

Minutes of the meeting of Rhuddlan Town Council held at the Community Centre, Parliament Street on the 11th of January 2018

PRESENT

Cllrs: Andy Smith (Mayor in the Chair), Ann Davies, Arwel Roberts, Reg Davies, Syd Gaskin, Mike Kermode, Jackie Burnham, Gareth Smith, Heather Ellis, Gareth Rowlands, Town Clerk.

3 members of the public were present

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Ann Davies – Member of County Council Planning Committee and Rhuddlan Community group.

3. POLICE MATTERS

The Town Clerk read out the incidents that had happened since the last meeting:

24/12/17 Damage to window of New Inn – Under investigation.

30/12/17 Making off without payment Co-op – Under investigation.

Cllrs were disappointed that there was no report on the recent incident in the bowling green.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of 14th December were approved.

Matters arising:

(i) No Dogs Sign – Clarification needs to be sought on; do dogs need to be on the lead?

(ii) Castle Lights - A quote has been received from a contractor to install lights at the castle at £6040.65 + vat. It was resolved that the Town Clerk look for other quotes.

(iii) Radar gun

As there had been no progress with regards to the community radar gun in the local police station, it was resolved that the Town Clerk purchase one for the Town Council.

(iv) Defibrillators

Councillors had met with Achub Calon Y Dyffryn and the electrician with regards to installing the defibrillators. The Town Clerk has spoken to the electrician who has said that they will be installed within the fortnight.

Achyb Calon Conwy are to run a Defibrillator course on Monday, 19th February at 7 p.m. in Rhuddlan Community Centre. The Town Clerk is waiting for a poster from Achyb Calon Conwy. This course will be open to the community.

(v) St Mary's Church letter of support - The Town Clerk has sent a letter of support for the heritage project grant application for "Our Past – Their Future".

(vi) iBeacon - Councillors and the Town Clerk had a very positive meeting with the officer overseeing the project. Work is progressing very well.

(vii) Car Parking

Denbighshire County Council are in the process of looking at introducing charges at Vicarage Lane Car Park. The Town Clerk has already written to Denbighshire County Council to lease their parts of the car park to the County Council. Councillors are keen that people can park for free up to two hours. The Town Clerk to inform the County Council of this intention and that it needs to be included in the lease.

(viii) The Community Navigator - Alex Pendleton who provides advice, information and assistance which enable citizens to engage with their communities has been invited to come along to the Town Council meeting to be held in February.

(ix) Tourist Direction Signs for the Vale of Clwyd - An invitation has been sent by Ann Jones (Assembly Member) with regards to a meeting on the above matter. It was resolved that Cllr Gareth Rowlands attend this meeting which is to be held on the 19th of January.

(x) Bus shelters - The Town Clerk has been in contact with Denbighshire County Council to express an interest in the possibility of having the County Council clean the bus Shelters. The County Council are not quite ready to progress with this but have given an indication that each bus shelter will cost in the region of £25 which will include a maintenance check. The Town Clerk to follow up with the County Council as to how often this service will be available.

(xi) Eclipse Bench – no further action is required on this matter.

5. CORRESPONDENCE FROM:

5a. The Mayor

- The Best Dressed Christmas window has been presented to Rosie's.
- Both Mode Hair & Beauty and the Little Sweet shop have both been presented with their champagne.
- The High Street has looked so incredible. I have thanked all the businesses and hope next year will grow even more.
- Glan Llyn have also been presented with their winning cheque for the Best Dressed house, they have vowed to make next year's decorations even more impressive.
- The town of Rhuddlan has shown again that its businesses and residents can be relied on to support each other and show our town at its best

5b The Town Clerk

- The Precept meeting has been changed to the 18th of January 6pm – 7 pm. This will be followed by interviews for the Town Council Vacancy at 7 p.m.
- The Mayor's Charity Ball date has been changed to Friday, 27th April 2018 at Rhuddlan Golf Club.
- The Code of Conduct Course was held on the 9th of January.
- The Town Clerk thanked Cllr Reg Davies for overseeing the arrangement with regards to the Xmas tree which was well received by members of the public.
- A course on how to use Defibrillator course is to be held on the 19th of February at 7 p.m. This course is open to the community.

5c Petition to Welsh Assembly – Access Certificate

Declaration of Interest expressed by: Cllr Ann Davies, Cllr Jackie Burnham, Cllr Mike Kermode.

Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People have a petition to improve access for customers with disabilities by introducing a voluntary Certificate – similar to the Food Hygiene Certificate with premises displaying a sign 0 to 5. **It was resolved** that the Town Clerk forward the link to Cllrs so that they can support, if they so wish.

5d Access for People with Disabilities

An e-mail has been received from a member of public who recently visited the picnic area in Vicarage Lane library to find that her friend who used a wheelchair could not access the area because there was no ramp. The e-mail requested that the Town Council could give consideration for a ramp/dropped kerb be installed and to lower extension for one of the tables for wheelchair users. Also, to execute the work of yellow boxes (parking for people with disabilities) next to the ramps.

It was resolved to agree to the request for a dropped kerb/ ramp. Also, the Town Clerk needs to notify Denbighshire County Council about the ramp/dropped kerb as this will need to be included in the lease and will need to be maintained. With regards to the lower extension for the picnic table, this is a matter for Rhuddlan Community Group who may, if need be, submit a grant to the Town Council for funding.

6. COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

6a - Councillor Ann Davies

Marsh Road

I attended a meeting to discuss outstanding issues in Marsh Road, Vicarage Lane and the high street. There is a historic highway agreement to the development of the Premier Inn and KFC. It is now Denbighshire's intention to call in this bond to finish the works. A public footpath along part of Marsh road has been agreed to in the Aldi scheme.

Highway officers will be visiting the Aldi site to establish if a give- way sign is necessary at the junction of the Aldi exit / Marsh Road. They will also inspect the condition of the road.

As agreed last September proposals to install yellow lines in Marsh Road and Vicarage Lane, increased parking restrictions in the high street, one disabled parking bay in the high street and one in Vicarage Lane have now been forwarded to the legal department to be implemented.

Luncheon Club

It is intended to set up a luncheon club at the Community Centre, this will start on the 16th February at 11am - price £4:00 to include a two-course meal. It is also hoped to invite speakers.

Positive Action for Stroke Club

This group is held every Wednesday 10am -3pm. It is available to everyone and not only to stroke survivors. It's a very friendly group, tea and coffee and a hot lunch is provided.

Guests can join in with exercise to music, dominoes and board games. Art sessions are also enjoyed by many, or some may just choose to sit and have a chat.

6b - Councillor Arwel Roberts

Marsh Road.

The Ditch problem still hasn't been resolved, I'm on the case. The road is in the process of being improved. The traffic lights have been a success this from one of the residents. Well done Sir Ddinbych.

Station Road.

At last Dawnus have started on the bund this week. We have waited patiently for this.

Land at Tirionfa

Lloyds Ltd. and the County Council have decided to sell the land. Part of the land is owned by Denbighshire. Both have come to an agreement to sell both patches of land in one sale.

7. BLODEUO

Blodeuo has been nominated for Britain in Bloom. It was resolved, that the Town Council go ahead and enter. An invitation from Britain in Bloom has been extended to the Town Council to attend a Finalist Seminar in Birmingham on 1st February 2018. **It was resolved** that the Chairman of Blodeuo, Cllr Gareth Rowland attend with Mrs. Nerys Rowlands for a fee of £25 each. Cllr Gareth Rowlands and Mrs. Nerys Rowlands will travel by train from Chirk to Birmingham. Any associated travel costs to be reimbursed by the Town Council.

8. INFORMATION & WEBSITE MATTERS:

(a) Access to information:

A discussion paper was submitted by Cllr Mike Kermode with regards to public access to information. Most information is already made available to the public. **It was resolved** to accept the report which means that draft minutes and any associated documents to the agenda be made available to the public.

9. BUDGET / FINANCE MATTERS

Accounts due

9 (a) Accounts Due:

Members approved the list of accounts due for January 2018.

9 (b) Authorisation to change address on bank account

It was resolved to agree to change the current address on the bank statement to the new PO Box address.

9 (c) The Financial regulations - to review.

It was resolved to accept the Financial Regulation subject to minor amendments.

10. PLANNING MATTERS.

Cllr Mike Kermode abstained.

10a. Planning Application 44/2017/1148. There were no objections to this application.

10b. Planning Application 44/2016/1229. There were no objections to this application.

11. URGENT COMMUNITY MATTERS 11. URGENT COMMUNITY MATTERS

11a. Litter on Gwindy Street - There is a problem with litter between Gwindy Street and Church Street.

11b. Boat Slipway – The gates need to be left open so that people can go there to launch their boats. The Town Clerk to follow up with Natural Resources Wales.

11c. Bin on Princes Road to Plas y Brenin footpath - Another bin is required. The County Council have stated that they do not have bins. A possibility to consider is that the Town Council purchase the bin and for the County Council to install. Cllr Arwel Roberts to follow up with the County Council.

11d. Grenville Avenue to Banquet House – the Town Clerk to follow up with Denbighshire County Council with regards to a new bin and ask if the County Council would empty it.

11e. Yellow box near Marsh Road - Complaint regarding the yellow box near the new lights system on Marsh Road/ Station Road is in poor state.

11f. Hendre Close - There are holes on the bottom end of Hendre Close that need attention. Hendre Close where Community Group have put in crazy paving. Who owns the land? Cllr Arwel Roberts to ask for site meeting.

11g. Play Area (Vicarage Lane) - The new “No Dogs” legislation is restricted to marked play area. The Vicarage lane is a problem area for dog fouling. The Town Council needs to mark to outline the pitch so therefore the area that the children play on is protected.

11h. Rhuddlan Cemetery - The cemetery at the top end is in a very muddy state. The Town Council needs to pass this comment to Joy Henderson in the County Council.

12. PART 2. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the following items on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

12a. COMMUTED SUMS

Declaration of interest - Cllr Gareth Smith.

Denbighshire County Council have received three applications for the Commuted Sums. (i) Rhuddlan Town Council, (ii) Denbighshire County Council – Nature Reserve, (iii) Rhuddlan Community Group.

It was resolved to support all three applications. It was expressed that the application by Rhuddlan Environment Group for public information boards need to be bi-lingual.

Signed Date.....

Cllr Andy Smith – Mayor of Rhuddlan

Item 9a – Accounts Due

Accounts due for January 2018 meeting

Process	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT	Total
102113	N. Rowlands	cheque re-issued instead for 102109	£4.80	£0.00	£4.80
102114	Alison McMillan	best window display prize money	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
102115	Cheque cancelled -incorrect details	Cheque cancelled	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
102116	Mayor of Denbigh Charity Ball	Charity Event	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
102117	Glascoed Timber	Grounds Maintenance	£3,275.00	£655.00	£3,930.00
102118	HMRC	Tax & NI	£105.62	£0.00	£105.62
102119	Llandudno Town Council	Charity Event	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
102120	Denbighshire County Council	Install 2 x power supplies - Xmas lights	£400.00	£80.00	£480.00
102121	Denbighshire County Council	Grant towards Phillip Jones Griffiths Exhibition	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
102122	Rhuddlan Town Community Association	Grant towards purchase of new boiler	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
102123	Rhuddlan Town Community Association	Hire charges for meeting room	£24.00	£0.00	£24.00
102124	S M Jones	Salary Adjustment	£7.44	£0.00	£7.44
DD	S M Jones	Salary	£960.00	£0.00	£960.00
DD	Staples	Cartridge for printer	£59.49	£11.90	£71.39
DD	Vodafone	Phone Bill - December	£19.58	£3.91	£23.49
DD	Scottish Power	Electricity	£120.33	£0.00	£120.33
DD	NEST	Pension	£156.78	£0.00	£156.78
	TOTAL		£6,463.04	£750.81	£7,213.85
Income	Denbighshire County Council	Precept No 3 (final)	-£23,537.00	£0.00	£23,537.00