



Minutes of the meeting of Rhuddlan Town Council held at Community Centre, Parliament Street, Rhuddlan on Thursday 10th March 2016 at 7.00pm.

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

Two members of the public were present.

151 APOLOGIES: Cllr G Williams, Cllr J Burnham

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

153 PRESENTATION BY GARY WILLIAMS, HEAD OF LEGAL, HR AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES – already pre-circulated. Copy available on request. The presentation covered the Code of Conduct and in particular Declarations of Interest. Additionally, it was made clear that if any person feels that a Councillor has contravened the Code then the proper course of action is for the person to raise this matter directly with the Ombudsman and not pursue it within the Town Council.

154 POLICE MATTERS: report pre-circulated and PCSO Rebecca Evans. Thank you. Apologies for her absence due to shift patterns.

'Incidents reported to Police between 11 February 2016 – 7 March 2016

10/02/16 Criminal Damage – Driver's window of vehicle smashed. No suspects identified. All lines of enquiry completed

12/02/16 Criminal Damage – Damage to garden gate. Possibly caused by the wind.

15/02/16 Theft from Vehicle from BT Exchange occurred sometime between 27/01/16 –

15/02/16 – All lines of enquiry completed.

15/02/16 Anti-Social Behaviour – Comments on social media. Advice and reassurance given.

16/02/16 Anti-Social Behaviour – Investigation ongoing

Other news

Concerns regarding speed of vehicles travelling on Rhyl Road, Highlands Road, Ffordd Ganol.

- Local speed checks conducted by Neighbourhood Policing Team*
- Added to briefing file*
- Request sent to DCC to ascertain if speed survey has been conducted*

Concerns regarding temporary traffic lights on A547 where crossing is being built.

- *A number of motorists have been reported for driving through a red light*

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village.

- *Two Schemes currently up and running. Hoping to start more.'*

155 WALES IN BLOOM

The Mayor, Cllr Gaskin, Cllr A Davies and Cllr King declared an interest.

Peter Barton Jones attended the meeting and shared information regarding the competition. It was decided that the Council should look further into this possibility. It was further decided that a working party should be formed – Cllr Rowlands, Cllr A Davies, Cllr King and Cllr S Gaskin volunteered.

156 MINUTES – To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 11th February 2016.

Minutes approved.

Matters arising:-

It was confirmed that the sign relating to the Bowling club would not be re-erected on the gate to Admiral's field. The sign has now been located and handed over to the Bowling Club.

Town Clerk to contact insurers to ascertain the level of public liability insurance for Admirals field when used by another organisation.

157 CORRESPONDENCE

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

'20-2-2016

Coffee morning - good support many thanks to the members of the town council who were present - money raised for Dementia Research-£775 + £115 for Luke Davies.

Many thanks to Wenna Williams for her assistance she arranged that goods not sold was taken to St Kentigern Hospice.

On the Town's website you will notice that I was invited to the bowling club to advertise the club for some new members. Through this action I believe they now have two new members.

25- 2- 2016

Invited to Ysgol y Castell to visit Gwion who works for Menter Iaith and pupils who meet during dinner playtime to learn about the Welsh Language.

28-2-2016

The concert arranged by St Mary's Parish Church was a success and it was a pleasure to be present.

4-3-2016 Invited by the Cylch Meithrin to the library - book week.

4-3-2016 Welcomed the proprietor of a new shop to the High Street.

4-3-2016 Walked in the rain and wind around the town with PCSO Rebecca Evans.

4-3-2016 Visited Ysgol y Castell again - their annual Eisteddfod..

The third surgery in the library with PCSO Rebecca on the 2nd of March again brought to our attention problems with speed, parking and feeding of seagulls.'

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

- Town Centre Growth and Diversification plan – currently being edited by the team at DCC and a final copy will be circulated idc.
- CCTV –Are there any comments on the spreadsheet forwarded by Cllr A Davies?
- Library – met with Mr D Thomas from Rhuddlan History Society to discuss the embryonic plans with the possibility of developing an area dedicated to promoting local history (subject to funding).
- Noticeboard update – provisional date for unveiling – 24 March 5pm.
- Medals - update
- Code of conduct training for the Clerk 19 April 10am St Asaph Business Park
- Dial a Ride – RTC's logo on mini bus – copyright issues
- DCC Chairman's Charity event – anyone else who wishes to attend?
- Details requested from Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales re contact information.
- Local policing – update from AM's and MP plus North Wales Police.
- Clerk will be attending SLCC training in Prestatyn on 18th March. Will be mainly based around new requirements for the external Audit and includes information on the new Auditor.
- Police have requested dates of future events in Rhuddlan
- Next meeting – invitation to be sent to Denbighshire Youth Service
- Queen's 90th Birthday Commemorative Medal – The Tower Mint London have sent information.
- Minutes of meetings and Agendas – do Councillors require hard copies as well as electronic ones?
- Letter from St Kentigern requesting financial support

Update from the report:-

Thank you to Cllr Rowlands for his detailed and informative reply re point 1 to DCC

Provisional installation of the Notice board is 17 March

Copyright issues re RTC logo – Town Clerk to seek more information as to the legal agreement.

Disappointment expressed that it could not be used on the Dial a Ride mini bus, despite a financial contribution

Cost of medals to be split equally amongst the relevant Councillors

Replies re local policing – Cllrs were given the opportunity to see the replies at the meeting or to seek copies electronically from the Town Clerk.

Queen's 90th Birthday medals – already been looked into by REC.

158 COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

The Mayor had circulated the following report prior to the meeting:-

'Unfortunately the outline planning for a housing development in our town was passed in a planning committee. A resident has worries regarding the construction of a hydro- electricity building on Pentre Lane. Speed surveys have been promised on the three roads mentioned above.

Resident unhappy that cyclists are not following paths provided and riding on pavements.

The state of the public footpath from Pentre Lane to Bryn Cwnin Road, Rhyl is a worry. The officer Adrian Walls is trying to find a solution.

The county education department are still not informed the parents who have children attending Ysgol Dewi Sant what is happening with regard to the transporting pupils to and from the school after Easter. Will they follow the policy rigorously or use their discretion?'

Report from County Cllr A Davies (pre-circulated)

'RHUDDLAN SURGERY.

As previously confirmed Rhuddlan Surgery will remain open.

From 1st April 2016 the Health Board will be working to introduce a multi professional team within the practice. The team will be made up of a GP, a Nurse Practitioner, an Occupational Therapist and a Pharmacist. There will also be access to Physiotherapy and Audiology. The service will be called "Healthy Rhuddlan."

All current nursing and administrative staff in the practice will remain.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL

I have raised concerns regarding the lack of progress with the RAH development. BCU confirm that the £23m which was secured for the project is still available, but it is unlikely that work would start in the next 12 months. I put forward a suggestion to open the existing wards at the RAH, this would free up acute beds at YGC and community hospitals. However, due to the fire risk this will not be possible.

TIRIONFA SITE

The outline Planning application to build 89 houses on the Tirionfa site was agreed at the Planning committee

I raised my concerns regarding the pressure on school places and health care provision in the area. I also requested that highway officers reconsider the proposed site access.

The opportunity to discuss these issues further will arise when a full planning application is submitted.'

Additionally there are two significant birthdays (both over 100) to be celebrated in May – Cllr A Davies suggested that both were sent a card personally signed by the Town Councillors. Date to be advised to the Clerk.

159 BUDGET/FINANCE ISSUES

i) Accounts due

The following invoices were agreed to be paid:-

Town Clerk	Mileage 5 x Rhuddlan return	£27.00
Rhyl Town Council	Rhyl Mayor's charity Dinner	£50.00
Town Clerk	Working from home 28/12/15 - 28/3/16 net	£48.00
Town Clerk	Stationery -3 x cartridges for printer	£149.53
Mayoral Donation Account	Conwy charity dinner	£45.00
Town Clerk	Adjustment to Feb Pay	£20.88
HM Customs and Revenue	Clerk's PAYE	£28.70
DCC	Christmas Lights	£3,542.40
Town Clerk	Postage	£10.14
Signscape	Balance for Noticeboard	£1,844.22
Mayor	Final payment of Mayor's Allowance	£500.00
		£6,445.87

Additionally, there will be an update regarding the Rhuddlan and Rhyl relief fund
Both Charities returns have been completed and submitted

The decision regarding funds held in the Rhuddlan and relief fund will be tabled at the next meeting.

Additionally, it was agreed that the Investment strategy and Risk assessment should also be tabled at the next meeting.

It was proposed and agree that the meeting then moved to Part 2 and the Clerk was asked to leave the room.

It was decided that the Clerk's claim for back dated payment of the £4 per week working from home allowance should not be met.

The meeting then recommenced out of Part 2.

160 PLANNING

Declaration of interest from the Mayor and Cllr Davies.

44/2016/0200 – Erection of Food Store Rhuddlan Triangle, Land at Marsh Road

The Town Clerk was requested to express the Council's concerns with this request on the grounds of unanswered questions about traffic management, road layout and perceived increase in volume of traffic.

44/2016/0180 - Erection of covered outdoor kitchen to side of dwelling 43 Heol Hendre Rhuddlan. The Council comment on this proposed extension as it appears to be outside the building line and also that it is too close to the road – i.e., Heol Hendre.

The Council confirm that they have no comment or objections to the following application – 44/2016/0194 Erection to side and rear of dwelling 14 Ffordd Ganol, Rhuddlan.

161 URGENT MATTERS

None were presented for the Mayor's attention.

162 COMMUNITY MATTERS

Cllr R Davies expressed concern if there was a pharmacy on the surgery premises, then what effect would this have on the chemists in the town. Cllr A Davies advised that there were no plans for a pharmacy at the surgery and therefore no threat to the local businesses.

163 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14th April 2016

Meeting closed 9.55 pm

Signed.....
Mayor 14th April 2016