

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held  
on **Monday, 2 November 2020 at 7:00p.m via Zoom.**

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

**113. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**114. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 5 October 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.*

**115. MATTERS ARISING**

The Chair referred to a public consultation meeting regarding the Share Shed proposal and stated that all related correspondence and information would be collated and submitted to the full Council meeting.

**116. PRICE FOR CHRISTMAS TREE**

Members were requested to consider prices for supplying and erecting a Christmas tree on St. Peter's Square. Cambrian Woodland Service quoted the same price as last year, £512.00 + VAT, and JB Platform Hire offered to donate the tree in return for signage near the tree and publicity on the Town Council's website and social media channels. Hire of a Hiab would be required to erect and take down the tree.

**RESOLVED:** *to accept the offer from JB Platform Hire.*

**117. ART TRAIL TREE**

Members were requested to consider the opinion of the tree surgeon regarding the Art Trail tree next to the bus stop near County Hall on Market Street. Members agreed that the tree needed to be replaced, and additional watering to be arranged after planting to ensure that it becomes well established.

**RESOLVED:** *to request quotations for a replacement tree plus root irrigation system.*

**118. FINANCIAL ESTIMATES FOR 2020-21**

Members were asked to consider the Committee's proposed budget for the 2020-21 financial year. The Clerk outlined the budget allocated for 2019-20:

Amenities project (Skatepark)	£1,500.00
Dog waste bins	£500.00
Open spaces maintainance	£12,000.00
Tree planting	£3,000.00
Town festivities	£9,000.00

Members mentioned that a programme of upgrading public benches in the town was to be implemented. It was proposed and seconded that the budget remain the same for 2020-21, and all voted in favour.

**RESOLVED:** *to replicate the amounts under Amenities Committee budget headings in 2019-20 in the 2020-21 financial year, with any underspends carried over.*

**119. RUTHIN TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB FLOODLIGHTING SCHEME**

The Mayor referred to a request from Ruthin Football Club for a letter of support from the Town Council to accompany its submission for wind farm funding towards a floodlighting scheme at the football ground. The application needed to be submitted before the deadline of 7 November and he would request the views of members of the Planning and Development Committee also.

**RESOLVED:** *that members of the Amenities Committee were in favour of providing a letter of support.*

**120. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

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