



Rhuddlan Town Council

Full Council Hybrid Meeting Thursday 13th November 2025

Present:

Cllr Jackie Burnham (Mayor)
Cllr Ivor Beech (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Sophie Baker
Cllr Ann Davies
Cllr Reg Davies
Cllr Mike Kermode
Cllr Gloria Lambert
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Cllr Bleddyn Williams
Steve Wilson - Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Two Police Officers; PC Will 3251 and PCSO 4457 Thatcher
There was 6 members of the public present.

The meeting commenced with the Mayor Cllr Jackie Burnham congratulating The Rhuddlan Nature Reserve, Rhuddlan Bowls Club, Rhuddlan Town Community Association and Rhuddlan Allotments Society on their successes in the Wales in Bloom Your Neighbourhood Awards

The meeting was recorded from this point (audio only)

1. Apologies

Cllr Mike Elgin & Cllr Val Simmons

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Ann Davies item 12.

3. Urgent Matters as Agreed by the Chairperson

The Mayor informed members of the appointment of Helen White as the new CEO of Denbighshire County Council. Mayor Jackie Burnham proposed that the CEO is invited to a future Council Meeting, seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

The Mayor ran members through the requirements of the Wildlife Garden installation on Admiral's field which was discussed by Councillors. Cllr Gloria Lambert proposed we postpone until April 2026, seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.**

The Mayor updated Councillors on the successful Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade. The Mayor suggested that The Rhyl Marching Band, The Council Standard Bearer and The Parade Marshall are rewarded for their essential support. The following donations were proposed by Cllr Arwel Roberts:

Rhyl Marching Band - £200

The Council Standard Bearer Lisa Lee's chosen charity Blind Veterans UK - £100

The Parade Marshall Inspector Tim's chosen charity Wellspring Community - £100

Seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved**

Cllr Ann Davies shared serious concerns about poor conditions and services at Glan Clwyd Hospital A & E department. Cllr Jackie Burnham proposed the Council write to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to express concerns and copy in the MS, Welsh Health Minister, First Minister and MP, seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

4. Police Matters

The Clerk ran through the latest Crime data and the Police team highlighted working with the DCC Youth and Play Ranger teams to resolve some minor anti-social behaviour issues. They updated Councillors on the e-scooter/bike initiative. Councillors stated they were disappointed that no Police Officer turned up for the Cuppa with a Copper initiative at the Kings Head, the police team said this was being investigated and Sergeant Iwan would provide an update.

5. Minutes:

a. Town Council Meeting held on 9th October 2025

After minor typo corrections the minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Mike Kermode, seconded Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

The Mayor duly signed the minutes.

b. Committee and Working Group meetings held since last meeting

Cllr Arwel Roberts ran Councillors through the minutes of the Heritage Centre Working Group meeting held on 28th October, he highlighted the Rhuddlan History day being organised in June by the History Society and that he is investigating the electronic Rhuddlan trails funded by Cadwyn Clwyd.

6. Progress Report from Minutes

Clerk updated Councillors regarding the following:

- The Play Ranger led afterschool play sessions funded by the Council have started on Thursdays from 3.15pm to 4.45pm.
- DCC have stated that no speed repeater signs are allowed on Highlands Road, the two SID's are under repair, and the clerk is looking into the cost of two new SIDs for Highlands Road and Rhyl Road.
- The invitation for Carlow Councillors to attend the Mayors Civic Sunday have been declined however Carlow have stated that a representative/s will visit Rhuddlan in early 2026.

- The trees at Parc Y Lleng will be trimmed on 25/11.
- The roses at the Library have been tidied by Noel Henry as DCC had not be able to do them in 2025. Cllr Arwel Roberts proposed that Noel is engaged to tidy up the area at the Knights, seconded by Cllr Jackie Burnham. **Resolved.**

Cllr Arwel Roberts reminded Councillors of his charity concert.

Cllr Ann Davies asked about the installation of disabled friendly play equipment at the Vicarage Lane play area, the Clerk stated he is looking at this as part of commuted sums for 2026.

7. Reports from:

a. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor had submitted a written report and the Mayor advised members she did not attend the school meeting on 10/11.

The Deputy Mayor Cllr Ivor Beech informed members he had attended a Behind the Gate event in which John Saunders-Davies had raised £2,300 for St Kentigern.

Both written reports were accepted.

b. The Town Clerk - Correspondence and Project report

The Clerk had submitted a written report. He added that:

- Updated Councillors on the Cadw enforcement action on Vicarage Lane Playing Field. A local community group would like to put a memorial bench where the tree has been replanted on the field. Councillors had no issue with this.
- Informed Councillors that he had to put a road closure order in place for Remembrance Sunday at a cost of £1,500. It was agreed next year, to ask the local police team to drive ahead of the parade on the return journey.
- Discussed email from British Gas about a complaint regarding parking at the end of the access road adjacent to Admiral's Field. The issue of works vehicles from Neo Power parking in the same area was identified. Cllr Jackie Burnham proposed the Council write to all residents that back onto the access road to remind them it is for access only and not for parking, seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.**
- The 2024/25 external audit was returned unqualified.
- Councillors discussed the complaint about cones used by the Dragon's container on the MUGA and decided no action was required.

The report was accepted

8. County Councillor Reports

Cllr Ann Davies ran through her written report and added the gates at the cemetery will be repainted in the spring, that DCC are quick at rectifying safety issues with the pavements when reported, highlighted issues with stolen bins and informed members of the Care and Repair service.

Cllr Arwel Roberts had submitted a written report. He added that he had issues regarding stolen bins and ran Councillors through the DCC regulations on bin replacement. He shared a "fire safety in the home" leaflet to share with residents, gave an update on dropped kerbs and a crossing that it is difficult to manoeuvre a mobility scooter across.

He shared he had attended a ceremony to welcome 8 new British citizens and had attended the opening of a centre at Ysgol Twm o'r Nant.

Both reports were accepted

Cllr Ivor Beech shared with residents the risk of fire when charging mobility scooters and storing them on an escape route which could hinder an evacuation.

9. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

10. Budget & Finance Matters

a. Grant Requests

i) Glan Clwyd Kilimanjaro Group

Cllr Ann Davies declared an interest and left the meeting while this item was discussed. Discussed by Councillors, Cllr Jackie Burnham proposed a £250 donation in principle subject to the Council being informed of the location of the garden, seconded by Cllr Bleddyn Williams. **Resolved.**

ii) Wales Air Ambulance Community Council Appeal 2025

Discussed by Councillors. Cllr Mike Kermode proposed a £1,000 donation, seconded by Cllr Bleddyn Williams. **Resolved.**

b. Approve the November payments listing due

Councillors reviewed the payment listing. Cllr Mike Kermode proposed it is paid, Cllr Arwel Roberts seconded. **Resolved.**

c. Renewal of SLCC membership for 2026

Cllr Mike Kermode proposed the Council renew, seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

11. Council Asset Transfer Committee

Councillors discussed the establishment of an Asset Transfer Committee. Cllr Mike Kermode proposed the Committee is set up, seconded by Cllr Ivor Beech. **Resolved.** Membership will be discussed at the December meeting.

12. Lighting from the Hwb to the MUGA Car Park.

The Clerk ran through the issue and explained he will be putting an additional two solar lights on the path in this area that should resolve the issue.

13. Pebble Snake at Vicarage Lane

Cllr Ann Davies reminded Councillors of the history of the snake and Councillors discussed the best way forward. It was decided to ask the Youth Club if they would be prepared to do some restoration and the Council could then reinstate on the wall.

14. Grant Priolect Perthyn Project Grant

Cllr Arwel ran Councillors through this opportunity linked with housing and promoting the Welsh language. He stated he will get Menter Iaith involved and report back to the Council.

15. Community Matters

Cllr Arwel Roberts suggested the council get more fire safety leaflets and give out to residents. Cllr Bleddyn Williams had received a request that the MUGA lights stay on longer in the evenings.

Cllr Mike Kermode thanked Councillors for the community market stall that raised £80 for the Dementia Group. He informed Councillors of a charity concert featuring Muddy Boots is being

held at the Community Centre on the 28/11 and a Dementia Friendly Carol Service being held at St Marys on 11/12 at 10.30am.

Cllr Sophie asked that Councillors email addresses are added to the council website.

Cllr Ivor Beech shared details of a recent event held regarding the impact to farming in the Ukraine that the Russian Invasion has caused.

Cllr Jackie Burnham highlighted litter issues after football matches and parties in the Hwb.

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.

Cllr Arwel Roberts proposed, Cllr Mike Kermode seconded. **Resolved.**

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

15. Review reasons for apologies

Cllr Val Simmons – vacation

Cllr Mike Elgin – retired police event

Both absences accepted by Councillors.

16. Date of next meetings:

Thursday 11th December 2025.

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