



**Minutes of the meeting of Rhuddlan Town Council held at Community Centre, Parliament Street, Rhuddlan on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.00pm.**

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

Three members of the public were present.

**36 APOLOGIES:** Cllr J A Davies, Cllr G Williams, Cllr I Phillips

**37 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** Cllr Kermode re Community matters.

**38 POLICE MATTERS:** report pre-circulated complied by PCSO Rebecca Evans.

*'11/06/16 Assault – Young child on another child. Parent did not want any action taken.*

*14/06/16 Theft of buggy and trailer Morris Stores. Matter still being investigated and enquiries ongoing*

*17/06/16 Theft of garden tools Kerfoot Avenue. All lines of enquiries completed. No suspects identified.*

*21/06/16 Incident of two dogs attacking another dog. Dealt with by Community Resolution including face to face apology and repair work to property to prevent further incidents*

*25/06/16 Theft of garden table and chairs Parc Y Lleng. Matter still being investigated and enquiries ongoing*

*25/06/16 Shoplifting Coop. Suspect identified, investigation ongoing*

*03/07/16 Theft of pushbike secured at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve. All lines of enquiry completed, no suspect identified*

*04/07/16 Theft of metal from front garden. Enquiries ongoing'*

**39 PRESENTATION BY SIMON BILLINGTON, DCC RE MAINTENANCE OF THE CEMETERY**

The Mayor welcomed Simon Billington to the meeting and expressed the concerns raised about the maintenance of the cemetery specifically grass on headstones after cutting, overhanging branches and drains being blocked.

Simon Billington reported that the grass is cut on a three weekly cycle but there is no facility in place to collect the grass debris.

He explained that the cut in maintenance budget has been a factor and additionally no reserve grant is allocated. He also acknowledged that DCC had experienced issues with contractors and to an extent this was still ongoing but assured the Council that this was being dealt with.

He also advised that the contractors' performance is being monitored and regular visits are being made following each cut. When the grass is cut when wet, it was acknowledged that this was a further issue as the grass would then cling to the headstones easier. A question was raised as to the safety of some of the headstones – there is a 3 year cycle to write to all known contacts to review.

Simon Billington also explained that the grass in the Bryn Cwybr area had not been cut as it would have to result in a road closure but that a feasibility study on the road would be carried out soon.

**40 MINUTES** – To approve the minutes of the meeting of 9 June 2016

Minutes were approved

Matters arising:-

- Thanks to Cllr Kermode for drafting and sending a letter to NAMWALC advising of the Councils concerns regarding the proposal of amalgamation of Councils.
- Acknowledgement of the professional work undertaken in re-painting of the fingerpost signs.
- Good wishes for a speedy recovery being sent to Sion Hughes (webmaster)

#### **41 CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) From the Mayor (This report had been pre-circulated)

- *12/06/16 Both Dawn and I, are part of Rhuddlan Events Committee, and we would like to thank Rhuddlan Town Council for sponsoring PARTY IN THE PARK, it was a huge success, and the children had a fantastic day, where all the bouncy rides were free for them.*
- *15/06/16 Dawn and I attended the A.G.M for SSAFA, at Rhuddlan golf course, some of the volunteers were given an award for long service, we were overwhelmed by all the hard work that they do for all the armed services.*
- *25/06/16 My Consort and I were asked to open Ysgol y Castell school fete, all the people involved made us feel very welcome, and their hard work paid off, we had lots of fun playing on all the games, especially as Mayor playing football with the boys, I had quite a following of children, which I loved, I also judged the fancy dress competition. Great day.*
- *25/06/16 Saturday night at the community centre, we were super excited to see the Tom Dick, Harry with friends band, I took charge of the auction, which was very disorganised on my part, but all the people who were there thought I was very funny, Dawn and I sat with Councillor Andy and Councillor Arwel, it was a very enjoyable evening.*
- *3/7/16 Ann's Civic Sunday, a great turn out, two children sang a duet, which was very cute, and there was also a harpist which played beautifully, lovely socialising with lots of Mayors and Consorts from different areas, also met the High Sheriff of Clwyd.*

(ii) From the Town Clerk (This report had been pre-circulated)

- *Green Gym*
- *Update on Noticeboard and setting of parameters for notices*
- *Update on Castle Lights*

- *Letter of complaint re parking on Parliament Street*
- *Delegated responsibilities during August recess*

It was agreed that the Clerk should invite a representative from the Green Gym concept at the September meeting.

It was agreed that no poster larger than A4 should be displayed on the Noticeboard. There should be no business advertising on the board and all notices displayed should be for non-profit making organisations. Cllr Burnham offered to maintain the board and to display notices as requested, when appropriate.

Castle lights – unlikely that any progress will be made before the end of the tourist season.

Parking – site meeting arranged by both County Councillors for next Wednesday.

### **(iii) Update from Blodeuo Rhuddlan Bloom**

The Chair of the committee, Cllr G Rowlands, sincerely thanked everyone for their support and commented on how the community had got together to host the event.

## **42 COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT**

Report from County Cllr A Roberts (pre-circulated)

- *'County Council has been really busy but is now slowing down.*
- *Firstly it was fantastic to see the partnership between the Town Council and the County Street Scene preparing for the Wales in Bloom competition.*
- *Secondly Aldi has been given the planning permission by the County Council.*
- *Thirdly the library and one shop is to be re- modernised to the amount of £200k. This work is about to start.*
- *With regards to the problem that occurred for the clerk last night. A resident calling in her house etc. Could the Town Council perhaps sponsor the parking and therefore lessen the charges.*
- *Just information you should take notice of is the fact that the Nature Reserve is now 5 years old and an open community day has been arranged there on the 29th of July.'*

Report from County Cllr A Davies (pre-circulated)

- *'Rhuddlan Bridge Lighting - Concerns have been raised by residents regarding the lack of lighting on the footbridge. Following a site meeting with officers from street lighting it has been decided to replace the two light columns between the two bridges, this will provide better lighting for both bridges. Work will commence in September and the bridge will be closed for one day.*
- *Thomas The Tank - Plans are underway for the renovation of Rhuddlan library, but it's the end of the line for one of the buildings most popular inhabitants'. Thomas the Tank has entertained children who visited the library for many years. Following an appeal to rehouse Thomas it has been decided Thomas's new home will be at the Welsh Playgroup in the Ebenezer Chapel , Rhuddlan.*
- *St Kentigern Hospice Flower Power Campaign Hundreds of ceramic flowers have been planted in the grounds of Rhuddlan Castle , each bloom is being sold to raise funds for St Kentigern hospice, to date over 1000 have been sold in memory of loved ones.*

- *Cream Teas at Bodelwyddan Castle - Home Instead Senior Care have organised a friendly gathering for Carers, older people, families and support groups. This will be held on the last Tuesday of every month at Bodelwyddan Castle between 2-4 pm. Cream teas will be served. Cost £5.'*

#### **43 BUDGET/FINANCE ISSUES**

##### **i) Accounts due**

Rhuddlan Community Centre	Additional room hire	£24.00
Town Clerk	Reimbursement of payment to Signscape re magnetic pins	£45.00
Town Clerk	Mileage - Abergele to Rhuddlan x 9	£48.60
Town Clerk	Stationery, postage and incidentals	£23.20
Tracey Miller	Painting of signs in the Town	£280.00
Town Clerk	Pay	£9.88
Town Clerk	Ink Cartridges	£221.46
HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI	£39.70
		<b>£691.84</b>

#### **44 PLANNING**

Cllrs Kermodé and Roberts abstained from all of this session

- 44/2016/0476 Retention of 1.8m high fence to dwelling enclosing part of garden (retrospective application) 6 Grenville Ave, Rhuddlan. Objection on the basis that it is an open plan area and a precedent has been set in the past as to the height of the fencing in that area.
- 44/2016/0605 Erection of dwelling (revised scheme) Land at (part of garden of) Riversdale Castle Street Rhuddlan. No objection
- 44/2016/0628 Erection of extension to dwelling, loft conversion with velux windows and erection of detached store building Plas Llewelyn Hylas Lane Rhuddlan. No objection.
- 44/2016/0535 Development of 0.1 hectares of land by the erection of a dwelling. Land rear of Trewen Cottage Princes Road Rhuddlan. Mayor abstained. No objection.
- 44/2016/0646 Erection of flat roofed dormers to create first floor accommodation, erection of pitched roof porch to side and re-building of existing front gable. 2 Ffordd Nant, Rhuddlan. No objection.

#### **45 URGENT MATTERS**

- Complaint received regarding dumping of rubbish at Cwrt y Gwindy – Cllr Roberts to take forward via DCC.
- Site meeting to be arranged with Cllr Roberts and DCC regarding trees at Abbey Court.
- Cllr Roberts to clarify who has ownership of the trees at the Library car park.
- Clerk to research into possibility of obtaining a PO Box address for the Council.
- A wall has been knocked down in Princes Road. Cllr Roberts to check whether planning permission was granted. (Cllr R Davies declared an interest and Cllr King abstained)

- Thanks were expressed for the work done to sort the manholes at the roundabout and to DCC for sorting out the drains.

#### **46 COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- Advice to be placed by Cllr Burnham on the Noticeboard to give guidance on what was acceptable to be displayed.
- For urgent issues regarding any DCC responsibilities, then Customer Services should be contacted.
- County Cllrs to find out from DCC why the bin allocation outside the nature reserve has been changed.

#### **47 PART 2**

**It was agreed that the meeting should move to Part 2 and members of the public were requested to leave.**

An update was given by Cllr Roberts on the ongoing plans for the Library.

In accordance with Section 137, the following donations were agreed:-

- Positive action for Strokes £250-
- Rhuddlan History Society £150- (Cllrs Roberts and R Davies declared an interest)
- St Mary's Church - £1000-

#### **48 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 7pm

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed.....  
Mayor 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016