



Minutes of the meeting of Rhuddlan Town Council held at Community Centre, Parliament Street, Rhuddlan on Thursday 9th July 2015 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr A Roberts (Mayor in the Chair), Cllr W R Davies, Cllr G Rowlands, Cllr G Williams, Cllr M Kermode, Cllr S King, Cllr J Burnham , Cllr A Smith, Town Clerk.

One member of public was present.

45 APOLOGIES: Cllr J A Davies, Cllr Rafferty.

46 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS : None

47 POLICE MATTERS: Verbal report read by Town clerk in the absence of Police presence.

'Reported incidents June / July in Rhuddlan.

14/06/15 – Theft of laptop from within dwelling . Incident filed pending further information

16/06/15 – Assault. Persons charged.

20/06/15 – ASB personal. Dispute between neighbours. Advice given.

23/06/15(Occurred anytime between 19/06/15 – 23/06/15) – Theft of pipes A5151. Enquiries ongoing.

23/06/15 – ASB personal. Neighbourhood dispute

26/06/15 – Theft of trailer – Enquiries ongoing

26/06/15 – Assault . Offender issued with caution.

02/07/15 – Theft of pedal cycle – Enquiries ongoing'

Additionally, it was highlighted that planters had been vandalised and the Town Clerk advised that this had been brought to the Council's attention via a letter from Rhuddlan Community Group expressing concern re CCTV coverage. It was decided that this would be discussed under Agenda No 5.

48 UPDATE FROM DCC REPRESENTATIVES RE RHUDDLAN LIBRARY

Jamie Groves from DCC Library Services was invited to attend. The intention is to make it a Community Library. The funding from RTC to support the Library would be in the region of £10k - £12k per annum. RTC agreed that in principle it was acceptable up to a maximum of £12k. A working party will be set up.

49 PRESENTATION FROM DCC REPRESENTATIVES RE CCTV

Graham Boase from DCC attended the meeting at the request of the Town Council. He explained that DCC manage, operate and fund a CCTV system in Rhyl, Prestatyn and Rhuddlan. The budget is

currently £230k but they need to reduce this by £200k. A working party has been established and the Mayor and Cllr Ann Davies represent Rhuddlan. The proposal is that RTC and DCC form a partnership for an initial 12 month period with RTC contributing £3,500 towards the cost of the system and in return DCC will replace any cameras which are not working at present. DCC would like an indication from RTC as to their thoughts on this proposal in September if possible.

50 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of 11th and 25th June were agreed and signed by the Mayor.

No further advice had been received on the issues re grass cutting in the Cemetery.

Town Clerk to send another copy of the letter re Princes Rd to Cllr King.

Play Area – not all equipment had been received – Town Clerk to add these to the Zurich Insurance policy

Remembrance Service – Town Clerk and Cllr Smith to arrange a meeting to discuss.

51 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor read a letter of resignation from Cllr S Rafferty. The Mayor and the Councillors expressed their sadness but also appreciated the contribution that Cllr Rafferty had made to the Council during his 16 years of service to the Town.

52 CORRESPONDENCE

From the Mayor:-

Update received from Jim Hall, Senior Bridge Engineer DCC on 3rd July re Rhuddlan Bypass Viaduct. DCC are in touch with the 'joint suppliers' and will update once more information is known and write a press statement to explain the reason for the lane closure on the Ancient Bridge. In response to which, Jim Hall was invited to the meeting with a further update. He advised that there was a lot of corrosion and it may be necessary to close the bridge for a week whilst the work was being carried out. 4 or 5 of the 15 joints need to be replaced. It was suggested that if closure was necessary, it might be appropriate to consider Autumn half term week in order to minimise disruption.

The Mayor advised that he had attended the following events:-

Opening of Rhuddlan Carnival

Castell Beat

Scout visit – they had supported Gwledd Rhuddlan

Mayor of Denbigh Sunday Service

Pengwern College Achievers event at Kinmel Manor Hotel.

From the Town clerk:-

Letter received from the Bible Secretary of Gideons, Clwyd Branch wishing to present a Bible to the Mayor. It was agreed to invite them to the Sept meeting and to request a bible in Welsh.

Cllr Kermode and Cllr Jones agreed to attend the meeting of North Wales and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils.

Rhuddlan Environment Group's entry into Wales in Bloom to be judged on 3rd July

Letter from Rhuddlan Community Group re CCTV referred to, as had previously been referred to in police report and CCTV discussions.

Site visit to 6 Grove Terrace to be held on 10 July. The Mayor, Cllr Ann Davies and Cllr Rowlands will attend.

It was agreed that a King's Head Sunday league football team could play for 12 months on Admirals but they would need to liaise with the Dragons.

Update shared on Clwyd River Enquiry in relation to Burbo Bank (discussed earlier on the Agenda)

Rhuddlan Gwledd/Fest – It was agreed that the Group could once again utilise Parliament St Car park on Saturday 28th May 2016. Town Clerk to advise Vicky Shenton. The Mayor, Cllr Smith and Cllr Kermode declared an interest and therefore did not take part in the discussion.

Update on Bus Shelters still awaited from DCC.

It was also agreed the Events Committee could use the Car park on 5 December.

53 COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

The issues regarding the bridge and CCTV coverage had already been addressed therefore there was nothing further to report.

54 PLANNING

No Items

55 UPDATE ON CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

There was no update as the Councillor had not been able to attend the training

56 ALLOCATION OF INFORMAL ROLES

It was decided to postpone this item

57 AUGUST RECESS – DELEGATION OF ACTIVITIES

Delegation was given to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

58 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

It was decided to engage further discussions with Festive Lighting.

59 UPDATE ON BURBOBANK GRANT

It was reported that it may be possible to apply for funding for a project which may help with dog fouling issues.

60 BUDGET/FINANCE ISSUES

The following invoices were agreed to be paid:

Clerk Expenses £125.49

Printer Cartridges £199.71

Mac 3 £162-

Mayor's allowance £500-

North Wales Association of Town Council's £30-

Positive Action for Strokes £300- (Under Financial Assistance Section 137)

61 URGENT MATTERS

None

62 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the date of the Sept meeting would be brought forward to 3rd Sept.

The meeting then moved to part 2.

The Aelwyn Morgan Award will be presented to Lisa Brown.

The other two issues listed on the Agenda were postponed.

Meeting closed 9.55 pm

Signed.....

Mayor 3rd Sept 2015