



Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the meeting on the 13th October 2022

Hybrid Meeting

Present:

Cllr Mike Elgin (Mayor)
Cllr Mike Kermode (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Ivor Beech
Cllr Jackie Burnham
Cllr Reg Davies
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Cllr Val Simmons
Cllr Bleddyn Williams
Town Clerk
Clerical Assistant/Minute Clerk (virtual)

One member of the public was present

1. Apologies

Cllrs Ann Davies, Gareth Rowlands, Rob Williams

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Arwel Roberts Item 17c external surface works at Admirals Field.

3. Urgent Matters

None received

Members were informed that the meeting was being recorded, audio only.

4. Police Matters

Acting Police Sergeant 3152 Nia Williams sent apologies along with those of PCSO Phil Roberts. No report was received.

5. Minutes

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There being no amendments, the Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Mike Kermode, seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

The minutes were duly signed

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6. Matters Arising

- a. **Aelwyn Morgan Award** – a presentation press release been completed and sent to Journal and the Council's website
- b. **GP Issues** – Clerk forwarded his details to the surgery to explore any future support the Town Council can offer
- c. **Police Matters** – No link to the police Community Alert system been received yet
- d. **Free Parking** – A Member reported that the ticket machine label for the change of language was falling off which may cause issues for car park users.
- e. **Internet Banking** – The Clerk informed Members that this was progressing.
- f. **Code of Conduct Training** – A Member reported that a cancelation email had been received by Members who were attending but DCC denied this although even though cancellation was sent to all members. Some Councillors did attend the virtual training though.

Members were concerned that as DCC cancelled it then Town Council should not be asked to pay for the cancelled training. The Clerk answered that he asked the question already, it was stated that the next one should be free of charge.

- g. **Dog Fouling Signs** – signs now amended and collected by the Clerk today. Will be erected as soon as channel is delivered.
- h. **Long Service Medals** – The Mayor informed Members that the presentation proved to be an enjoyable occasion by all who attended.
- i. **Rhuddlan Castle** – The Clerk had met the curator on site, and reported that visitors can pay cash or by card to enter. An annual permit can only be completed online. Maybe the previous complainant was trying to get an annual permit.
A Member reported that the flags were flown for the Queens death, and that the flag pole still has problems. Members suggested that the Mayor visit the custodian to investigate why and see if Town Council can help in some way with any issues.
- j. **National Eisteddfod** – The Clerk had spoken with the organisers to investigate Rhuddlan being a future site. We will need a 175 acre flat site for the event and a 35 acre site for car parking and camping. A lively debate then took place about the eisteddfod being held back in 1985 at a site off the dual carriageway which was partly in the Rhuddlan parish and partly in Bodelwydden. Members noted that this a big event and being realistic maybe we should not pursue it further. Particularly the time needed by the Clerk to organise it, and DCC's preference for a site often used for the eisteddfod is Denbigh. Others noting that it would bring much needed tourism visitors to the town, clearly putting the town on the map, and businesses could benefit from this

Cllr Mike Kermode proposed it not be pursued, seconded by Cllr Mike Elgin.

Cllr Jackie Burnham made an amendment to the effect that local farmers and land owners be contacted to ask about the land required being available. If none is available then then it will not be pursued. **Resolved.**

The next national eisteddfod (2023) is in Pwllheli, then in 2024 in South Wales, then Wrexham in 2025, so plenty of time to consider Council's involvement level.

- k. **Access gate to River** – A Member in discussion with local water sports enthusiasts discovered that the river level was too shallow for any water sports. Another

On 14th September I chaired a meeting at The Community Centre to discuss traffic issues and The Wildflower project in Rhuddlan. Several DCC officers were in attendance and the minutes are attached to this meeting.

On 2nd October I attended a Marine Clean Cymru morning along the Banks of The River Clwyd with The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Arwel Roberts, Gareth Jones of Keep Britain tidy plus Awen and Pam from the community. We collected a fair amount of rubbish plus a large amount by Aldi including many items which had been fly tipped. Overall, it was a very worthwhile day. Thanks to all.

On 4th October I attended at The Community Centre for the inaugural meeting of the Events committee. It was attended by quite a few members of the public and proved to be an extremely good constructive meeting. The minutes of which will be attached.

On Thursday 6th October I am attending the Community Centre trustees monthly meeting.

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