

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held
on **Monday, 14 September 2020 at 7:00pm via Zoom.**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Bryan, Gavin Harris, Menna Jones, Anne Roberts, Dave Snape, Mike van der Eijk and Heather Williams.

90. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Keiran Allsopp-Robson.

91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

92. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

93. MATTERS ARISING

The Chair shared an update regarding the Active Travel and Covid-19 measures to be put in place in Ruthin. The work to set up the one-way system and have outdoor seating areas would commence in October.

94. PRESENTATION REGARDING INCREDIBLE EDIBLE NETWORK

The Chair welcomed Wendy Nulty to the meeting and thanked her for the information shared with members with the papers for the meeting. She gave the background to the network and its aim, noting that the nearest projects were in Wrexham and Conwy. She confirmed that the Ruthin Scheme would work in conjunction with Vale of Clwyd Mind and DVSC, and would involve and promote local businesses. Members asked questions about maintenance of the plants, ensuring that they were not taken before they were ready and the potential for vandalism. They were assured that experience in other areas showed that people respected and protected the planted areas and they encouraged community involvement.

RESOLVED: *to welcome and support the proposed scheme.*

95. SHARE AND REPAIR SHED

Members were asked to consider the proposal for a Share and Repair Shed in Ruthin, in collaboration with Llangollen and Mold, as outlined in the background paper. Members wished to ensure that the Shed would not be in competition with local businesses, and that each town gets an equal amount of time based on an equal financial contribution rather than more time in the town with the largest population and enquired about the insurance liability. The suggested financial contribution was £1,500 a year for three years.

RESOLVED: *to request that the matter be discussed at full Council and to ask Councillor Robyn Lovelock to speak and answer members' questions before considering whether to contribute financially to the scheme and to offer the use of space at The Old Courthouse.*

96. COMMUNITY BIKE WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

Members were asked to consider information regarding Drosi Bikes social enterprise in Ruthin provided by Beth Ward, which assured members that the scheme would compliment the cycle shop business in Ruthin rather than be in competition with it.

RESOLVED: *to request that Beth Ward addresses the next meeting to provide further details.*

97. RELOCATION OF HANGING BASKETS

Members were asked if they were willing to consider this via e-mail.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk circulate an e-mail outlining suitable locations for the members to consider by the next meeting.*

98. ART TRAIL TREE

Members were informed that the Art Trail tree next to the bus stop near County Hall on Market Street had died.

RESOLVED: *to request that a tree surgeon examine the tree and provide professional advice.*

99. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the date of the next meeting will be Monday, 5 October 2020 at 7:00pm.*