

Cyngor Tref **RHUDDLAN** *Town Council*



Minutes of the meeting of Rhuddlan Town Council held at the Community Centre, parliament Street, Rhuddlan on 9th of March 2017 at 7 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Sara King (Mayor in the Chair), Ann Davies, Jackie Burnham, Andy Smith, Reg Davies, Mike Kermode, Arwel Roberts, Gareth Rowlands, Gareth Smith, Syd Gaskin, Town Clerk.

One member of the public was present.

157. APOLOGIES:

No apologies

158. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

159. YOUTH SERVICES

Bethan Bensley, a Community Youth Worker gave a presentation on youth work that is going on in Rhuddlan and some ideas for future projects. Youngsters have been attending open access sessions at the Multi Use Games Area every Thursday night with good numbers attending (25 – 30 in the height of Summer) but numbers dwindle over the winter months. These sessions operate 38 weeks of the year.

Holiday programmes are also arranged in which young people attend trips. One project Bethan has in mind is to encourage youngsters to go for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards where they will need regular access to computers. The library was discussed as a potential venue. Bethan to make enquires to book a two-hour slot in the library.

Another project that Bethan has in mind is encouraging youngster to get involved with the community with organisations such as the Allotments Society, Blodeuo, Bowling Club, Police etc. to tackle anti-social behaviour.

It was resolved to support in principle to fund ten Duke of Edinburgh places at £21 each but youngsters need to be active in raising additional funding to get on to the next step of the ladder. Rhuddlan Town Council will also cover the costs of the weekly two-hour slot in the library.

160. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Rebecca was not present at the meeting. Town Clerk to request a report and forward to Councillors.

161. MINUTES

To approve the minutes of 9th February 2017 subject to the following changes:

Correct mistakes with Councillors names:

Item 149 b - to provide an updated report on CCTV

Item 150 - include £ sign before 3.5 figure

Item 151 - change to Cllr Arwel Roberts & Mike Kermodé abstained.

162. MATTERS ARISING

a. Tree planting

Questions were asked about progress on the two trees that are to be planted down the allotment fence. Glascoed have been instructed to go ahead and plant the trees but may have missed the window for planting this season.

b. Change of speed limit around Sainsbury's

The Change of Speed Limit needs to be clearer. It was noted that there has been police presence there and that the County Council are aware of the issue.

c. Rhuddlan Events Committee

The Mayor thanked the Town Council for agreeing permission for the use of Admirals Field for the Party in the Park on the 22nd July.

e. Buckingham Palace Visit

The Mayor thanked the Town Council for the financial contribution towards the Buckingham Visit in June.

f. The Bridge

The police are aware that individuals are ignoring the weight limit on the bridge. The Police have been active on the Bridge and have issued fines for not using seat belts and using mobile phones. Cleaning the muck on the Bridge has been carried out but it needs to be done again. The Town Clerk to contact the County Council to state that muck on the bridge is still of concern to the Town Council.

g. The St David's Day Charity Concert

This was a great success. Cllr Ann Davies thanked everyone for their support to help raise the £10k.

h. Denbighshire CCTV partnership

With regards to wording the CCTV signage to be displayed in shops, Cllr Gareth Rowlands will have this information at the next Town Council meeting after having attended a CCTV Board meeting.

i. Rubbish in Gwindy Street

This problem is now resolved.

j. Footpath from Hylas lane to Twtil

Following concerns over the state of the footpath, the County Council was contacted to see if chippings could be laid down. The County Council replied that it does not have the money to do this. It was resolved that the County Council be contacted and made aware that it could be liable should a member of public have an accident on the footpath.

k. The Knights Sculpture.

The wall behind the sculpture needs concealing. It was resolved for the Town Clerk to get prices to put hazel wicker / fencing in place.

163 CORRESPONDENCE

From the Mayor

Attended Events Committee Meeting.

Missed Air Cadets Annual Dinner.

Denbighshire County Council Chairpersons St David's Day Charity Concert.

Official Opening of Rhuddlan Library.

Attended Councillor Gwilym Williams's funeral.

The Mayor of St Asaph Charity Ball.

The Mayor of Holywell Charity Event Ball.

Community centre trustees meeting.

Town Clerk report: March 2017

a. ibeacon project Introductory Session

It was resolved that Cllrs Arwel Roberts and Gareth Rowlands attend.

b. Cleaning of Bus Shelters.

It was resolved to go ahead and have all twelve cleaned at the end of June at a cost of £360 + VAT.

c. Tiered Planters.

Cllr Sara King declared an interest.

Denbighshire County Council have confirmed that a planter is available to the Town Council. It was resolved to have one planter, in the library area. Cllr Gareth Smith kindly volunteered to water.

d. Rhuddlan Open Space Audit

Cllr Arwel Roberts and the Town Clerk met with an Officer from the Planning Department from the County Council to complete the Audit. A final report to follow.

e. Redstone Creative Standing Order

The £250 owing (due to the bank not cancelling the standing order) has been paid to the Town Council.

f. ALDI

It was resolved to invite a representative to a Town Council meeting to discuss measures to alleviate traffic problems.

g. Library/One Stop Shop Joint Working Party

A working Party needs to be set up. It was resolved to put on hold until the newly elected Council is up and running.

h. Potholes in Clos David Owen

This work is to be carried out March 17th and 18th. Town Clerk to prepare letters to resident to warn of road closure.

j. Rhuddlan Castle Lights Update

The Conservation Works & Property Manager has received a quote from an electrical contractor. He is in the process of seeking a contractor to dig the trench from the Tower to the Visitor Centre. The area at present is very wet which is preventing progress. Once an acceptable quote is received, this job can proceed once the ground conditions are favourable. Town Councillors were thanked for being so understanding as this situation has taken much longer than anticipated to get resolved.

k. Houses of Parliament Visit

It was resolved to go ahead with a visit on the 28th of April. Town Clerk to go ahead and make the necessary arrangements.

l. Ownership of footpaths

An official copy of register of title had been circulated with regards to ownership of paths in front of Plas y Brenin Road and the path near the cemetery leading to Bodrhyddan Avenue to Ffordd Morris. The register confirmed that the path is owned by the developer. It was resolved that no further action was required on this matter.

m. Website

James Gillet from County Council has recommended that we use a premium site \$8.25 (approximately £6.64) a month. The premium site is more professional and has 6 gigabytes of storage space. The Town Council will need two sites, one in English and one in Welsh. It was resolved that the Town Clerk confirm the resolution with James Gillet.

n. We're a Knockout

The Rhuddlan Environment Group are organising the above event to be held at Morfa Lodge Farm on the 29th May to start at 12.30. All money raised will go to Breast Cancer Cymru. All welcome.

164. TRAFFIC CONCERNS AND OTHER ISSUES

A letter from Mr Maurice Beer had been circulated in which he pointed out a number of problems in Rhuddlan with regards to traffic. Town Councillors shared Mr Maurice's concerns but stated that this was a matter for the County Council. It was resolved that the Town Clerk reply to Mr Maurice with this resolution.

165. TRAFFIC CONGESTION OUTSIDE YSGOL Y CASTELL

Cllr Ann Davies declared an interest

A letter from the Headteacher had been circulated with regards to traffic congestion outside the primary school. This is a matter for the County Council and Police. It was resolved that the Town Clerk reply to the Head teacher with this resolution. It was also resolved that Cllr Arwel Roberts and Ann Davies follow up with County Council to see if a Traffic Officer can be deployed to alleviate this problem.

166. DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE COMMUNITY

A letter from PCSO Kevin Casey had been circulated with regards to a request for financial assistance to purchase signs to promote the location of the defibrillators. There are already two defibrillators in Rhuddlan, one in the Community Centre and one in the school. However, this posed a problem when these facilities were closed. It was resolved to purchase a defibrillator to be located outside, near The End Salon. It was also resolved to go ahead with purchasing signs but this would need to be deferred until the exact location of the new defibrillator was known.

167. COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Cllr Arwel Roberts

a. Meeting with regard to the surgery.

Present Cllr A Davies, Cllr R Davies, Cllr A Roberts Mrs Betty Jones, two ladies from the town pharmacy - Rhuddlan Representatives.

Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board - Mrs Clare Darlington and Dr Stockport.

Problems still exist with regard to prescriptions Mrs Darlington has agreed to organise a meeting between the two pharmacies in the near future.

b. Dog stencils.

Tim Wynne Evans team have ordered the stencils from a local firm here in Rhuddlan. The paint that they use will not be permanent. It will last long enough for Environmental Services to deal with. Once the kingdom officers use the stencils they will make a call for the removal.

Officers will use the stencils and will attend to problems in Rhuddlan as normal. The stencils are just right in size and composition and with care should last some time. These stencils will not cost the town a penny.

c. Dog bags dispensers.

The posh dispenser by the nature reserve now has a key it's in my possession and Mrs Anita Fagan has purchased more bags. Another dispenser has been placed at the other entrance to nature reserve - owned by the county.

d. Regular patrols in Rhuddlan by kingdom officers.

Tim Wynne Evans reports that regular patrols are occurring in Rhuddlan. I quote from his e-mail message "ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ARE REMOVING THE FOUL, WE NEED SOMEONE TO BE FORTHRIGHT AND TELL US WHO THE OFFENDERS ARE SO WE CAN PROSECUTE. WE CAN GUARANTEE ANONOMINITY UNLESS THE OFFENDER OPTS FOR A COURT HEARING. IN FOUR YEARS AND 465 FIXED PENALTY NOTICES FOR FOULING NO ONE HAS EVER CHALLENGED THE USE OF THE NOTICES IN COURT, SO NO ONE HAS TO GIVE ORAL EVIDENCE"

e. Marsh Road's ditch.

Ownership of this ditch is problematic. A culvert has been removed by Jon Chapman's team which had been installed some years ago by NRW. The removal has assisted the flow in the ditch. It is a fact that pollution has occurred in the ditch, NRW are seeking a prosecution against KFC.

f. Recreational Public Open Space Assessment Audit.

One of the planning officers Miss Luci Duncalf accompanied the clerk and myself around the town to assist her to make this audit. A draft report has been produced and a final one will be posted to the town clerk in the near future.

g. Flood meetings.

Attended the St Asaph Flood Partnership Group and a special meeting to discuss information with regard to flood prevention in Bodelwyddan and Rhuddlan area. The trees around the bund have been cut. Unless ditches are cleared floods will happen again.

CLlr Ann Davies

h. Rhuddlan surgery

A second meeting was held with the health board and representatives from Rhuddlan pharmacy. Still some teething problems but we continue to work with the health board to resolve the issues.

i. Marsh road

There have been lots of complaints from residents regarding the condition of the road, i.e. mud and stones from the construction site. A meeting was held yesterday with DCC officers and construction staff. Hopefully this will improve the situation. Progress to be monitored.

j. Dentist

I was delighted to welcome the new dentist to Rhuddlan and have a tour of the new and very impressive surgery - very hi-tech with all the mod-cons. The surgery is currently only taking private patients due to constraints on health board funding.

k. Library

A proud day for Rhuddlan on 1st March with the opening of the newly refurbished library. I was delighted to open the new library especially since I have been visiting this library for 50 years. The new community room has been called Phillip Jones Griffiths who lived in Hylas Lane a few doors away from me. His mother ran a sweet shop from her parlour!

l. Downing street

It was a huge honour and privilege for me to represent Denbighshire at No. 10 Downing Street. They really did Wales proud with a Welsh choir, harpist, Welsh produce and hundreds of daffodils all around No. 10. It was lovely to see a young carer from Denbighshire receive an award from the Prime Minister.

m. Lord Langford

I was invited to Bodrhyddan Hall to deliver a birthday card to Lord Langford on his 105th birthday. Our oldest resident in Rhuddlan, He is a remarkable man with so many interesting stories to tell.

n. Archie Cooledge

Remembering Archie Cooledge who would have been 104 this month.

168 BUDGET/FINANCE MATTERS

a. Accounts

The accounts were presented and approved. Appendix "A".

b. 2017 – 18 Insurance

A copy of 2017 -18 Insurance Policy Schedule from Zurich Municipal was circulated. It was resolved to accept the proposal at £3, 655.

c. Cylch Meithrin

Cllr Arwel Roberts declared an interest.

A letter had been circulated from Cylch Meithrin Rhuddlan requesting financial assistance towards running costs of Cylch Meithrin. It was resolved that the Town Clerk send a Section 137 Form which will ask for accounts to be submitted. Also, need to ask how many children from Rhuddlan attend the Cylch Meithrin.

d. Transfer of Money from Reserves

The town Clerk asked permission to transfer £20k from the Deposit Account into the Rhuddlan Town Council Current Account. This is in line with what was agreed when setting the precept for 2016-17. It was resolved to go ahead with the transfer.

e Risk Assessment

Town Clerk stated that a draft Risk Assessment had been completed. However, following a meeting with the accountant it was felt that more work needed doing on this. This will be presented to the next meeting.

169. PLANNING MATTERS FOR COMMENT

Cllrs Sara King, Ann Davies and Mike Kermod abstained

Application 46/2017/0153

Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling – Pen y Lon, Dyserth Road. No objection.

Application 44/2017/0165

Erection of extension dwelling – Wymore Villa, Dyserth Road. No objection.

170. COMMUNITY MATTERS

a. Princes Road

The wall on Princes Road is in a state of dis-repair and needs looking at.

The rendering on a house on Princes Road is falling and poses a risk.

Bin bags behind Afallon cottages, Princes Road are attracting rats.

The corner property is leaning in and is of concern, particularly with children in the area.

b. Town Council Notice Board

The Perspex on the right-hand side (when facing the board) needs replacing. Town Clerk to follow up.

c. Improvements along Rhyl Road – Phase 2.

Improvements are to be carried out along Rhyl Road, between Pentre Lane and Plas Lorna. The County Council have received confirmation of Phase 2 proposal which is to plant the catoneaster shrubs from the top of Pentre Lane to lamp post 51, which is approximately 500 metres. This would be done in 3 phases for the Catoneaster hedge planting in April, October 2017 and March 2018. It will improve the area and hopefully save the County Council Street Scene a lot of work, as it will drown out the weeds. It was resolved to support the proposal.

d. Litter outside the Community Centre

There is a problem with litter which seems to happen after children's parties. People put litter in bins but sometimes they are overflowing which gives seagulls the opportunity to scavenge. It was resolved to ask the County Council for two bins that are seagull-proof.

e. Banners

There is still a problem with banners being put on fences. Questions were asked what is legal and what is not? If a banner is up for 28 days, individuals should complain to the Planning Department of the County Council who should take action to have them removed.

f. Vicarage Lane

A property opposite the library has installed a homemade concrete ramp in front of the existing kerbstone. This concrete ramp is on the highway and is a hazard to road users. The matter to be taken up with the County Council.

g. Fallen Hedge

A fallen hedge has been down for 3 weeks by the stile, bottom of the field by the Doctors. Cllr Gareth Rowlands to go and inspect the site.

h. Thiepval to Tyne Cot, 100 miles in aid to combat stress.

A letter had been received with regards to fundraising in aid to combat stress. The letter outlines how a group from Prestatyn will take part in the 100 miles walk from Thiepval to Tyne Cot in France to remember those who fought in this battle.

Four of the group from Prestatyn plan to carry out several training days before the event. The first one being on the 11th of March which will be a 16-mile route march from Kinmel camp to Prestatyn and back, paying respects at each Memorial they pass on route and intend to arrive at Rhuddlan at approximately 11 a.m. where they will present arms at the War Memorial. Members of the local community are very much welcome to come along and support the event. It was resolved that the Town Clerk forward this letter to Councillors.

171. BLODEUO MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2017 were accepted.

172. MATTERS ARISING:

Pengwern College students have carried out a partial survey of Rhuddlan high street and found that business owners are very receptive to the idea of maintaining hanging baskets if the Town Council provide the baskets and Pengwern college prepare them. They are looking at approximately 30 hanging baskets x 3.50 each. It was resolved to go ahead and order.

The official launch of the Wales in Bloom (North Wales) takes place tomorrow (10th of March) 11 a.m. All welcome.

173 NEXT MEETING:

April 13th 2017 at 7 p.m.

Signed Cllr Sara King - Mayor

Date

Accounts due: March 2017

APPENDIX "A"

Cheque			£
101900	Mr R Price	Provision of Buffet Remembrance Sunday	130
101901	Denbighshire Council	Contribution towards 2016/17 Operational costs library	12,000
101902	S King	Contribution towards Hotel/travel to London 1/7/17	250
101903	Cadwyn Clwyd	iBeacon Project	750
101904	S King	Re-issue cheque instead of 101800 - wrong details	18.59
101905	Denbighshire County Council	Replace faulty time clocks on light columns	271.54
101906	Wales in Bloom	Enter 2017 Competition	£105
101907	Denbighshire County Council	Repairs to Light in Rhuddlan Library	52.36
101908	Denbighshire County Council	Install/Remove Xmas Lights inc. electrical tests	3542.4
101909	Rhuddlan Town Community Assoc	Room Hire 16th Feb	12
101910	S King	Civic Sunday Buffet	28.9
101911	Zurich Municipal	2017 - 18 Insurance	3,655.61
101912	Rhyl Town Council	Quiz Night x 2 attendees @ £12	24
101913	Thomas Fattorini Ltd	Mayoral Chain - fit inner row & repairs	1248.4
101914	Rhuddlan Town Community Assoc	Room Hire for Civic Sunday	60
101915	Sage & Co	HMRC - Income Tax & National Insurance	39.7
101916	Good Signs & Print	Civic Sunday Booklets	70.2
101917	Town Clerk	Salary Adjustment	26.61
	Town Clerk	February Travel Claim x 6 journeys	83.7
	Town Clerk	Filing Cabinet and 2 packs Foolscap files	208.8
	Town Clerk	LaserJet Toner Cartridge	54.7
	Town Clerk	Stamps & Stationery	41.63
DD	Town Clerk	Monthly salary	800
DD	Vodafone	Monthly mobile phone bill	27.2
DD	Scottish Power	Monthly electric bill	30
		TOTAL	23531.34