

**CYNGOR TREF RHUTHUN  
RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL**



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(DRAFT) Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of **RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL**  
Held at The Old Courthouse and via Zoom video conferencing on Monday, 20 February 2023  
at 7:00pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Menna Jones (Mayor),  
Councillors Anne Roberts, Heather Williams, , Ian Lewney, Stephen  
Beach, Christine Ellis, Rosie Hughes-Anderson, Rachel Ryland, , Lisa  
Thomas, Gavin Harris, Peter Daniels and Mike van der Eijk.  
County Councillor, Emrys Wynne via Zoom

**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. She welcomed new business ventures to Ruthin as two cafes had recently opened and reported the award given to Ruthin Artisan Market. Apologies were received from Councillor Oliver Bradley Hughes, Jabez Oakes and Dafydd Hughes. Apologies also received from County Councillors Bobby Feeley and Huw Hilditch-Roberts

**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 January 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**

The report of the Ruthin County Councillors as circulated was noted.

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

**12. In a Change to the order Officers PC Richard Llewellyn and Sergeant Catherine Hampson Provided Councillors with an update. There are no clear Crime Patterns or trends for Ruthin at present. There is a problem with nuisance driving and there were Operations in place to deal with the problem. In the wider area issues have been**

*reported regarding the theft of quadbikes from rural locations.*

**6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING**

*RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2023 be confirmed as a correct record. .*

**7. MATTERS ARISING**

Mayor announced that following the previous Council meeting the precept had been set at 2.9% and although it means the council will have to dip in to reserves she hopes this showed the people of Ruthin that the council are sympathetic at this time of cost of living crisis.

**8. MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2023.

*RESOLVED: to receive the minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 6 February 2023.*

**9. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2023.

*RESOLVED: to receive the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on 6 February 2023.*

**10. MINUTES OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2023.

*RESOLVED: to receive the minutes of The Old Courthouse Management Committee held on 7 February 2023.*

**11. LEVELLING UP FUND - UPDATE**

The Offer by David Jones MP was discussed and members proposed Cllr Gavin Harris to be the RTC representative supported by the clerk. Cllr Harries also requested another cllr to join him on the Velodrome committee and Cllr Anne Roberts volunteered and the decision was reserved until following meeting to allow others to express their interest

**13. Request from Llanfwrog CIO for Town Councillor to join trustees.** Cllrs worried about potential conflicts of interest but clerk has been in conversation with the charity to explore options if councillor wished to get involved. Interested councillors were requested to contact the clerk or pass on details to other interested residents of Ruthin.

**14. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Members received the financial statement for the period ending 31 January 2023.

*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 January 2023.*

**15. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED:** that payment of the following items be approved.

| <b>From</b>       | <b>Sub Total</b> | <b>V.A.T.</b> | <b>Total Amount</b> | <b>Notes</b>                  |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| TOTAL<br>Energies | £62.93           | £3.15         | £66.08              | Gas supply                    |
| Marian<br>Rees    | £405.00          | £81.00        | £486.00             | Translation and<br>Assistance |
| Marian<br>Rees    | £75.00           | £15.00        | £90.00              | Translation 23<br>January     |
| Leonardo's        | £162.50          |               | £162.50             | Catering<br>Services          |
| Canda<br>Copying  | £64.00           | £12.80        | £76.80              | Copier usage                  |
|                   | £769.43          | £111.95       | £881.38             |                               |
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**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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