

**CYNGOR TREF RHUTHUN
RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL**



Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held
on **Monday, 7 March 2022 at 7:30pm as a Hybrid meeting**
(in The Old Courthouse and via Zoom.)

PRESENT: Councillors Menna Jones (Chair), Anne Roberts, Stephen Beach, Mike van der Eijk, ,
Heather Williams and Christine Ellis.

Also in attendance: Siân Clark – Town Clerk, Kate Harcus – Deputy Town Clerk and
Marian Rees - Translator

Councillor Menna Jones welcomed all to the meeting of the Amenities Committee.

100. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Jim Bryan, Rachel Lewington and Gavin Harris

101. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

102. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 7 February 2022 be
confirmed as a correct record.

103. MATTERS ARISING

None

104. PRICES FOR GRASS CUTTING 2022

Members were asked to consider the pricing schedules for grass cutting submitted by Sherratt
Landscape Contractors Ltd and Llanfwrog CIC.

RESOLVED: to recommend that the Town Council accepts the price for grass cutting from
Llanfwrog CIC at a cost of £3,828.06.

105. PRICE FOR FLOWER PLANTERS 2022

Members were asked to consider the pricing schedule provided by Derwen College.

RESOLVED: to accept the price of providing plants for the hanging baskets from Derwen College
at a cost of £2,070 including VAT

106 PRICE FOR WATERING THE PLANTERS 2022

Members were asked to consider pricing schedule for watering the hanging baskets submitted by J
& C Brimble and Llanfwrog CIC.

RESOLVED: to recommend that the Town Council accepts the price for watering the flower
planters from J and C Brimble at a cost of £4,664.00.

107. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY TASK GROUP

Following the resolution of the Town Council on 21 February 2022, Members determined that
Councillors Mike van der Eijk and Heather Williams be appointed as the Town Council
representatives to assist in the establishment of a Climate and Ecological Emergency Task Group.

The Task Group would focus on delivering a climate and emergency policy and action plan and would report back to the Town Council via the Amenities Committee.

RESOLVED: *that Councillors Mike van der Eijk and Heather Williams be appointed as the Town Council representatives to assist with the establishment of a Climate and Ecological Emergency Task Group.*

108. RUTHIN FUTURE – EXHIBITION AND PROGRESS REPORT

The Clerk provided a verbal update which outlined the events held and interest in the Ruthin Future exhibition to date. The exhibition would end on Thursday, 17 March.

RESOLVED: *the update was noted.*

109. PUBLIC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACES: COMMUTED SUMS – APPLICATIONS RELATING TO RUTHIN

Members considered the applications relating to Ruthin which had been submitted to Denbighshire County Council for Public Open Spaces Commuted Sums funding, and made the following comments:

- Clwb Rygbi Rhuthun – Commuted Sums Requested £10,000: The committee supported the application. The funding sought would be used in the extension and development of the club which was an important facility in the town.
- Star Park Residents Association Committee – Commuted Sums Requested £73,559: The Committee was fully supportive of the application. The funding sought would be used to fully refurbish the play area which was in need of updating.
- Denbighshire County Council – Commuted Sums Requested £27,601: The funding sought would be used for new multiplay equipment and replacement of trimtrail. The Committee wished to highlight that as part of the Levelling Up Fund application, a comprehensive project for Cae Ddol and Green Corridors was to be submitted; this had been agreed by the Cabinet of Denbighshire County Council. Given this position, the Committee considered that it would not be appropriate to fund replacement equipment at this stage given the imminent Levelling Up Funding application; and that in addition, any proposals for changes to the current play offer in Cae Ddol would need to consider the details of the Cae Ddol project and an holistic approach taken to any improvements.

RESOLVED: *that the comments of the Committee, as outlined above, be submitted to Denbighshire County Council.*

110. ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS

Members noted that the annual safety inspections on the Skate Park and Memorial Playing Fields (Star Park) had been undertaken on 23 February 2022 by The Play Inspection Company. The safety inspection reports had been circulated. The findings, as outlined in the safety inspection reports, were considered by Members. The safety inspection report determined that the risk assessment for the Stake Park as 'Low Risk' and Memorial Playing Fields (Star Park) as 'Low Risk'. The Clerk was requested to ensure that appropriate actions were undertaken to remedy the findings and to liaise with Star Park Residents Association Committee.

RESOLVED: *that appropriate actions be undertaken to remedy the findings of the annual inspection on the Stake Park and to liaise with the Star Park Residents Association Committee regarding the findings of the annual inspection for Memorial Playing Fields (Star Park).*

111. WG COVID-19 TOWN CENTRE RECOVERY FUNDING GRANT

Members noted the reconciliation in respect of spend on items funded (to 80%) through the Welsh Government Covid-19 Town Centre Recovery Funding Grant. The Committee approved the funding of printing costs for a town map publication and art trail guides, 80% of which would be funded through the Grant. A submission would be sent to Denbighshire County Council for the reimbursement of 80% of the collective costs from the Welsh Government Covid-19 Town Centre Recovery Funding Grant. Further information on the process of distributing the publications was requested.

RESOLVED: *to approve the funding of printing costs for a town map publication and art trail guides*

and note that an invoice would be sent to Denbighshire County Council in respect to spend on all items funded (to 80%) through the Welsh Government Covid-19 Town Centre Recovery Funding Grant.

112. TIDY TOWN

The first Tidy Town event of 2022 was held on 26 February 2022 between 11.00 and 12.30. These events would be held monthly. Concerns were raised about the paving leading up to the Tom Pryce memorial, especially when wet. Members requested that the paving be jet washed and that a non-slip coating be added to the paved surface. It was also noted that the ramp outside The Old Courthouse could also benefit from being jet washed.

RESOLVED: *that the paving leading up to the Tom Pryce memorial be jet washed and a non-slip coating be added; and that the ramp outside The Old Courthouse be jet washed.*

113. PATHWAY ALONG THE A525 – RUTHIN TO LLANFAIR

Members considered correspondence received from Llanfair DC Community Council which sought support to sending another joint letter to Denbighshire County Council asking for the speed limit between Llanfair and Rhuthun to be reduced to 40mph for safety reasons, and to seek a representative of Ruthin Town Council to join a small group to look at alternative routes eg along the old railway path.

RESOLVED: *to support Llanfair DC Community Council in sending a joint letter to Denbighshire County Council seeking a reduction in the speed limit between Llanfair and Rhuthun to 40mph; and would put forward a representative of Ruthin Town Council to join a small group to look at alternative routes eg along the old railway path.*

114. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the date of the next meeting will be Monday 11 April 2022 at 7:30pm.*