



Town Plan Meeting Minutes 16th March 2020

Present: Cllr Arwel Robert (Mayor)

Cllr Mike Kermode

Cllr Mike Elgin

Cllr Gareth Rowlands

Cllr Reg Davies

Cllr Charlotte Frobisher

Cllr Andy Smith

Cllr Bleddyn Williams

Apologies: Cllrs: Ann Davies & Syd Gaskin

Declaration of Interest - None

Cllr Arwel Roberts opened the meeting by informing Members that DCC had today suspended County Council meetings from the week commencing March 16th 2020 due to the coronavirus outbreak and that a weekly decision will be taken every Monday during the outbreak whether to hold meetings or not.

Cllr Roberts had also been informed that all Chapels were closing at this time for worship and that the Police & Crime Commissioner elections due to be held in May had been postponed till 2021.

Given this information and the escalating danger the outbreak posed, he asked what Rhuddlan Town Council Members agree what the Town Council should do, and opened up the meeting to a discussion on this important issue.

Town Plan – Members resolved not to open the town plan discussion this evening but to focus on the coronavirus measures the Town Council should take.

Coronavirus Measures – Following some discussion on the escalation of the virus and the UK Governments advice it was noted that the measures being taken have been ramped up and that a peak is expected in May. Consequently, Members should be demonstrating a responsible lead to our community in following the Government advice.

Cllr Mike Kermode had received concerns from Ysgol y Castell about the integration of children and older residents of Rhuddlan. He also reported concerns he had himself on the potential of 100 people being present in the community hall.

The following decisions were resolved.

Civic Sunday on April 5th be cancelled

The Council meetings for April & May be cancelled

AGM be postponed until a later date

Rhuddlan Town Council plan to meet on the first Thursday of June (11th) but review as further guidance emerges.

The Litter Picking event and VE Day Anniversary be cancelled. The Town Clerk to inform Keep Wales Tidy and Cllr Kermode inform the various participating groups.

Cllr Andrew Smith proposed that the Minute records that Rhuddlan Town Council are responsibly monitoring the UK Governments advice and will continue to do so. **Resolved.**

Management of the Council's Affairs – Cllr Arwel Roberts asked how the Council would now manage its affairs having cancelled the next two Council meetings and the prospect of not having a quorum of Members due to the virus social distancing advice.

Members agreed to delegate interim decision-making powers to The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and the Town Clerk. Members will be communicated with by means of e-mail where possible and by written communication where not possible, and kept informed of any decisions taken. **Resolved.**

Town Plan Revisited – Cllr Mike Kermode asked if Members would like to begin the discussion on the Town Plan in June keeping in line with the decisions above. Cllr Kermode gave a short read through of the discussion document highlighting especially the three key elements and the suggestion that 5 key issues as a maximum be agreed.

He suggested that if Members were happy, then forward your ideas of key issues for the 5 key elements to the Town Clerk who can collate them in preparation for a future meeting. This will at least provide a starting point. Please don't elaborate too much on your ideas at this stage and make them realistic in terms of delivering them given our resources. **Resolved.**

The next meeting of the Council is now scheduled for Thursday June 11th 2020. Dependent on a review of the coronavirus outbreak.

Signed.....*Arwel Roberts*..... Cllr Arwel Roberts (Mayor)

Date.....*March 2020*.....