

**CYNGOR TREF RHUTHUN
RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL**



Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held
on **Monday, 11 April 2022 at 7:30pm as a Hybrid meeting**
(in The Old Courthouse and via Zoom.)

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

Also in attendance: Cllr Jabez Redfern Oakes, Siân Clark – Town Clerk and Marian Rees - Translator

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

115. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

117. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

118. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 112 Tidy Town: Four volunteers attended the most recent Tidy Town event; pre-covid 12/14 volunteers regularly attended. Consideration was given as to how more interest could be garnered with a suggestion of a treasure hunt which may appeal to families and school pupils'. The Clerk reported that contact had been made with Jeff Brimble to attend to the paving leading up to the Tom Pryce Memorial and the ramp leading up to The Old Courthouse. Further research would be undertaken to seek an appropriate non-slip coating for the paved surface

Minute 105 Flower Planters: Cllr Menna Jones and the Clerk had recently attended Derwen College, who had been awarded the contract for providing plants for 2022.

Minute 113 Pathway along the A525 - Ruthin to Llanfair DC: Following the last meeting, Cllr Gavin Harris had agreed to be *Ruthin Town Council's representative on the group to look at alternative routes eg along the old railway path.*

119. FREE PARKING DAYS

Members considered the allocation of the five free parking days in Denbighshire County Council car parks in the town for 2022 and recommended that the following dates be approved by Town Council at its next meeting: Saturday 2 July 2022 (Ruthin Festival); Saturday 10 September 2022 (Open Doors), and Saturday 3, 10 and 17 December 2022.

RESOLVED: *to recommend that the Town Council determines: Saturday 2 July 2022 (Ruthin Festival); Saturday 10 September 2022 (Open Doors), and Saturday 3, 10 and 17 December 2022 as free parking days in Denbighshire County Council car parks in the town for 2022.*

120. PRUNING OF TREES ON ST PETER'S SQUARE

Members considered the advice provided by Dr. Peter Spencer, Cambrian Woodland Services, regarding pruning the trees on St Peter's Square and accepted the quotation of £350 plus VAT provided for the works.

RESOLVED: *to accept the advice and price of £350 plus VAT for pruning the trees on St Peter's Square by Cambrian Woodland Services.*

121 PARKING ON HAULFRYN ESTATE

A site visit was held on 5 April 2022 between Clls Beach, Roberts and Williams together with the three Local County Councillors and relevant Denbighshire County Council officers at the location of the Haulfryn garages; the Town Clerk also attended. The purpose of the site meeting was to discuss options to help alleviate residents' concerns about parking, including the possible replacement of the current garages with a car park including the infrastructure for electric charging points. Denbighshire County Council Officers had agreed to progress and to undertake a public consultation on the proposals following the Easter break.

RESOLVED: *to note the action taken to alleviate the parking concerns on Haulfryn Estate.*

122. APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT – PUBLIC BENCHES

Members received an update on the application process for a permit for new three public benches in the town. The original application made in July 2021, which had not been processed by the County Council, had been revised to include the memorial bench (as previously agreed by the Committee). A response from the County Council was awaited. Clarification was provided that the location of the bench on Well Street, outside of the NFU building, did meet siting regulations. Members expressed the view that as some of the benches around the town were in a state of disrepair, they needed to be attended to. Work to complete the condition report and map of benches would be undertaken.

RESOLVED: *that works would be undertaken to repair the benches and that the condition report and map of benches would be completed.*

123. CUNNING GREEN

The Clerk shared the latest response from Denbighshire County Council..

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk contact Denbighshire County Council requesting a formal public statement on the current situation.*

124. RUTHIN COACH FRIENDLY STATUS

The Clerk advised the Committee, given that Ruthin's Coach Friendly Status was subject to a three-year renewal, contact had been made with the awarding authority and a meeting was to be held, on line, within the week. Town Councillors expressed the view that it was a necessity that a coach drop off point be created outside The Old Courthouse

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk update Members on the outcome of the meeting with the awarding authority.*

125. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *that the date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 3 May 2022 at 7:30pm.*