



Rhuddlan Town Council - Full - Council Hybrid Meeting

Thursday 10th July 2025

Present:

Cllr Jackie Burnham (Mayor)
Cllr Ivor Beech (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Ann Davies (Joined remotely)
Cllr Reg Davies
Cllr Mike Elgin
Cllr Mike Kermode
Cllr Gloria Lambert
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Cllr Val Simmons
Steve Wilson - Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

There was 1 member of the public present.

The meeting was recorded from this point (audio only)

1. Apologies

Cllr Sophie Baker, Cllr Bleddyn Williams and Morgan Ditchburn – Assistant Town Clerk.

The Mayor welcomed all present and reminded Councillors to follow the Code of Conduct and be respectful to other members.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Urgent Matters as Agreed by the Chairperson

None.

4. Police Matters

The Clerk ran members through the latest crime data. There were no Police Officers in attendance.

5. Minutes:

a. Town Council Meeting held on 12th June 2025

Subject to correcting some minor typo errors the minutes were accepted as a true record, proposed by Cllr Mike Kermode and seconded by Cllr Val Simmons. **Resolved.**

The Mayor duly signed the minutes.

6. Progress Report from Minutes

The Clerk updated councillors regarding the following:

- Clarified it was the Urdd to invite to Youth club regarding Welsh language and culture.
- Has requested site meeting with Cadw regarding the Town Ditch.
- Informed councillors that the DCC Active Travel will attend September meeting to update councillors, agreed to start meeting at 6.30pm and promote meeting so residents with an interest in Active Travel are aware.
- Lost finger post sign on High Street has been replaced and installed, DCC have already refunded the costs to RTC.
- De-fib now installed at Ysgol Y Castell.
- Clerk explained the need for a second custodian for the 6 RTC de-fibs. Councillors volunteered to cover all 6.
- Update members on ONW Conference recently attended.

Cllr Mike Elgin and Cllr Arwel Roberts joined the meeting.

- Cllr Ann Davies updated members about the tree issues in Parc Y Llog.
- Cllr Val Simmons updated councillors on the Friends of the Library group and Cllr Ann Davies updated Councillors on the Library Task Force meeting noting the stress it was putting on some library staff.

7. Reports from:

a. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Mayor had submitted a written report which was accepted by members.

She updated members on the wildlife garden pack for Admiral's Field and the Clerk confirmed the Council had been successful in being awarded this pack.

The Mayor added she was doing her first charity event on Saturday evening with a walk-up Snowdon in aid of Action for Children.

b. The Town Clerk - Correspondence and Project report

The Clerk had submitted a written report. Which was accepted by Councillors. He ran through the report and the following was discussed:

- The DCC stance not to change any roads back to 30mph. Cllr Gloria Lambert proposed the council write to DCC to say the Council believe the original roads identified to go back to 30mph are still valid and that the Meliden Road where it goes from 60mph to 20mph should be changed from 60mph to 40mph. Seconded by Cllr Ivor Beech, **Resolved.**
- Councillors suggested that the Play Rangers should be allowed to use the Hwb if required for the summer play sessions at no cost.
- Councillors agreed to invite the 100-year-old veteran to be a guest at the VJ Party in the Park. The invitation will be sent by the Clerk from the Mayor.
- Cllr Mike Kermode proposed the council purchase 2 banners to use on the day of the Community Market at a cost of approx. £140, seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

- Cllr Mike Kermode proposed the Clerk send a letter of thanks to Hugh and Helen Jones at Pengwern Farm to thank them for loaning the bales of straw for the Gwledd, Seconded y Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**
- The DCC Community Grant scheme, it was agreed to look at the opportunity to put a lit trim trail around the Admiral's Field path and whether it could be used to fund an element of the toilets.

8. County Councillor Reports

Cllr Ann Davies ran through her written report that was accepted by Councillors. Councillors discussed the lack of DCC garden maintenance and accidents at the Golf Club roundabout.

Cllr Arwel Roberts proposed the council contact DCC Street Scene to offer to work together in relation to the maintenance of the flower boxes, seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.** It was agreed to discuss further in the September meeting.

Cllr Arwel Roberts apologised for his and Cllr Elgin's lateness to the meeting and ran through his written report that was accepted by Councillors. He stated he did not go to Coleg Llandrillo nor will be attending the Eisteddfod in Llangollen on DCC chair duties as he had to take it easy after his recent illness. He added an issue regarding a lack of sign on Highland Close. He reminded councillors of Quiz Mawr being held on 25th July in the Community Centre. He invited councillors to his Dementia Group Open Garden at his house on 26th July. Councillors discussed issues regarding footpaths in the area and traffic on Pentre Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact DCC's Footpath Officer (Adrian Walsh) for a list of footpaths in and around Rhuddlan.

9. Planning

- a. No applications to consider.

10. Budget & Finance Matters

- a. Grant Requests

- i) St Kentigern Sponsorship of two golf tees at Rhuddlan Charity Golf day. Cllr Mike Kermode proposed the full amount requested of £80. Cllr Val Simmons seconded. **Resolved.**

- b. Councillors reviewed the payment listing and Cllr Arwel Roberts proposed payments are made, Cllr Mike Kermode seconded. **Resolved.**

- c. Cllr Arwel Roberts proposed allowances payments made to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are maintained at £500 for Deputy Mayor and £2,000 for the Mayor, seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.**

- d. The Clerk ran members through the account's year to date with no issues identified.

Cllr Mike Kermode proposed that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor approve the August payments listing as there is no council meeting, seconded by Cllr Val Simmons. **Resolved.**

11. The public toilets agenda item was moved to Part 2 of the meeting.

12. Cllr Mike Kermode updated members regarding the Heritage Centre project. In conclusion he stated that it is very unlikely that a new build heritage centre would get a heritage lottery grant however the team were still going to discuss with the National Lottery. Guidelines had changed and grants are much more likely to be awarded to projects modifying existing

buildings. He stated that the maximum grant for the Lottery Community fund was £500k so this was not an option. Cllr Ivor Beech updated members to future plans for Bodrhyddan Hall which would include some form of Heritage Centre. Councillors also discussed other potential buildings in the area.

13. Cllr Mike Kermode ran through the Library SLA and proposed the current payments be extended until 31st March 2028 which will give the staff some job security, seconded by Cllr Val Simmons. **Resolved.**

14. The council representative role for the One Voice Wales Area Committee was discussed and Cllr Jackie Burnham proposed it should be the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Cllr Ann Davies. **Resolved.**

15. The Police Commissioner's Innovate to Grow fund was discussed and councillors suggested potential projects including the lights around the Admiral's Field path, replacement floor covering at Vicarage Lane play area and additional SIDS.

16. Community Matters:

Cllr Jackie Burnham - Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are looking a home for 17 weeks, discussed and appears Ebenezer Chapel will suffice.

Cllr Ivor Beech – Highlighted water leak in Gwindy Street, Cllr Reg Davies has reported it, and one lady has already slipped as a result. Clerk to chase Welsh Water. Informed members of the new farm shop at Abbey Farm.

Cllr Arwel Roberts – A residents asked regarding CCTV at the car park in Parliament Street as partner had had a fall and reported to DCC, Cllr Roberts was disappointed that DCC did not ask to view any CCTV footage.

Cllr Mike Kermode – VJ Day 15/8 there will be a joint Church service at 6pm in Bodelwyddan Marble Church with Rhuddlan residents and Councillors invited to attend.

Cllr Reg Davies – Complaint from MOP in Hylas Lane regarding overgrown hedge (Cadw responsibility) which is already being delt with by DCC.

Part 2 Exclusion of the Press & Public

By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press & 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.

The members of the public left the meeting and the recording was stopped.

Cllr Arwel Roberts proposed the council move to part 2, seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.**

The member of public left the meeting.

17. Review reasons for apologies

Both apologies were accepted by councillors.

18. Public Toilets

The issue was discussed by councillors

19. Date of next meetings:

Thursday 11th September 2025

Signed Date:.....
Cllr Jackie Burnham (Mayor)