

Cyngor Tref **RHUDDLAN** *Town Council*



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

Present: Councillors Sara King, Mayor (in the Chair), Reg Davies, Arwel Roberts, Ann Davies, Mike Kermode, Syd Gaskin, Gareth Rowlands, Sian Mai Jones (Town Clerk)

Four members of the public were present

101 APOLOGIES: Councillors: Gwilym Williams and Jackie Burnham

102 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Councillors: Mike Kermode, Arwel Roberts & Andy Smith in relation to Gwledd Rhuddlan Festival

103 POLICE MATTERS

November 2016 Police Report - pre-circulated:

- 11/10/16 Criminal Damage to room at Bryn Y Wal – Officers investigating and working with staff at the location to resolve the issue
- 13/10/16 Sexual Conduct A525 – Male exposed himself. Enquiries ongoing, male arrested and charged in connection with the incident
- 14/10/16 Malicious communications – Nuisance calls made. Offender identified and offered words of advice in line with victim’s wishes
- 29/10/16 Currency Offence – Counterfeit £20.00 note used at KFC – Note seized and enquiries ongoing to identify person
- 09/11/16 An attempted break in at the Spar. Officers are carrying out enquiries and are exploring CCTV cameras. High visibility patrols continue to be conducted and further support and advice given to stores.

104 MINUTES OF 13th OCTOBER:

Minutes were approved.

105 MATTERS ARISING:

Marsh Road (Rhuddlan Triangle) - A reply has been received from Head of Facilities, Assets and Housing at Denbighshire County Council. The letter states that development constraints at this site are a challenge and will prove difficult and expensive to resolve. The County Council’s thoughts on the eventual benefit the land could bring to the town, are similar to those of the Town Council. However, public funding is limited and any scheme would have to

be privately financed. He made it very clear that established businesses should be left in situ.

Remembrance Sunday - Parade to start at 10.30 a.m. and the muster point is 10 a.m. in the Community Centre. The catering is now sorted and it is likely that 90 people will be in the parade.

New bucket and carrier for the standard has been ordered and to be delivered in time for Remembrance Sunday.

Traffic Lights Problem - Cllr Arwel Roberts has contacted Peter Lea, Traffic Management in Denbighshire County Council with regards to traffic jumping red lights at the bridge. Peter has advised that traffic observed passing through a red light should be reported directly to the Police. Minor adjustments to the traffic signal timings have been made to mitigate the impact of any vehicles which, having passed through a red light then get struck on the bridge preventing vehicles proceeding in the opposite direction.

Knights Sculpture – Gary Davies from the Nature Reserve has offered to help disguise the concrete wall behind the Knights Sculpture by creating a wicker fence in time for the next Blodeuo competition.

106 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) FROM THE MAYOR - pre-circulated:

“16th October - attended Kinmel Bay Civic Sunday

24th October - Fish & Chip supper at Rhos on Sea for the Mayor of Colwyn Bay.

27th October - judged the final of the adult talent competition at Sun Valley Caravan Park.

29th October - went to Sun Valley Caravan Parks Halloween party

29th October - attended Towns Women Guild Xmas event at Community Centre.

4th October - attended the A.G.M. for the charity group home start at Brook-House Mill.

6th October - attended Caerwys Civic Sunday.”

107 (ii) FROM THE TOWN CLERK

- **Noticeboard update.** It was resolved to instruct the contractor to decrease notice board height by 6” at no cost.
- **Free use of car park** for Remembrance Sunday is confirmed with Denbighshire County Council
- **North Wales Police** Open Meetings – Have Your Say About Policing is up on the notice board
- **Mayoral Chain Repairs** (pre-circulated). It was resolved to go for the option to produce and fit an inner back row of seven matching chain links to existing chain at £693.00
- **Rhuddlan Castle Lights** – the Property Manager for Welsh Government is chasing this up and the problem with the Castle lights should be resolved soon.
- **Quotation for Xmas Street Lighting** - £2,952.00. It was resolved to accept the quote.
- **Rhuddlan Town Council Casual Vacancy** - is on the notice board until 15th of November. If an election is not requested, then the Town Council can go ahead to co-opt a member to fill this vacancy. This will be done by placing a public notice on the Council notice board.

- **Christmas events**
Lights Switch On – 5th of December at 3.45 p.m.
Carol singing around the tree. Provisional dates 21 or 22nd December. To be confirmed.
A Christmas Celebration – St Mary’s Church – 6th of December at 7.00 p.m.
- **To consider placing a plaque** commemorating Cllr Gwilym Williams opening of the Community Notice Board. It was resolved to go ahead and action.
- **Invitation by Denbighshire County Council** – Evening for Mayors & Town Clerks November 16th. Mayor, Consort & Town Clerk attending
- **Invitation by Clwyd Branch SLCC** – Town Clerks meeting December 2nd. Town Clerk to attend
- **SLCC Annual Subscription** – it was resolved to renew at £48.

(iii) North and Mid Wales Association of Local councils.

Glan Clwyd Hospital - No further bed increases being planned as part of refurbishment as their work is focussed on reducing the length of time patients remain in hospital and to expedite them in order to free up space.

(iv) Anti-Social Behaviour - police have a range of new powers to tackle anti-social behaviour. It is not solely the police’s responsibility to overcome anti- social behaviour but that the county council, town and community council also had a role to play. CCTV is being funded by local councils and police have been trained to review recorded footage to help with investigations.

(v) Local Government Re-organisation – Welsh Government has shelved the merger proposal. However Education, Social Services and Public Protection may be organised and managed on sub regional basis. Mark Drakeford (Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government) has announced that he intends to enact a set of arrangements to help Town and community councils to be more effective.

(vi) One voice Wales. The benefits of being a member of One Voice Wales were discussed. It was resolved that Rhuddlan Town Council become members at a 50% discounted rate of £254.50.

(vii) iBeacon Projects – members were unclear as to the benefits of being part of this project. It was resolved to invite Sarah Jones of Cadwyn Clwyd to be invited to a meeting to provide more explanation.

108COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS:

Pre-circulated report from Cllr Ann Davies:

"RHUDDLAN FOOTBRIDGE

Comments from a resident regarding the new light columns - "What a surprise to find such good lighting on the bridge, much safer experience at night, thank you for your part in getting the job done so quickly"

MARSH ROAD

On behalf of residents I have again raised concerns regarding Parking on Marsh road, officers inform me that this will be addressed when Aldi start work on their new store in the next few months.

HEAD OF HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT

I was very pleased to welcome Mr Tony Ward to Rhuddlan last month, he has recently been appointed Head of Highways and Environment. He was very impressed with our newly designated nature reserve.

CONWAY AVENUE

A new road sign has been placed in Conwy Avenue, Glyn Avenue and Clwyd Avenue, more need to be replaced in the town when funding allows.

DROPPED KERBS

As more people live independently in their own homes some become reliant on mobility scooters, therefore there is a demand for more dropped kerbs to be installed, particularly in the Highlands road area, I have raised this with county officers, again I'm told this will be reliant on funding.

CHAIR OF DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

As chair of the County Council I chair full council and council briefings. I am the Carers Champion for Denbighshire and a member of SACRE. I welcome primary school children to the council chamber every month. I attend the planning committee and speak on any issues/applications concerning Rhuddlan.

I'm already half way through my year of office, during this time I have attended over 75 events, all very special in their own way. Last week I attended the Denbighshire Sports Awards Ceremony at Llangollen, it was great to see so many deserving nominees, and I'm just pleased I didn't have to pick the winners! Guest speaker was Mark Colbourne the Paralympic gold medallist, his story was an inspiration to us all but most notably to the next generation of sportsmen and women

CHAIR OF DENBIGHSHIRE'S CAROL CONCERT.

This will be held at St Mary's Church, Rhuddlan on the 6th December at 7pm. Free admission. All welcome."

Report from Cllr Arwel Rowlands

Library - 9th of February 2017 has been reserved for the official opening of the refurbished library in Rhuddlan. A detailed plan for the day will be ready in early December and circulated once approved by the project team.

Fresh Air Gym – Denbighshire County Council Planning Officer has informed that there is no need for planning permission. Also, the Denbighshire Archaeological Officer has advised where to place the gym apparatus. More information on the Fresh Air Gym is included under Item 112.

Road between Rhuddlan and Abergele – Welsh Government has advised Denbighshire County Council that they have to do a feasibility project with regards to improving the road.

Community Plans in the new Council (Denbighshire) – In future, local plans will be owned by local people – they can be responsive to local community ambitions. The Welsh Government has identified 5 local authorities to act as pilot projects for this type of plan. Denbighshire has been chosen. Cllr Arwel Roberts has proposed that Rhuddlan could be one of the pilot areas within Denbighshire.

109 BUDGET /FINANCE ISSUES

Accounts due: November 2016			
Cheque Number			£
101856	Rhuddlan Community Centre	Additional Room hire - 19th & 20th October	24.00
101857	Mayoral Donation Fund Conwy	2 x Charity Quiz Night - 17/11/2016	20.00
101858	Rhyl Town Council	2 x Charity Winter Wonderland 02/12/2016	50.00
101859	SM Jones	Mileage 2 x Abergele, 2 x Rhuddlan = 116 @ 45p	52.20
101860	Abergele Town Council	2 attending Xmas Concert - 02/12/2016	12.00
101861	Morrall Play Services	Quarterly Inspection - September	234.00
101862	Rhuddlan Community Association	2 attending Xmas Dinner - 8/12/2016	35.90
		TOTAL	428.10

110 PLANNING:

Cllrs: Arwel Roberts and Ann Davies declared an interest.

Cllrs: Sara King and Mike Kermodé abstained.

(a) Application 46/2016/0953

Construction of flood defences including the raising of existing embankments and construction of new embankments and walls – Land between Lower Denbigh Road and Spring Gardens, St Asaph and land at Station Road, Rhuddlan. No objection

(b) Application 44/2016/0976

Erection of extension to dwelling – 9 Fairlands Crescent, Rhuddlan. No objection

111 URGENT MATTERS:

In future, this item is to follow after Declaration of Interest.

112 COMMUNITY MATTERS

Fresh Air Gym – 3 quotes have been received. Denbighshire County Council have confirmed that planning is not required on the parcel of land that has been identified for installation of equipment. Public consultation has been carried out and Cadw have been informed of the initiative.

Several sources of funding were proposed and there is a possibility that Town Council can provide an element of match funding.

It was resolved to seek funding for this project

Tan yr Eglwys – signs have now been cleaned

Rhosyn Terrace - sign is now in place

Rhuddlan Castle Lights - disappointment expressed about not being able to take part (along with other castles in the area) to put on lights for Armistice Day as a mark of respect.

Parc Edith – complaints from resident that builders are blocking residents drives.

Admiral Fields – the problem with potholes is in hand. Contractors have been asked to quote to tarmac the problem area on Clos David Owen. The Town Clerk has had a reply from K&M Contrsutuon. Awaiting other contractors to get back.

Barriers at Playing Fields - Cllrs Reg Davies, Arwel Roberts and Gareth Rowlands declared an interest. This matter was discussed (but not approved) in last meeting as there were 3 Declarations of Interest so no quorate. There were concerns that if a barrier was put in Admiral's Playing Field (Clos David Owen entrance) it would not deter Travellers from coming onto the site as they could get access around the barrier. Also, there were concerns about key holders (to the barriers) and the problems this may cause with access.

It was resolved not to put barriers at Admirals Playing fields or Vicarage Lane and to monitor the situation.

Blodeuo Rhuddlan - Town Clerk to write to Community Centre to ask permission if the Wales in Bloom Gold Award for Rhuddlan plaque and certificate be displayed in the Community centre. Cllr Gareth Rowlands has had estimates from Good Signs & Print for stickers to be put on Welcome to Rhuddlan sign and flower boxes.

It was resolved that Cllr Gareth Rowlands go ahead and place an order with Good Signs & Print.

Rights of way on Marsh Road. This has been an on-going problem for many years.

It was resolved to arrange an on-site meeting with Adrian Wall, responsible for footpaths and rights of way for Denbighshire County Council to discuss a way forward.

ALDI Development. Discussion took place as to whether there is a possibility of working in partnership with ALDI on certain initiatives. It was resolved to invite a representative from ALDI to a meeting.

113 Part 2 Business – It was agreed that the meeting should move to Part 2.

It is recommended in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business because it is likely that exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed

(i) Gwledd Rhuddlan Fest. (Cllrs: Arwel Roberts, Mike Kermode, Andy Smith left the room)
Application for free use of car park and a request for financial assistance was considered.
It was resolved to agree to free use of car park and contribute £800 towards the event.

(ii) Minutes of Personnel Committee held on 20th of October 2016

Minutes were agreed to be accurate.

Matters arising:

The provision of support for the new Town Clerk was discussed in the Personnel Committee held on the 20th of October, 2016. It was resolved on a majority vote to recommend that the Town Council accept the exiting Town Clerk's option that no support be provided. The Town Council accepted the resolution from the Personnel Committee. Council members agreed to assist Town Clerk if the need arises.

It was resolved that the Town Clerk write to previous Town Clerk to state that the Town Council is aware that she had been paid an extra week's salary. However, there was recognition that the previous Town Clerk had put in extra hours in preparation to handing over to the new Town Clerk and that this matter is now closed.

A. Minutes of Website Committee held on 19th of October 2016

Minutes were agreed to be accurate.

Matters arising:

James Gillet from the I.T. Section of Denbighshire County Council attended the Website Committee on the 10th of November to give advice on setting up/providing a modern website for the public. This is work in progress.

A Letter of resignation has been received from Redstone Creative stating that it is the intention to finish at the end of the financial year ending 31 March 2017, in order that the Town Council can find a suitable qualified replacement. It was resolved to terminate the agreement on November 30th 2016.

114 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 8th at 7pm

Signed by Mayor, Cllr Sara KingDate.....

