

# Cyngor Tref **RHUDDLAN** Town Council



## **Minutes of the meeting of Rhuddlan Town Council held at Community Centre, Parliament Street, Rhuddlan on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.00pm.**

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

One member of the public was present.

**22 APOLOGIES:** Cllr A Roberts, Cllr G Williams, Cllr I Phillips (for possible late arrival).

**23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None

**24 POLICE MATTERS:** report pre-circulated complied via PCSO Rebecca Evans.

*'14/05/16 – Shoplifting Coop. Offender identified and charged*

*23/05/16 – Criminal damage to lock on garage no entry gained. Could possibly have occurred up to 4 weeks prior to reporting. No suspects identified.*

*25/05/16 – Anti Social Behaviour Bryn Crescent. Neighbourhood dispute resolved by intervention and problem solving by Safer Neighbourhood Team*

*30/05/16 – Theft of tools from insecure shed Maes Derwen. Exact date of offence unknown.*

*30/05/16 – Assault outside New Inn Public House – Enquiries ongoing to identify suspects*

*05/06/16 – Criminal Damage Rhuddlan Castle. Tiles removed from visitor centre roof. Enquiries ongoing to identify suspects*

### Concerns raised by councillors/members of the public.

*Motor Cyclists have been seen riding their bikes along Gwindy Street Rhuddlan across the High Street up through Parliament towards twthill. They are young motorcyclists not wearing helmets and a danger to residents.*

*Any sightings to be reported as soon as possible with description if possible of the bike i.e colour, type*

*Persons riding pedal cycles along the High Street – To be monitored'*

Comments from Councillors:-

There have been incidents where cars have been parking on Gwindy St and obstructing driveways. PCSO Evans confirmed that parking on the pavement in that area was also an issue. The possibility of yellow lines was discussed but dismissed on the basis of enforcement – in any case that would be a DCC issue. PCSO Evans further confirmed that it was only classed as an obstruction if vehicles blocked access off a drive and not onto it. PCSO Evans welcomed further information.

## **25 PRESENTATION BY BETHAN BENSLEY, COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER DCC**

Bethan was accompanied by a colleague, Adam Birtwislte.

This is their resume of the presentation.

- *‘Overview of DCC Youth Service role in Rhuddlan*
  - *To provide a street based project which is flexible to the needs of the young people*
  - *To provide positive activities that address needs and heighten personal and social development*
  - *To engage young people in meaningful activities that encompass the Seven National Well-being Goals as detailed in The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015.*
- *Current and recent Street Project on MUGA*
  - *Street Sports – 3x3 Inflatable Pitch*
  - *Panna Football Cage*
  - *Inflatable Target Shoot*
  - *Ball and Racquet sports*
  - *Aspirations to offer a Summer Programme funding dependant*
- *DCC wider Youth Council project, aspire to encourage Rhuddlan young people to get involved*
  - *Young people have begun to complete the Denbighshire Youth Council survey*
- *DofE local Open Award Centres based in Denbigh and Rhyl*
  - *Library a possible venue for an additional Open Award Centre – funding and need dependant’*

The Mayor thanked them for their valuable contribution and insight into their objectives.

**26 MINUTES** – To approve the minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> May (AGM), Council meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May and special meeting 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Minutes were approved

Matters arising:-

- Update from Cllr Kermode on action taken from Minute 11 (iv) 12 May re NWMWALC. Council felt that further communication was appropriate, following recent local election results and to engage the local AM’s and MP. Main issues surrounded diminishing local democracy, reduced community interest and the fact that Rhuddlan is a rural and not urban community. Cllr Kermode and Cllr Rowlands agreed to work with the Clerk on compiling a relevant communication.
- Fibre instalment in Rhuddlan by BT – more details requested and Clerk to contact BT to request a representative to attend the July meeting.
- Increase in car parking charges in Rhuddlan – no response received from DCC – Cllr Davies to engage with Chief Executive of DCC.
- No funding available from DCC to repaint finger post and sign on Church St. Clerk to obtain quote for work and approve work (at a reasonable cost).

## **27 WEB MANAGEMENT**

The Council wished to express their good wishes to Sion Hughes for a speedy recovery. However, concern was expressed as to the continued support for the RTC website in Sion's absence. It was agreed that liaison with Dewi Hughes would be appropriate.

## **28 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**15.5.16:** *Attended with my consort Dawn Durringer, a garden party, at Bodrhyddan Hall in aid of St Kentigern hospice, enjoying afternoon tea, on a beautiful sunny day.*

**18.5.16:** *Dawn and I attended the A.G.M of Rhyl Town Council, where Sarah Roberts was inaugurated as town Mayor, followed by an evening at Rhyl golf club, for her fabulous Mayor making event, we were very impressed with Only Boys Allowed Choir.*

**20.5.16:** *WOW!! Rhyl and district musical theatre company's version of 9 to 5, was outstanding. A fantastic show, we couldn't believe how talented they all were. We were invited on to the stage after the performance, to meet the cast. A BIG WELL DONE!!*

**22.5.16:** *Thank you to the Mayor of Denbigh, for inviting us to her civic Sunday, it was a beautiful day for it, I also met town Mayors from Beaumaris, Prestatyn.*

**4.6.16:** *Dawn and I spent the afternoon, meeting the business owners of Rhuddlan, whilst giving out flyers for the Rhuddlan Events Committee, and Blodeuo Rhuddlan Bloom.*

*I would like to thank my consort Dawn Durringer, for attending these events with me.*

### **Expenditure May 2016**

*£10.00 spent on raffle tickets*

*£5.00 tip to the golf club staff*

*£2.00 raffle ticket and £10.00 on drinks*

*£18.00 on a dress from Asda*

*Total £35.00'*

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

- 1. One Voice Wales training event 'Council as an employer' 30<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm – 9pm Caernarfon*
- 2. Letter from Denbighshire Safer Towns Link re CCTV*
- 3. Update on Noticeboard*
- 4. Update on Castle Lights*
- 5. Letter of thanks to the Mayor re funds of £3500- raised for Alzheimer's Society*
- 6. Two letters from Rhuddlan Community Group*
- 7. Welsh Government Rural Communities (refer to document shared via Cllr Rowlands)*

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

Plans are progressing. Notes of last meeting shared. Organisations will be invited to attend a meeting in a few weeks with a view to structure the next steps.

## **12 COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT**

Report from County Cllr A Roberts (pre-circulated)

*'The first week of the new arrangements which I have been involved in with as far as the transport of the pupils from Rhuddlan to Ysgol Dewi Sant Rhyl is working well.  
Congratulations to Cllr Gareth Rowlands who chairs the Blodeuo Rhuddlan Bloom, things are moving on well.  
Many thanks to the Town Council for sponsoring Gwledd Rhuddlan and the residents of the town for supporting the event.  
The state of the cemetery has been reported to the County officers this week. Also awaiting a response to my message about the new notice board.  
The management group of the nature reserve are holding an open day on the reserve on the 29th of July. The reserve is now five years old. Mrs Anita Fagan is organising a photograph, drawing, painting and make a model competition and all entries to be in by the 15th of July. Hopefully an exhibition will be arranged in the library.  
The library modernation is on track under Ffion Angharad's lead.  
My thoughts are with Cllr Gwilym Williams and Mr Sion Hughes due to their ill health.'*

Report from County Cllr A Davies (pre-circulated)

### **CARERS WEEK**

*Various events are taking place this week to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges that Carers face and recognise the contribution they make to family and communities.  
There are many unidentified Carers in Denbighshire but once identified Carers can be given vital information on help available to support them financially, physically or emotionally.  
For further details contact-  
NEWCIS -331181  
Cllr Ann Davies 591247.*

### **HEALTHY RHUDDLAN IACH ( GP SURGERY)**

*To ensure the continuity of primary care services in Rhuddlan for around 2000 patients a new practice was introduced in April with the support of the former practices' staff, the project team and the new members of staff joining the practice.  
To date patients have welcomed the changes, and continuous feedback on their experiences is key in further developing the model.*

### **TAN YR EGLWYS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

*Following consultation with residents a meeting took place last week to discuss these improvements, this has now been placed on the list for approval, if approved the project team may be on site August/September.*

### **NEW FAITH SCHOOL SITE**

*Further meetings are being arranged to discuss the latest position on the work to develop a proposal for a secondary faith school site in Denbighshire.*

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE FIFTH ASSEMBLY**

*As Chair of DCC it was a great honour to represent Denbighshire at the Official Opening Ceremony of the Fifth Assembly by Her Majesty The Queen on the 7th June 2016.*

**13 BUDGET/FINANCE ISSUES**

i) Accounts due		
Rhuddlan Community Centre	Additional room hire	£24.00
Town Clerk	Reimbursemnt of NWAMW TC Association lunch	£15.00
Town Clerk	Mileage - Abergele to Rhuddlan x 7	£37.80
Town Clerk	Postage and stationery	£23.53
Moral Play Services	Inspection of play equipment	£234.00
Nerys Rowlands	Additional keys for Noticeboard	£9.50
Town Clerk	Working from home allce, paid quarterly	£52.00
Good signs	Leaflets for BRB	£38.20
		<b>£434.03</b>

**14 PLANNING**

The Mayor, and Cllr A Davies abstained.

- **44/2016/0391** - Erection of a flat roof extension at side of dwelling 11 Howell Ave, Rhuddlan. Action – no objection
- **44/2016/0378** - Formation of new vehicular access for agricultural vehicles – Land adjoining Morfa Lodge Abergele Road, Rhuddlan – Action – Clerk to advise of Council’s rejection on the basis of non-requirement as there is already an alternative access in place.
- **44/2016/0388** – Rebuilding the existing 11kV single circuit overhead line Rhuddlan – Bodelwyddan/St Asaph at Electricity sub station adjoining Derwen St, St Asaph Rd, Rhuddlan. Action – no objection
- **44/2016/0200** – Erection of foodstore (Class A1) Land at March Road, Rhuddlan (amended plans). Action – Clerk to reiterate previous objection and to invite a representative from DCC planning to a meeting. Concerns are regarding the installation of traffic lights and their effect on traffic backing up to the main island.

## 15 URGENT MATTERS

None

## 16 COMMUNITY MATTERS

- Fibre connectivity could be improved. Cllr Roberts will provide Clerk with contact details and BT will be invited to attend the July meeting.
- Cllr Roberts will contact DCC regarding the damaged telephone box on Bodrhyddan Avenue. Also regarding the damaged railings by the Golf Club.
- Increased car parking charges – 300% increase. Clerk to write a letter to DCC
- Lack of grass cutting between Rhuddlan and St Asaph – County Cllrs to take forward.
- High St – finger post needs repainting – Cllr Roberts to take forward with DCC.
- State of repair of litter bins needs to be revisited – Cllr Roberts to take forward with DCC.
- Risk Assessment to be carried out on Admirals Field – Clerk to liaise with Cllr Roberts and Cllr Rowlands.
- Clerk to liaise with CADW to ascertain whether a digger could be used on site to lay the trench for the cable or whether it needed to be done manually.

## 17 PART 2

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

### **Aelwyn Morgan Award**

A ballot was held based on 3 nominees and the successful nominee was Patricia Riley.

### **Consideration to the Annual Pay Award to the Clerk**

Deferred pending further information

## 18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 7pm

Signed.....  
Mayor 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016