

Cyngor Tref **RHUDDLAN** *Town Council*



Minutes of the meeting of Rhuddlan Town Council held at Community Centre, Parliament Street, Rhuddlan on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 7.00pm.

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

Four members of the public were present.

19 APOLOGIES: Cllr G Williams, Cllr M Kermode, Cllr J Burnham, Cllr A Davies and Cllr I Phillips

20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Cllr A Roberts

21 PRESENTATION BY Mike Parker. Denbighshire County Council, Development Services / Planning & Public Protection Services

Re:- Planning application

44/2016/0200 – Erection of foodstore (Class A1) Land at March Road, Rhuddlan (amended plans).

The Mayor welcome Mike Parker who was invited to speak with the Council following the concerns previously raised as a result of this application.

Mr Parker confirmed that DCC had already met with Rhuddlan MAG to discuss proposals and the Highways Dept of DCC were in consultation too.

A plan was presented to Council of an indicative layout which displayed lights being erected at the entrance to Marsh Road. This would be totally funded by Aldi. The lights would also be programmed to react to the light system on the bridge. The fallback would be to provide a 'yellow box' on the junction.

From a DCC perspective, the intention is to improve economic desires for Rhuddlan and also to improve safety features where possible.

It was pointed out that until this meeting was instigated by the Town Council, there was no mention of a lights system – Mr Parker advised that any further developments would be shared with the Council.

Concern was raised about the traffic backing onto the roundabout as it is currently very busy at peak times. Mr Parker pointed out that there was already planning permission in place for development on the site and DCC were looking to secure the best option for everyone.

The suggestion of providing another spur off the roundabout was raised. The Mayor was invited to speak at the DCC Planning Committee to put forward the views of the Town Council.

Some Councillors wished to make it clear that they did not object in any way to the land being developed, but traffic management was a grave concern. At times, current traffic volumes can affect the Town and therefore could have a detrimental effect on the numbers visiting, and a subsequent effect on local businesses.

It was agreed that the planning dept would review again the impact on traffic.

Although not a unanimous decision, the Council decided not to retract their original objection, even in view of this further information.

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed.....
Mayor 9th June 2016