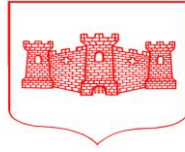


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Council Meeting 17 July 2023 Draft Minutes

1. Mayor's Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Mayor's welcome included congratulations to the following
Ruthin Festival Committee on another successful week
Sion Yaxley on becoming Celtic and IBO continental boxing champion
Freya Bailey for being picked for the Wales -14 wheelchair basketball

She reminded councillors of the levelling up event tomorrow at the Gaol
She also wished year six school leavers well on their change to secondary school and she wished school leavers well on their way to pastures new.
She made two announcements of forthcoming events
25th August an evening of entertainment and buffet at Ruthin School
Cheese and wine 29th September at Ruthin Gaol.

There were no apologies for absence

In attendance were : Councillors Anne Roberts, Jabez Redfern Oakes, Heather Williams, Menna Jones, Gavin Harris, Christine Ellis, Lisa Thomas, Stephen Beach, Mike Van der Eijk, Peter Daniels, Dafydd Hughes, Rachel Ryland, Rosie Hughes- Anderson
The Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Translator

2. **Declarations of Interest** – Disclosures of personal and pecuniary interest in items of Business listed below - The following declared an interest in item 14 Anne Roberts, Menna Jones, Heather Williams, Peter Daniels and Stephen Beach.
3. **Mayor's Report** – To note the Mayor's report on recent activities The Mayor's Report was accepted and noted
4. **Members' Reports** – To note Members' Reports The Members reports were accepted and noted
5. **Ruthin County Councillors' Report** – To note the Ruthin County Councillors' Report There was a verbal report from Councillor Emrys Wynne Roman artefacts found during the work on Nantclwyd y dre wall as part of the cunning green walls issue. There will be consultation on the sites for the Local Development plan in the Autumn. There had been a successful walkabout at Cae Ddol to see the works planned under the LUF
Councillor Huw Hilditch Roberts stated that 2024 is one of the biggest challenges being faced by LA the local members are wanting to ensure services are still available and DCC decisions are made with Ruthin in mind and not just the north of the county
6. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting** – To receive and confirm as correct the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 19 June 2023 RESOLVED to accept the minutes

7. **Matters Arising – there were no matters arising**
8. **Minutes of the Amenities Committee** – To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2023 – RESOLVED to accept the minutes
9. **Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee** – To receive the minutes of the meeting held on the 3 July 2023 – Resolved to accept the minutes
10. **To Receive an update following the Old Courthouse Meeting on 3 July 2023** - update from Councillor Gavin Harris who wants a meeting in around two weeks to finalise plans for the completion works for the capital grant programme
11. **To Approve the first list of Policies prepared by Deputy Mayor Councillor Jabez Redfern Oakes and the General Purposes, Planning and Finance Committee – RESOLVEC to approve** the policies and Deputy Mayor Councillor Jabez Redfern Oakes thanked all involved in drafting the policies and Marian for prompt translations and Clerk and deputy clerk for support work
12. **To discuss the applications for the Town Council Vacancy – Three Applications had been received and councillors chose to co-opt Darren Jones**
13. **To Discuss the representation of Ruthin Town Council on External Bodies – A list of known external bodies which have Town Council representation was circulated and the clerk tasked to contact these bodies to check if the representation was still required**

14. **To discuss Applications for Financial Assistance from the Following organisations – Ruthin and District Civic Association, Ruthin Flower Show and Ruthin Cricket Club**

A RADCA discussion that event provided benefit to town in terms of visitor numbers on the day

B Ruthin Show – Councillors felt form had been answered incorrectly but organisation had to prove sustainability moving forward but granted £1000

C Ruthin cricket club majority of claim did not meet criteria the request for balls was difficult to support as was kit the request for bins was supported £450

15. **To discuss an offer to Sponsor the Town Christmas Tree** = offer to sponsor Christmas tree – councillors wanted to publicise the opportunity to sponsor festivities and allow other companies to participate
16. **To receive an update from Councillor Gavin Harris regarding the Levelling Up Projects** - levelling up update, Councillor Gavin Harris had a recent meeting and wanted a working session to coordinate and give confidence to any response to proposals from Denbighshire County Council
17. **To Receive an update form Councillor Gavin Harris regarding the Velodrome project** - Gavin delivered a prepared communication, the project is moving to value engineering due to the costs of the development to maximise sporting benefits to the school with a MUGA and football pitches a recent meeting was attended by the CEO of welsh cycling the project cost stands at £2m based on 2019 building costs budget and DLL working with DCC through planning to deliver the project

18 Financial Statements – To Receive and Approve the financial statement for the period ending 30 June 2023 – RESOLVED to approve the financial statement

19 Accounts for Payment -To approve payment of the items listed separately = The accounts for payment were approved and Councillor Jabez Redfern Oakes had received a complaint regarding one of the Council contracts which he wants to discuss

20. Date of Next Meeting – To arrange a date for the Emergency Powers Committee to deal with planning and Financial matters during the recess. And also to confirm the date of the next Ordinary meeting of the Town Council will be on the 25 September 2023 – Date of next ordinary meeting set for 25 September 2023