

CYNGOR TREF RHUTHUN RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of **RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL**

Held at The Old Courthouse and via Zoom video conferencing on Monday, 23 January 2023 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Menna Jones (Mayor),
Councillors Anne Roberts, Heather Williams, Jabez Oakes, Ian Lewney,
Stephen Beach, Christine Ellis, Rosie Hughes-Anderson, Rachel Ryland,
Dafydd Hughes, Lisa Thomas, Gavin Harris, Peter Daniels and Mike van
der Eijk.
County Councillors Bobby Feeley, Emrys Wynne and Huw Hilditch-
Roberts.

IN ATTENDANCE: Iolo Williams – Ruthin Town Clerk
Kate Harcus – Deputy Town Clerk and Manager of The Old Courthouse
Marian Rees – Translator

1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Mayor Councillor Menna Jones welcomed councillors and observers welcoming the Announcement that the projects in Ruthin had been successful in obtaining grants from the Levelling Up fund. She introduced Iolo Williams, the new Town Clerk, to his first Full Council Meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor Oliver Bradley Hughes

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- No declarations of interest were noted

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The report as circulated prior to the meeting, which outlined the Mayor's activities and events since the previous Town Council meeting in December 2022 was noted.

RESOLVED: to note the content of the Mayor's Report.

4. **MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Members considered the Members' Reports as circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED: to note the content of the Member's Reports.

5. **RUTHIN COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The report of the Ruthin County Councillors as circulated was noted. The announcement regarding the Levelling up had been made after the report was submitted and the news was welcomed with discussion held until the later agenda item.

The County councillors updated the meeting following a site meeting regarding the Cuning Green path The section of wall had been identified as being a risk and works scheduled to deal with the issues but unfortunately the wall had collapsed before this work could be undertaken. Work is to commence to clear the path as soon as possible prior to the main work of repairing the wall.

Street lighting at Canol y Dre was raised and Denbighshire were reminding the Trunk Road

agency as the issue had been raised previously.

RESOLVED: to note the content of the Ruthin County Councillors report.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2022 be confirmed as a correct record. .

7. MATTERS ARISING

There were no Matters Arising.

8. MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2023. One required change was highlighted

RESOLVED: to receive the minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 16 January 2023.

9. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2023.

RESOLVED: to receive the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on 16 January 2023.

10. MINUTES OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2023.

RESOLVED: to receive the minutes of The Old Courthouse Management Committee held on 16 January 2023.

11. UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM

As a new Sergeant to take over from Sgt Richard Evans has not yet been appointed, a verbal update was given by Sergeant Martin Jones to Councillor Anne Roberts. There were no major issues to report

RESOLVED: the verbal update was noted.

12. LEVELLING UP BID – UPDATES REGARDING THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT TO INCLUDE AS BELOW:

The Mayor then introduced next item of the Levelling up bid success. The success of the bid was welcomed by all and the Mayor expressed her thanks on behalf of the council to all the partners involved in the bid

Councillor Gavin Harris proposed a social setting event for partners, officers and members involved in the bid to get together in preparation for the work ahead to deliver the projects funded.

RESOLVED: it was decided that this event would be supported by the council and should occur as soon as possible.

13. DAVID JONES MP

Clwyd West MP David Jones joined the meeting via Zoom.

He updated the members on his early discussions with DCC reminding them that they had two years to complete the work on the projects. He has their commitment to an early contact and consultation with the bid partners whilst they establish a project management framework. He thanked the council and all involved for what had been achieved and reiterated his support to complete the projects which he stated are Transformational for Ruthin and pledged to work

towards maximising the value of the award with all the partners.

RESOLVED: David Jones MP offered his continued support to deliver the projects funded via the fund

14. CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE

You tube link to Ruthin Repair Café which is being publicised by Friends of the Earth.
(Paste link here)

Councillors Mike van der Eijk and Heather Williams explained the Repair café was receiving national attention and that locally Friends of the Earth were seeing an increase in membership and participation.

A recent meeting with Mark Ellis had highlighted waste disposal ideas which they hoped to explore further.

Members were reminded that there was a Thermal imaging Camera available in Ruthin held by Friends of the Earth. It is for the residents to request a survey to identify possible sources of heat loss within their homes and emissions which harm the environment. The benefits are both to the environment and peoples' pockets in this time of cost of living rises.

RESOLVED: Members were asked to view the video from Friends of the Earth. Also to publicise the Thermal Imaging Camera

15. BUDGET FOR 2023-24 FINANCIAL YEAR

It was proposed that a Financial Subcommittee be established to set the budget and precept
Members of the committee would be

Gavin Harris Jabez Oakes, Anne Roberts, Peter Daniels, Mike Van der Eijk, Menna Jones the Mayor, with support from clerk and deputy clerk.

It was proposed to meet next week and that relevant information be requested from DCC and that committee would present findings to the full council

RESOLVED: To discuss the budget and precept at the Finance Sub-committee

190. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Members received the financial statement for the period ending 31 December 2022.

RESOLVED: The issue was raised that some sections were missing estimates from the figures supplied by the accountants and this would be looked at for future statements. It was further resolved to accept the financial statement of the period ending 31 December 2022.

191. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that payment of the following items be approved.

Councillor Menna Jones	Reimbursement of Mayor's Christmas comforts	*	£58.59
Marian Rees	Translation services for meetings	*	£270
Marian Rees	Translation services for interviews	*	£90
Snowdonia Fire & Security	Service Fire Alarm and Fire extinguisher		£261.96
Total Energies	Gas standing charge		£66.08

Microsoft	To reimburse Sian Clark for regular subscription	*	£18.96
Canda Copying	Rental of copier	*	£41.90
Denbighshire County Council	Christmas Lights		£5422.25
Fineline	To supply card	*	£14.40

192. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: *to confirm the date of the next ordinary meeting will be Monday, 20 February 2023 at 7pm.*