



Rhuddlan Town Council Meeting

Dear Councillor

8th June 2020

Your attendance is requested at a virtual meeting of Rhuddlan Town Council Thursday, 11th June 2020 at 7 p.m. Members of the public wishing to attend may do so by informing the Town Clerk by the 10th May so that necessary arrangement can be made.

1. **Apologies.**
2. **Declaration of Interest**
3. **Urgent Items** - having been advised to the Mayor 24 hrs in advance.
4. **Police matters** - to receive a report.
5. **Minutes** – approve minutes of the AGM & Ordinary meetings of 14th May 2020. Pre-circulated.
6. **Correspondence from:**
 - a. The Mayor.
 - b. The Town Clerk
 - c. Funding for Local Sustainable Transport Measures.
7. **Town Plan** - to receive a presentation from Cllr Mike Kermode
8. **County Council Members Report.**
9. **Budget/Finance matters**
To approve the payments listing due.
10. **Planning Applications for comment**
None received to date.

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.

11. **Grant Application** – Rhuddlan Community Group
12. **Date of next meeting** - 9th July 2020
Sian Mai Jones - Town Clerk - 07775 673706

Town Clerk's Report

Meetings / events attended:

May

- 8th Collect raffle prizes from Mayor
- 19 Meet with Mayor

General

- Press release to Rhyl Journal on 2020-21 Mayor and Deputy Mayor.
- Defibrillators are in good working order, thanks to Cllr Syd Gaskin.
- Town Council Casual Vacancy notice sent to Rhyl Journal / Daily Post & put on website and Town Council notice board.

Subject:

FW: Funding for local sustainable transport measures

Item 6c

Dear Councillor Robert's,

On the 7th May, this year, the following document was published - Written Statement: Funding for local sustainable transport measures in response to Covid 19. In that document, Lee Waters, Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport, stated, "We are seeking expressions of interest from local authorities across Wales to introduce measures to ensure the safety and reliability of sustainable transport modes during and following the Covid 19 crisis. We are looking for low cost - high impact imaginative measures that can be quickly developed and rapidly introduced as well as other measures that reduce the impact and reliance on car journeys."

He further went on to say, "We therefore invite initial expressions of interest for funding for 'pop-up' measures that enable social distancing. These can include schemes such as footway widening, temporary cycle lanes, speed restrictions, and bus infrastructure improvements enabling social distancing. Measures aimed at improving walking and cycling should prioritise routes that are part of existing or planned active travel route networks, in particular routes to schools. A package approach combining different measures is likely to be most effective. Most measures are expected to be introduced on a temporary or experimental basis. However, where they are effective, should be introduced on a permanent basis."

As a keen cyclist and a member of the recently formed Denbighshire Cycle Path Support Group, I am writing to bring this document to your attention and ask if Denbighshire County Council will be submitting any requests for funding under this scheme. I would also ask if you personally support such requests for funding.

This would seem to be an ideal opportunity for Denbighshire County Council to obtain the funding urgently needed, and now available, for cycle paths in the area. Many people who would like to take up cycling report that a fear of cycling amongst fast moving motor vehicles deters them from doing so. It is evident that improved cycling infrastructure would lead to an uptake in cycling.

Can I ask, as a resident of Rhuddlan, if we can rely on your support in ensuring that the Council make application for funding from the Welsh Government as described above. Initial expressions of interest are required by May 21st so your support would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Dennis Kay
41, Ffordd Ffynnon, Rhuddlan. LL18 2SP

CABINET STATEMENT

Written Statement: Funding for local sustainable transport measures in response to Covid 19

Lee Waters, Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport

First published:

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7 May 2020

Today I am writing to all local authorities in Wales to invite them to put forward expressions of interest to introduce temporary measures to improve the safety and conditions for sustainable and active travel modes in their area.

We will make grant funding available to respond quickly to the transport opportunities and challenges that the Covid 19 crisis brings.

We are currently experiencing unprecedented changes that affect all aspects of our lives, and transport, across all modes, is particularly affected. With the restrictions imposed, we have seen large reductions in motorised traffic on all parts of the road network, much reduced patronage of buses and trains and higher rates of walking and cycling, both for essential journeys and for daily exercise. We have seen a vast increase in digital remote working which has shown that we do not all need to travel long distances for work, and we wish to see this maintained as we find a new normal. For the sake of the air we all breathe, the world's climate and public health, we need to try and lock in this shift and avoid returning to pre-Covid travel patterns.

With our support, we want local authorities in Wales to follow the example set by towns and cities across the globe, and to take action to achieve this. These measures should not be limited to large urban areas, as the same principles apply for smaller towns in rural areas. We are seeking expressions of interest from local authorities across Wales to introduce measures to ensure the safety and reliability of sustainable transport modes during and following the Covid 19 crisis. We are looking for low cost - high impact imaginative measures that can be quickly developed and rapidly introduced as well as other measures that reduce the impact and reliance on car journeys.

There are two main reasons for this call to action:

Firstly, we want to protect public health and safety. The expectation is that social distancing will need to be observed for many months to come. The space available on footways and shared use paths is often wholly insufficient to allow safe passing distances. There is also additional pressure on the available space from queues outside shops and at bus stops. As a result, pedestrians and cyclists are frequently forced to step or ride into the carriageway to avoid close passing. Whilst this is largely possible with current traffic volumes, it is already

problematic for many, for example those with reduced mobility or young children, and it will become extremely unsafe when traffic volumes increase.

Secondly, we want to address potential increases in car use. There is a high degree of uncertainty regarding the public's willingness to use public transport modes once restrictions are eased. There is already evidence from China which showed much reduced public transport use and significant increases in car use. There is therefore a high risk that, if no action is taken, we will see even greater percentages of journeys being undertaken by car in Wales in the future. This would clearly go against the policy direction we want to achieve across Government and lead to negative impacts for people, society and the environment. We therefore need to use the current reduction in volumes proactively to create conditions that make non-car modes safer, healthy and convenient.

We therefore invite initial expressions of interest for funding for 'pop-up' measures that enable social distancing. These can include schemes such as footway widening, temporary cycle lanes, speed restrictions, and bus infrastructure improvements enabling social distancing.

Measures aimed at improving walking and cycling should prioritise routes that are part of existing or planned active travel route networks, in particular routes to schools. A package approach combining different measures is likely to be most effective. Most measures are expected to be introduced on a temporary or experimental basis. However, where they are effective, should be introduced on a permanent basis.

We are asking for initial expressions of interest by 21 May to allow us to gauge the overall funding requirement. We will then seek additional information as required before considering the proposals further. We envisage measures to be introduced from early summer.

Current Bank A/c

List of Payments made between 01/06/2020 and 30/06/2020

Item 9

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
11/06/2020	Web Studio	SO	120.00		Website Managment
11/06/2020	Staples UK Ltd	SO	113.99		Stationery
11/06/2020	NEST Pension	SO	116.30		Period 18th April - 17th May
11/06/2020	G Rowlands	102412	13.98		2 Padlocks - MUGA
11/06/2020	Rise & Shine	102413	2,000.00		Bus Shelter Repairs & Clean
11/06/2020	Town Clerk	102414	38.74		Expenses
11/06/2020	Town Clerk	102415	380.00		Planning Application Fee
11/06/2020	Town Clerk	SO	1,194.38		Salary
11/06/2020	Clerical Assist / Minute Clerk	SO	191.27		Salary
Total Payments			<u>4,168.66</u>		

Rhuddlan Town Council
Payment Request for Town Clerk
To be submitted to June meeting

Travel Claim	£27.90
Postage	£10.84
TOTAL	£38.74

Authorised by the Mayor: (Signature)

Cheque No: 102414