

Cyngor Tref **RHUDDLAN** Town Council



Minutes of the meeting of Rhuddlan Town Council held at Community Centre, Parliament Street, Rhuddlan on Thursday 14th April 2016 at 7.00pm.

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

Two members of the public were present.

The Mayor took the opportunity to congratulate Cllr A Davies on being nominated as Chair Elect of Denbighshire County Council and wished her well during her term of office.

164 APOLOGIES: Cllr G Williams, Cllr S Gaskin, Cllr R Davies, Cllr I Phillips

165 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Cllr S King (Rhuddlan Events Committee)

166 POLICE MATTERS: report pre-circulated complied via PCSO Rebecca Evans. Apologies for her absence submitted.

*'20/03/16 & 28/03/16 Harvey's, Persons failed to pay for food. Enquiries ongoing to identify suspects
22/03/16 Theft of gardening items from shed on Gwindy Street. All lines of enquiry completed, no suspect identified*

02/04/16 Theft from outdoor car port Church Street. Enquiries ongoing

06/04/16 Burglary Hylas Lane. Vehicle keys taken from within property and vehicle located. Enquiries ongoing

06/04/16 Criminal Damage /Suspicious incident Princes Road. Damage caused to cat flap. Possibly linked to Burglary on Hylas Lane

Speed Surveys

Speed surveys conducted on Ffordd Ganol, Rhyl Road, Highlands Road by DCC following concerns by residents. I am informed that the survey showed that with the average speeds being at/ close to the posted speed limit of 30 mph, these sites would not be treated as a priority by DCC.

Prestatyn and Rhuddlan Safer Neighbourhoods Team have conducted speed checks on Highlands Road and Rhyl Road on at least 3 occasions at various times at both sites.

Community Speed Watch scheme now recruiting - If you feel that Community Speed Watch could help to improve your quality of life, please contact the North Wales Police Recruitment Department via 01492 804699 or email CSW@nthwales.pnn.police.uk.

Comments:-

- Concern still exists in the community regarding speed. Sgt Mark Jones however does have experience in this field and the Council decided to leave the issue in the hands of the Police at this time and await an update on the Community Speed Watch.
- There was concern that trespassers are sometimes found in back gardens. Can the profile of this be increased? It is important that residents take responsibility to lock gates etc whenever possible.
- The issue of 'scam E mails' was discussed – often from people purporting to be stuck abroad with no money and requesting funds. This is a widely publicised issue and no further action can be taken by the Council, other than to make people aware through conversation etc.

167 MINUTES – To approve the minutes of the meeting of 10th March.

Minutes were approved with the exception of item 153 which the Councillors felt needed further clarification.

Matters arising:-

- It was agreed that the price of the medals should be divided equally between those Councillors who had requested them
- Update on Noticeboard – unveiling delayed due to DCC looking into whether planning permission is required.
- Planning permission for 43 Heol Hendre. Mayor confirmed that he had visited the site and the wall is already in place therefore within the building line.

168 CORRESPONDENCE

From the Mayor: (This report had been pre-circulated as per the Standing orders.)

'Represented the Town in Ysgol y Castell - end of term activity.

Present in a coffee morning in the community centre to raise money for Luke. Pictures can be seen in the Town's official website.

Awen and I represented the town in a fund raising activity in Conwy Golf Club. 9-4- 2016.

Hopefully we can be present in a similar event organised by Rhyl Town Council in Rhyl's Golf Club. 15-4-2016.

Very grateful to the town councillors who have bought tickets to the Mayor and Mayoress last organised event in the Faenol Fawr and those of you who have donated raffle prizes. 22 - 4 -2016.

Both of us hope to be present in Rhyl Pavilion for Gwyneth Kensler organised event in Rhyl's pavilion. She being the chair of Denbighshire County Council. 28-4-2016 Also we are confident that we can be present in charity event organised by the Mayor of Llandudno. 7-5-2016.'

The Mayor also advised that the annual appraisal with the Town Clerk had been agreed (Cllr King also present). Consideration will be given to remuneration at the next meeting.

(ii) From the Town Clerk (This report had been pre-circulated as per the Standing orders)

Town Clerk's correspondence (pre-circulated as per Standing Orders)

- Town Clerk attended an SLCC training session in Prestatyn for a whole day on 18th March.
- E mail received from Abbey Farm Rhuddlan re roller towing on the road (pre circulated)

- Update re Section 38 Orchard Development
- E mail received regarding information displayed on Noticeboard.
- Site meeting arranged re Rhuddlan Castle lighting with CADW Tuesday 19 April 10.30am

Update from the report:-

- Town Clerk advised that following a presentation by the new External Auditors on 18 March, it was clear that their requirements may differ from the previous Auditors. Additionally, as the Council have appointed a new Internal Auditor this year, then the Clerk advised that the Council should be prepared for possibly more action points.
- Orchard Development – Town Clerk to speak to Gwyn Lloyd Jones again as the documents have still not been received by DCC despite an assurance on 17 March that they would be posted the next day.
- It was decided to remove the posters for the AM's from the Noticeboard due to the imminent election. For the time being, only the MP poster will be displayed.
- Update on Wales in Bloom meeting – It was decided to enter Rhuddlan for the Wales in Bloom competition and the entry fee of £100- was agreed by the Council. It was also agreed that the Council would pay for any other costs associated with this event without further reference to Council (within the Town Clerk's authorised amount). A report to Council will be submitted monthly to update on progress.

169 COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Report from County Cllr A Roberts

'The Bus Shelter renovation project is imminent and should start on 3 May

There may be an opportunity to request further funding for the Library Hub under a math funding proposal – Mayor to take forward via DCC. Projector/White board/panel or noticeboard. Disability access was also brought up but there is a programme for access already in place. If the funding is granted then the Council agreed to fund a third of the total of £12000- which equates to £4000-

Dog fouling reported again as an issue – Mayor will take forward with DCC.

A big thank you to Mrs Pamela Pegram for clearing litter around the KFC area. Town Clerk to write to KFC expressing the Council's disappointment and requesting them to provide more litter bins.'

Report from County Cllr A Davies (pre-circulated)

'DROPPED KERBS

Dropped kerbs will be installed in Princess Road/ Dyserth Road week commencing 18th April.

NOISE FROM THE BY PASS

With regards to the noise issue DCC have asked a local survey firm to draw up profiles of the location to see what needs to be done to close the gaps and the outcome of this should be known within the next 2-3 weeks, after which I will update you again.

NEW ROAD SIGNS

These will be installed in Clwyd Avenue/ Glyn Avenue week commencing 18th April.

LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT

It has been confirmed that refurbishment of the library will commence late summer, due to health and safety reasons the library will close for one week.

RHUDDLAN SURGERY

The health board have now taken up responsibility for the surgery, concerns were raised regarding a pharmacy operating on site and the effect on the local Chemist, it has been confirmed that only prescriptions will be issued at the surgery.'

170 BUDGET/FINANCE ISSUES

i) Accounts due

The following invoices were agreed to be paid:-

Town Clerk	Mileage 5 x Rhuddlan return	£27.00
RTC	Town Clerk's attendance at Mayoral dinner	£25.00
Llandudno TC	Mayor's attendance on 7 May	£46.00
Conwy TC	Mayoral attendance 7th May	£30.00
Town Clerk	Postage	£17.82
Town Clerk	Stationery	£13.75
Town Clerk	Adjustment to March Pay	£21.08
HM Customs and Revenue	Clerk's PAYE	£28.50
Town Clerk	Rail fare to Prestatyn SLCC meeting	£5.00
Town Clerk	Tickets to Chair of DCC Rhyl concert 28 April	£20.80
Ensign Flag Co	Protective cover for RTC flag	£42.00
DCC	Bus Shelter reglazing at Kings Head (to be paid when completed)	£218.39
		£495.34

Date of External Audit

08-Jul-16

Additionally the Town Clerk made the Councillors aware of an opportunity to invest funds with CCLA – The Local Authorities Property fund but it was unanimously decided that as this carried some degree of risk, the Council did not wish to alter current arrangements with HSBC.

ii) Rhuddlan and Rhyl relief fund

Cllr Rowlands to contact all Trustees to ask them to liaise together as to their proposal for dispersion of these funds.

iii) Investment Strategy and Risk Assessment

Town Clerk to produce a draft for Investment Strategy in line with Financial Standing Orders. Financial Risk Assessment reviewed and agreed.

iv) CCTV Partnership Agreement –

This had been overviewed prior to the meeting by Cllr Rowlands in his capacity as the representative on the CCTV working party. Cllr S King abstained. It was agreed that all was in order and it should be signed as necessary.

171 PLANNING

The Mayor, Cllr A Davies, and Cllr M Kermode abstained.

- **44/2016/0302** Erection of single storey lean to extension to side of dwelling Glan Llyn, Dyserth Road, Rhuddlan.
- **44/2016/0327** – Erection of first floor pitched roof extension to side of dwelling Gwindy Fawr Gwindy Street, Rhuddlan
- **44/2016/0209** – Erection of pitched roof to side of dwelling 2 Ffordd Nant, Rhuddlan

No objections.

172 URGENT MATTERS

- Dog fouling an issue on Vicarage Lane
- Alpha channels (Gully's) not being cleared out on the High St

Both DCC escalation issues which Cllr A Davies agreed to take forward.

173 COMMUNITY MATTERS

- The bin by the Noticeboard should be replaced asap rather than wait for the second Noticeboard to be erected –Town Clerk to contact DCC.
- Mayor to contact Countryside Services regarding the amount of rubbish near the river path.
- Litter on Admiral's Field – getting worse. Do the bins sometimes overflow? Comment also made about the unacceptable language used by some teams and supporters. Town Clerk to draft a one year agreement for all teams who wish to play on the field, stipulating terms and conditions of use.

174 ELECTION OF MAYOR ELECT 2016/2017

Cllr S King gained an unanimous vote

175 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT 2016/2017

Cllr A Smith gained an unanimous vote

176 PART 2

It was proposed and agreed that the meeting should move to Part 2. The members of the public left the room together with Cllr King who had declared an interest.

Cllrs Burnham and Rowlands also declared an interest.

It was agreed to support Rhuddlan Events Committee for £1000- following their request for funds for the Party in the Park to be held on 12 June to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. The Councillors were assured by Cllr King that the party would terminate no later than 9pm and that the

Events Committee would write a letter to all residents who have properties in proximity of the field. Cllr King also assured the Councillors that parking would be strictly managed. Access for emergency would need to be put in place. No need to register event not yet registered with Events in Denbigh as it will not take place on their property. Risk Assessment on Admiral's Field to be undertaken.

177 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGM

Thursday 12th May 2016 – AGM will precede Council meeting and will start at 6.30pm

Meeting closed 9.30 pm

Signed.....
Mayor 12th May 2016