

**CYNGOR TREF RHUTHUN
RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL**



Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held
on **Tuesday, 3 May 2022 at 7:30pm as a Hybrid meeting**
(in The Old Courthouse and via Zoom.)

PRESENT: Councillors Menna Jones (Chair), Anne Roberts, Stephen Beach, Gavin Harris, Heather Williams and Christine Ellis.

Also in attendance: Cllr Jabez Redfern Oakes, 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.

126. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Jim Bryan and Mike van der Eijk

127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Gavin Harris declared a presumptive personal declaration in item 5 (*minute 130*) as a candidate in the forthcoming County Council election.

128. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 11 April 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.*

129. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 123 – Cunning Green: The Clerk advised that contact was yet to be made with the County Council regarding issuing a statement about the current situation.

130. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

The Chairman advised Members that at its last meeting, the Town Council determined that the Amenities Committee give detailed consideration on how to appropriately acknowledge Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee and to decide on how Ruthin Town Council commemorated this historic event. Members were reminded that as part of the budget setting process, an additional allocation of £500 was identified for inclusion in the town festivities budget heading. It was acknowledged that individuals and communities in the town were planning to mark the Jubilee in different ways, including street parties and household gatherings. Denbighshire County Council would be hosting a Concert and Service in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday the 5th of June 2022 at St Asaph Cathedral. Arrangements were also being made for a Gymanfa Ganu in the town and church bells to be rung during the Jubilee weekend. An exhibition of photographs of the Queen would be held in the Cloisters of St Peter's Church from Monday 6 June.

Members considered the following suggestions as options by which Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee could be commemorated:

- (i) The purchase of appropriately named rose shrubs for care establishments in the town; namely: Ruthin Hospital, Trem y Feol, Abbeyfield, Llys Awelon, Llys Marchan, Trostant, Llys Erw, Tan y Castell
- (ii) The offer of a tree to the five school in the town (to be planted in the Autumn)

- (iii) Exterior lighting of Old Courthouse over Jubilee weekend (2 - 5 June) in an appropriate colourway; the Urdd colours would be used from 28 May to 1 June
- (iv) Digital display of pictures and memories by residents of the Queen at The Old Courthouse over Jubilee weekend (2 – 5 June)
- (v) A public book of commemoration to be available at The Old Courthouse over the Jubilee Weekend (2 – 5 June)

Following consideration, it was agreed to accept all the above suggested options to commemorate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. It was suggested that the trees to be offered to the schools be already established and possibly of the same variety.

RESOLVED: *That Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee be commemorated by:*

- (i) *The purchase of appropriately named rose shrubs for care establishments in the town; namely: The Hospital, Trem y Feol, Abbeyfield, Llys Awelon, Llys Marchan, Trostant, Llys Erw, Tan y Castell*
- (ii) *The offer of a tree to the five school in the town (to be planted in the Autumn)*
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131. TIDY TOWN

It was stated that a set date and time of 11.00a.m on the last Saturday of the month for Tidy Town provided a regular marker for attendees to attend sessions, and it was hoped that this monthly pattern would help encourage greater participation. Contact had been made with Denbighshire County Council to receive rubbish bags for use by Tidy Town.

RESOLVED: *to note the update on Tidy Town activities.*

132 CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY TASK GROUP

Councillors Heather Williams and Mike van der Eijk were the Town Council's lead members on the Task Group. It was suggested that three additional interested individuals be identified to join the Task Group and for tasks to be identified and action progressed. Councillor Williams stated that a meeting of the Task Group would be arranged and a progress report provided to the Amenities Committee in due course, possibly in the Autumn.

RESOLVED: *that the Task Group identify three additional individuals to join the Group and report back on progress in due course.*

133. MAINTENANCE OF FLORAL DISPLAY BASKETS

The Town Clerk advised Members, that in advance of the placement of the floral displays, it was opportune to undertake some maintenance of the floral baskets and to ensure that the wicking material was replaced in all baskets.

RESOLVED: *that maintenance works be undertaken of the floral display baskets, including the replacement of the wicking material.*

134. FALKLANDS CONFLICT 40th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

The Town Clerk informed Members of the planned commemoration service for the Falklands Conflict 40th Anniversary by the War Memorial on Wynnstay Road during Friday, 24 June 2022. Agreement was sought for a road closure notice application to be submitted by the Town Council for the appropriate time period during Friday, 24 June 2022 to enable the service of commemoration to take place. The Mayor would host invited attendees at The Old Courthouse following the service.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk contact Denbighshire County Council to seek a road closure for Wynnstay Road for an appropriate time period during Friday 24 June 2022 to enable the service of commemoration to take place.*

135. CHRISTMAS 2022 PREPARATIONS

Members considered the establishment of a small task and finish group to assist with determining preparations for Christmas 2022.

RESOLVED: *that a task and finish group be established to determine preparations for Christmas 2022 with the following members: Councillors Stephen Beach, Christine Ellis, Gavin Harris and Menna Jones.*

136. RUTHIN COACH FRIENDLY STATUS

The Town Council advised Members that arrangements had been made for a representative from the awarding body of the Coach Friendly Status Award to visit Ruthin in June. Ruthin's current Award status would be maintained. Councillors Anne Roberts and Heather Williams agreed to provide ongoing support and lead on Ruthin's Coach Friendly Status activity.

RESOLVED: *that Councillors Anne Roberts and Heather Williams provide ongoing support and lead on Ruthin's Coach Friendly Status activity; and it be noted that a representative from the awarding body of the Coach Friendly Status Award to visit Ruthin in June.*

137. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the date of the next meeting will be Monday 13 June 2022 at 7:30pm.*