

**CYNGOR TREF RHUTHUN
RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL**



[DRAFT] Minutes of the **Amenities Committee** meeting held in a hybrid approach on
Monday, 4 July 2022 at 7:50pm

PRESENT: Councillors Anne Roberts (Chairman), Stephen Beach, Oliver Bradley-Hughes, Christine Ellis, Gavin Harris, Menna Jones, Jabez Redfern Oakes, and Rachel Ryland

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

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

13. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 13 June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.*

14. MATTERS ARISING

None.

15. COACH FRIENDLY STATUS – REVIEW AND RENEWAL

The Chairman provided a verbal update on activities relating to the review and renewal of Ruthin Town's Coach Friendly Status. Phil Smith, a representative from the awarding body had met with the Chairman, Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk on 15 June 2022 following proactive contact by the Town Council. As a result of this meeting, and following an assessment of the town's offer and facilities, confirmation had been received that Ruthin Town's Coach Friendly status had been successfully renewed for a further three years to summer 2025.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Town Council write to Denbighshire County Council to advise them of Ruthin's successful renewal of the town's Coach Friendly Status and to instigate the process of creating a formal coach drop off point outside The Old Courthouse (hours to be agreed but 10a.m – 4.00p.m suggested as possible suitable hours, with a 10 minute time limit). The coach drop off point could also be used by taxis (drop off point only) and the new Fflecsi Bws service.

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16. STREET SCENE MEETING UPDATE

The Deputy Clerk provided a verbal update of a meeting held between team members of DCC's Street Scene team (Dylan Williams, John Andrew, Dylan Barnet), Cllr Gavin Harris, Town Clerk and

Deputy Town Clerk.

Dog-waste bins: Denbighshire County Council no longer replaced separate litter and dog-waste bins, instead provided multi-purpose bins. A survey of the bin provision throughout the town, would be undertaken to assess the current single bins and potential multi bin locations, which would deliver efficiencies of service and eliminate unnecessary street clutter. Once the survey had been completed a further conversation would be held with DCC to determine a scheme of works (removal and installation) together with potential financial contribution for bins and ongoing contribution to emptying costs.

Grass cutting. An initial discussion had been held to consider the current efficiencies of grass cutting responsibilities in the town given the input by Ruthin Town Council, Denbighshire County Council and others to different grassed areas of the town. Further consideration and options for discussion would be undertaken for the Autumn 2022.

RESOLVED: *to undertake a survey of the current and potential bin provision and subsequent consideration of associated financial matters; and to look into matters relating to grass cutting provision in the town.*

17. CIGARETTE LITTERING

A complaint about the amount of cigarette litter in the town, particularly outside Corbetts and The Fat Boar at On The Hill had been received. Cllr Jabez Redfern Oakes suggested, as the Town Council's representative on Pub Watch, he would contact all the licensed premises in town to discuss the issue and report back at the next Amenities committee meeting. The Committee agreed to this suggestion. It was additionally suggested that the Town Council consider supporting licensed premises in purchasing wall mounted cigarette bins; and that it be requested that new bins located in the town include metal ashtray on top.

RESOLVED: *that Cllr Jabez Oakes, as the Town Council's representative on Pub Watch, bring the matter of littering to the attention of all the licensed premises in the town; that consideration be given to supporting licensed premises in purchasing wall mounted cigarette bins; and that it be requested that new bins located in the town include metal ashtrays on top.*

18. COMMEMORATIVE BENCH

Cllr Gavin Harris provided a verbal update. Approval was in place for the five bench locations and the paperwork was being finalised. It was suggested that the next priority was to remove and replace the damaged benches.

RESOLVED: *Members noted the progress report provided.*

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the date of the next meeting will be Monday 12 September 2022 at 7:30pm.*