

**CYNGOR TREF RHUTHUN
RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL**



(DRAFT) Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of **RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL**
Held at The Old Courthouse and via Zoom video conferencing on Monday, 24 April 2023 at
7:00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Menna Jones (Mayor),
Councillors Anne Roberts, Stephen Beach, Christine Ellis, , Lisa Thomas,
Gavin Harris, Peter Daniels, Heather Williams, Oliver Bradley-Hughes,
and Mike van der Eijk.
County Councillor, Emrys Wynne

IN ATTENDANCE: Iolo Williams – 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.

The mayor was pleased to announce that it isn't only her that thinks that Ruthin is the best place to live in Wales and that the Sunday Times agrees with her.

She quoted from poets who had written on the subject of Ruthin being the best place to live in Wales namely Dylan Phillips and Arwel Emlyn.

She recently visited the Parkrun and was pleased to see the amount of participants at the event

On another award for Ruthin the Artisan Markets CIC had been awarded Architectural Heritage fund money to develop its plans for the building

She congratulated Brenda Roberts on winning her third Gold medal at the World Transplant Games.

The Mayor announced the death of former Mayor Gruff Hughes who had served the town as a councillor and through his involvement in Y Bedol and the Ruthin Festival. The Councillors stood and joined her in a silent mark of respect to him.

Apologies had been received from Councillors Rachel Ryland, Dafydd Hughes and Jabez Redfern Oakes

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 March and April 2023 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. The Mayor thanked the Councillors for their reports.

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

5. RUTHIN COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillors report circulated Cllr Emrys Wynne didn't include the Levelling Up Project Team meeting as he thought Cllr Gavin Harris would speak. The Cllrs had attended an internal workshop of the LDP and believed the Town council would be invited to an external one. Mention was made of reinstating the County cllrs meeting with Mayor and Deputy. Clerk to arrange

RESOLVED: To note the County Councillors Report

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023 be confirmed as a correct record. .

7. MATTERS ARISING - Tom Pryce Memorial - Clerk updated that waiting for written report from Vallance
Volunteers exhibition going ahead to open Saturday during bore goffi.

8. MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2023.

RESOLVED: to receive the minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 3 April 2023.

9. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2023.

RESOLVED: to receive the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on 3 April 2023.

10. MINUTES OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Gavin Harris wants to Turn toc committee into a working group under the governance and scrutiny of Town Council he was asked to make a written submission to the Councillors

RESOLVED: to receive the written proposal from Councillor Harris

11. Annual Report 2021-22 – Clerk to liaise directly with Councillor Heather Williams and would receive any amendments from Councillors

12. Data Protection Fee - The Information Commissioner's Office has issued a Renewal Notice for our Data Protection Annual Fee

***Update Clerk paid via annual direct debit and received a £5 discount**

13. Applications for Town Council Financial Assistance

War Memorial discussed and funding agreed – project cost £40,000 with £30,00 in funding from CADW AND WINDFARM and £5500 given to council in will was agreed to be allocated with the remainder of funds in contingency to come from council budget

Similarly grant application from Ruthin Festival discussed and approved – a question was raised about restricted funds in the spreadsheet accompanying the application – the clerk was able to receive an explanation from the applicant as funds had been paid by the windfarm and not wholly spent.

14. Financial Statements – To Receive and Approve the financial statement for the period ending 31 March 2023

15. Accounts for Payment -Payment of the items listed separately approved

16. Date of Next Meeting – It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Town Council would be the Annual General Meeting Monday 15 May 2023 followed by the Ordinary Meeting on the 22 May 2023