

Cofnodion DRAFFT **Cyfarfod Arferol CYNGOR TREF RHUTHUN** a gynhaliwyd yn Yr Hen Lys nos Lun, **22 Mai 2023** am **7.00p.m.**  
DRAFT Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of **RHUTHUN TOWN COUNCIL** held at The Old Courthouse on Monday, **22 May 2023** at **7.00p.m.**

**PRESENNOL /PRESENT** : Cynghorydd / Councillor Menna Jones (Mayor), Cynghorwyr Councillors Anne Roberts Deputy Mayor and Mayor Elect, Jabez Redfern Oakes Deputy Mayor Elect, Stephen Beach, Christine Ellis, Lisa Thomas, Peter Daniels, Heather Williams, Rachel Ryland, Ian Lewney, Dafydd Hughes and Mike van der Eijk. County Councillors, Emrys Wynne, Huw Hilditch- Roberts, Bobby Feely Iolo Williams – Clerc y Dref/ Town Clerk Marian Rees – Cyfieithydd / Translator Aelodau o'r cyhoedd mewn person a trwy'r linc I Facebook/ Members of the Public present in Person and via Facebook

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

The Mayor passed condolences to Cllr Peter Daniels and his family over the death of his Mother in Law. She explained that Stephen Beach had been taken to hospital this afternoon and wished him a speedy recovery. Congratulations went to Ruthin Rugby Club's -16 team who won the North Wales Plate

#### Change to agenda ITEM 11 Report from Local Policing Team

PCSO David Jones addressed councillors updating them on events brought to Police attention

There have been complaints about boy racers and he reminded councillors of a need to obtain evidence either from a camera phones or multiple witnesses before reporting incidents. As part of approach Special Constables would be targeting area with speed cameras. Issues around Lon Fawr discussed with youngsters playing rugby and football at weekends and speeding drivers where 30 to National speed limit applies. Councillors also mentioned a male reported to be approaching members of the public close to cashpoints and more information would be passed to the police. Mention was made of recent damage at St Peter's church enquiries continuing with CCTV footage. There was also mention of the damage to the Market Street Toilets Finally there was talk of graffiti at Cae Ddol park, the police would look to patrol and monitor the situation The council would also produce a statement to encourage reporting of graffiti and asb and to remind members of the public that facilities have been provided by community initiatives to improve the park for all.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Oliver Bradley Hughes, Ian Lewney and Stephen Beach -Cllr Christine Ellis joining via Zoom

2. **Declarations of Interest** – Disclosures of personal and pecuniary interest in items of Business listed below Cllrs Gavin Harris and Jabez Redfern Oaks declared an interest in item
- 3 **Mayor's Report** – To note the Mayor's report on recent activities Mayor's report was noted
- 4 **Members' Reports** – To note Members' Reports – The Mayor thanked councillors for their reports

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**5Ruthin County Councillors' Report** – To note the Ruthin County Councillors' Report – no report received and no councillors present but Cllr Huw Hilditch Roberts had sent apologies due to being in an earlier meeting

- 6 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** -To receive and confirm as correct the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 15 May 2023 The Minutes were approved proposed by Jabez Redfern Oakes and seconded by Maïke Van der Eijk
- 7 Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting** – To receive and confirm as correct the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 24 April 2023 There was a correction as the poet referred to was Dyfan not Dylan
- 8 Matters Arising – The written proposal was still expected from Cllr Gavin Harris**
- 9 Minutes of the Amenities Committee** – To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2023 The minutes were accepted with further information received regarding dog fouling and clerk continuing conversation with DCC
- 10 Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee** – To receive the minutes of the meeting held on the 9 May 2023 – the minutes of the committee were accepted

**12 Proposal introduced by Deputy Mayor CLLR Jabez Redfern Oakes**

*For the Council under Standing Order 39 to change the name of the "Planning and Development Committee" to the "Planning, Finances and General Purposes Committee". For the sub-committees "Document Scrutiny", "Human Resources" and "Finances" to cease. For the Terms of Reference of this new committee to include such terms which takes on the functions of the aforementioned sub-committees.*

with an amendment proposed from Cllr Gavin Harris regarding the naming of the Committee to be the General Purposes Planning and Finance Committee. It was suggested that The Old Courthouse committee work fall into main committees with individual projects delegated to a task and finish group. The clerk to write to Fiona Gale to explain situation and thank her for her work but also inform her that she could still participate at council and working group levels where her experience is much appreciated. The clerk has had a face to face meeting with Fiona and explained changes but that her experience and input were still very much valued and hopefully she would still engage in the task and finish groups when required. Peter recorded his thanks to Jabez for the proposal.

**13-** To Consider the membership of the main committees – Of the Councillors present

**General Purposes, Planning and Finance** – Cllrs Anne Roberts, Jabez Redfern Oakes, Peter Daniles, Heather Williams, Menna Jones and Dafydd Hughes

**Amenities** – Cllrs Anne Roberts, Jabez Redfern Oakes, Mike Van der Eijk, Gavin Harris, Lisa Thomas, Christine Ellis and Stephen Beach.

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It was agreed that voting in committees would be restricted to the nominated councillors but that councillors were welcome to attend the other committee

14 To discuss a request for financial assistance first discussed at Amenities Committee – This project to support the Capital works on the clock had been discussed at Amenities Committee and was recommended for acceptance.

15 To discuss a paper prepared by Deputy Clerk/ The Old Courthouse Manager regarding a Premises Licence – Councillors agreed to discuss this paper at the next meeting when the Deputy clerk was available.

**16 Financial Statements** – To Receive and Approve the financial statement for the period ending 31 May 2023 The statement hadn't been received in time for the meeting

**17. Accounts for Payment** -To approve payment of the items listed separately – The accounts for payment were approved – councillors questioned the items relating to the new Internet installation and these were explained by the clerk

**18. Date of Next Meeting** – To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council will be the Ordinary Meeting on the 19 June 2023

**Additional Agenda Items These items were not available when the agenda was circulated**

Councillor Oliver Bradley-Hughes has indicated his wish to resign , the clerk was seeking approval to commence the process for selecting a new councillor to take his place – Approval given and clerk would commence the process in collaboration with DCC

Cllr Gavin Harris requesting items for Tidy towns team – Handihoop bag openers x10 and a litter cart total £258.39 – This expenditure was approved with cllr harris not voting

A notice received from DCC for consultation of the partial moving of footpath 13m cllrs were requested to view the document and clerk will collate responses.

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