regarding proposals for a temporary one-way traffic system along Well Street and Market Street as part of measures to comply with Covid-19 safety and social distancing requirement and to encourage active travel. Members expressed concern about the traffic flow from Castle Street and Clwyd Street, and that the businesses on these streets would not benefit from wider pavements. Members were assured that visiting coaches could drop off by the Peers Clock Tower whilst the temporary measures were in force. The Denbighshire County Councillors for the Ruthin ward stated that they were fully supportive of the proposed scheme. It was emphasised that the proposed scheme, which would be funded by Welsh Government, was separate to the proposal to remove the roundabout from St. Peter's Square as included in the Ruthin Future document.

**RESOLVED:** that Ruthin Town Council supports the scheme in principle.

**PART TWO**

It was proposed and seconded that the following item be considered in private.

**293. HERITAGE EXPANSION PLANS**

Members received a presentation regarding outline proposals for the long-term use of Ruthin Gaol from Denbighshire County Council representatives Craig Berry, Business Information Team Manager, Samantha Williams, Denbighshire Heritage Manager and Councillor Tony Thomas, Lead Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities. Councillor Thomas stated that Denbighshire County Council was committed to supporting the Gaol, and the Archives whilst it remains there until 2025. Craig Berry outlined that the heritage element, comprising 30% of the site, attracted over 11,000 visitors whilst the Archives achieved around 800 visits. They were eager to extend the business season, length of visit by including new facilities inside and outside the gaol site, including the 46 Clwyd Street building, which would complement what would be on offer at the Old Courthouse.

**RESOLVED:** to note and welcome the proposed heritage expansion plans at Ruthin Gaol.

**294. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** to confirm the date of the next ordinary meeting will be Monday, 21 September 2020 at 7pm.