

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held
on **Monday, 5 October 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.

100. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

101. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

102. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 14 September 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.*

103. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

104. FEEDBACK REGARDING THE SHARE AND REPAIR SHED PROPOSAL

Councillor Anne Roberts informed the meeting that she had been contacted by business owners who live in Ruthin who had seen the full Council meeting livestreamed on Facebook and the discussions regarding this proposal. They were concerned that the scheme would compete against established businesses. Councillor Mike van der Eijk said that the principles of the scheme seemed sound, but had requested further evidence regarding the impact of the Devon scheme on the local community and local businesses.

RESOLVED: *to note the feedback.*

105. RELOCATION OF HANGING BASKETS

Members were asked to consider the relocation of the six smaller hanging baskets from St. Peter's Square to reduce the weight load on the lighting columns, as requested by Denbighshire County Council. Members suggested various locations and the Mayor offered to go for a walk around town to look at suitable locations and report back to the Clerk.

RESOLVED: *to accept the Mayor's offer and arrange for relocating the hanging baskets on the same day as removing the flowers from the hanging baskets.*

106. PARK ROAD CAR PARK

Members referred to the overflowing recycling containers in the car park and suggested ways to improve the situation.

RESOLVED: *to send a letter to Denbighshire County Council regarding the concerns about the unsightly appearance around the recycling containers in the car park.*

107. LITTER AND WEEDS ON CLWYD STREET

Members were informed that complaints had been received about the litter, cigarette ends and weeds along the pavements in Clwyd Street. Members were conscious that the Covid-19 situation has contributed to aspects of this, and asked for a letter to be sent to Denbighshire County Council highlighting the complaints from a number of residents.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk send a letter to Denbighshire County Council highlighting the complaints from residents.*

108. ART TRAIL TREE

Members were informed that the report requested regarding the dead Art Trail tree next to the bus stop near County Hall on Market Street had not been received.

RESOLVED: *to remind the tree surgeon regarding the request to examine the tree and provide professional advice.*

109. PRICE FOR CHRISTMAS TREE

The Clerk reported that no prices had been received from the three companies contacted.

RESOLVED: *to contact the companies again and make a decision at the next meeting.*

110. PRICE FOR CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

The Clerk informed members that two of the three companies contacted for quotations had responded, with KMT Electrical quoting £965.00 + VAT and Kellelectrics quoting £1,400.00 + VAT.

RESOLVED: *to accept the quotation provide by KMT Electrical in the sum of £965.00 + VAT.*

111. TEMPORARY PLANTERS

Members were asked to consider the request by Denbighshire County Council to source suitable plants for the 24 planters to be installed as part of the temporary one-way traffic system in Ruthin Town Centre. Members wanted low maintenance, colourful and aromatic plants and suggested lavender and rosemary in alternate planters.

RESOLVED: *to contact Planhigion Glyndwr Plants and Seven Oaks Garden Centre for prices for supply of plants for the planters.*

112. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the date of the next meeting will be Monday, 2 November 2020 at 7:00pm.*