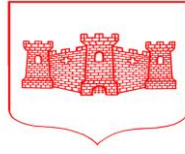


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## **Draft Minutes Full Council Meeting 25 September 2023**

### 1. Mayor's Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Welcome Cllr Anne Roberts offered the Council's sympathies to the family, friends and colleagues of Councillor Peter Prendergast Chair of Denbighshire County Council and member of Rhyl Town Council. Mia Johnson a year 8 pupil at Ysgol Brynhyfryd for her recent athletics achievements Apologies received from Cllrs Stephen Beach and Rachel Ryland who both hoped to join the meeting via zoom.

Present were Councillors Anne Roberts, Jabez Redfern Oakes, Christine Ellis, Menna Jones, Heather Williams, Gavin Harris, Lisa Thomas, Peter Daniels, Mike Van der Eijk, Rosie Hughes- Anderson, Dafydd Hughes and Darren Jones.

### 2. Declarations of Interest – Disclosures of personal and pecuniary interest in items of Business listed below. Item 17 from Dafydd Hughes who is an employee of Natural Resources Wales

### 3. Mayor's Report – To note the Mayor's report on recent activities

**RESOLVED TO ACCEPT THE MAYOR'S REPORT**

### 4. Members' Reports – To note Members' Reports

**RESOLVED TO NOTE THE MEMBERS REPORTS** – there were additional reports from Heather Williams who had attended a meeting of the Environmental alliance – given this group's lobbying aims it was felt that this wasn't a suitable group for RTC representation Councillor Gavin Harris had proposed a different format to the reports template being trialled this month and had used a google document link which hadn't worked as anticipated so Clerk or Deputy Clerk didn't receive notification of the document being created or completed – Clerk to investigate with our IT support provider

### 5. Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting – To receive and confirm as correct the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 17 July 2023

RESOLVED TO accept the minutes as a true record of previous meeting

6. Matters Arising – There were no matters arising

7. Minutes of the Amenities Committee – To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2023 RESOLVED TO accept the minutes as a true record

8. Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee – To receive the minutes of the meeting held on the 11 September 2023 RESOLVED TO accept the minutes as a true record

9. To Appoint by co-option a Councillor to fill the vacancy – There are two applicants

Councillors had been circulated the applications of both applicants Jim Bryan and Richard Cowell. Both candidates were present and left the room as councillors voted. Councillor Stephen Beach voted via the zoom link and councillor Rachel Ryland voted by telephone in a conference call with the Clerk and Translator. The result of the co-option was 8 votes for Jim Bryan and 6 for Richard Cowell Councillor Jim Bryan was welcomed to the Council and the clerk reminded councillors that councillor Darren Jones had also made his declaration of acceptance as a councillor in the presence of the clerk and deputy mayor

10. To appoint representatives of Ruthin Town Council to External Bodies who have expressed their wish for this representation to begin or continue

Councillors were presented with the list of organisations who had expressed a wish for RTC representation. The list will be circulated with the next agenda

11. To receive an update on the War Memorial project and make plans for Remembrance Sunday should work not be completed in time. The council were updated by Rob Price and the clerk on the works – since the last update the appointed contractor had pulled out and another contractor had been approached who honoured their quoted from September 2022 and works scheduled to begin 25/09 were expected to be completed to allow a safe ceremony to be conducted – in the past week both the clerk and Rob Price had reassured a local resident that works would be completed in a respectful manner mindful of the pride the town had in the memorial

12. TO discuss liabilities involving the Town Clock following the recent power issue which has caused erratic timekeeping. The Council had been made aware of the recent incident involve the Town Clock. Historically the town council has contributed towards the

maintenance but since Denbighshire County Council have now taken ownership of the clock it was felt that the responsibility fell with DCC - resolved that the clerk write to DCC offering contact details of clocksmiths who have repaired the clock in the past – Also Cllr Emrys Wynne would raise the issue with DCC assets.

13. The quotation to repair the Mayor's Chain and add a collar to protect the chain and make it more usable for the wearer has been received and circulated. Repairs to be discussed.

**RESOLVED TO AUTHORISE THE REPAIRS AND ADD THE COLLAR TO PROTECT THE CHAIN AND THE WEARER.**

14. To discuss interim arrangements for the Financial Grants scheme prior to the full launch of the revised scheme in the 2024-25 Financial Year - Councillor Redfern Oakes explained the reasoning to extend the current proposed application window to be extended till the end of October to allow potential claimants a chance to apply there after the policy would revert to funding windows of April and October. **RESOLVED TO PUBLICISE THE FUNDING WINDOW WOULD BE OPEN UNTIL 31 OCTOBER** once updated forms and guidance were available

15. To authorise the Clerk to defer payment of the Financial application made by the cricket club pending clarification from Welsh Government that the new Waste Regulations will not affect the implementation of the provision requested. - information of a new waste regulation law introduced by Welsh Government had been received so the meeting authorized the clerk to work with the cricket club to consider an alternative which complied with the new law

16. To receive a brief verbal update from Councillor Gavin Harris regarding the Ruthin Future events. Councillor Harris gave an update regarding the Ruthin Future events which were continuing.

17. To discuss a Motion from Councillor Dafydd Hughes

I'd like to hold an event at Yr Hen Lys so we can give advice and guidance to town residents on how to protect their properties from floodwater. I have spoke with Natural Resources Wales and they would send over representatives and we'd invite DCC representatives as well. – councillors agreed that this is a proposal we as a town council can support – The clerk reminded councillors from his previous role in Emergency Planning that what was being proposed falls within the remit of NRW to warn and inform and we should be careful before taking on that responsibility Councillor Emrys Wynne offered to work with Councillor Dafydd Hughes promote this event .

18 Financial Statements – To Receive and Approve the financial statement for the period ending 31 August 2023 RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

19 Accounts for Payment -To approve payment of the items listed separately RESOLVED TO APPROVE PAYMENTS

20. Date of Next Meeting – To confirm the date of the next Ordinary meeting of the Town Council will be on the 23 October 2023 and to receive the meeting dates for 2024.  
RESOLVED TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND THE DATES OF 2024 MEETINGS WITH CIVIC SUNDAY DATE TO BE ADDED