



Rhuddlan Town Council - Events Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th June 2026

Present:

Cllr Mike Kermode (Chair)
Cllr Jackie Burnham (Mayor)
Cllr Mike Elgin
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Steve Wilson – Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Cllr Val Simmons

Apologies: Cllr Gloria Lambert

1. Cllr Jackie Burnham proposed that Cllr Mike Kermode be appointed Chair; this was seconded by Cllr Val Simmons. **Resolved.**
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Mike Kermode, Cllr Jackie Burnham and Cllr Arwel Roberts declared an interest in item 6, Volunteer Fair and Picnic in the Park.
3. **Minutes – review of the previous meeting minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 2026 were reviewed. As the outstanding actions are included as agenda items, no further discussion was required.
4. **Gwledd Food Fest, 16th May 2026 – feedback and reflections**
Feedback was generally very positive, apart from comments about the weather. Members noted that there had been a strong selection of food vendors, although one complaint was received about five vendors selling cakes. Indoor vendors performed well, and 22nd May 2027 was agreed as the date for next year's event. The net cost to RTC of the event was £2,378.
5. **Volunteer Fair and Picnic in the Park 1st August 2026**
The Clerk provided an update on current arrangements. Most matters are in hand. Members discussed event promotion and agreed to share details with local holiday sites and the school. Actions remain to check the youth club tent, confirm bales with Cllr Ivor, arrange marquee security, update the police, and ask the DCC play rangers whether they can attend.
6. **Remembrance Sunday**
Members discussed road closures, including the need to cover the return marching route, which will increase event costs. Cllr. Mike Kermode informed members that Rhuddlan Dementia Group was organising a dance on the afternoon of Saturday 7th November, which

was open to all. There would be a 1940s theme, which would link with the next day's Remembrance Day Service/Parade and hopefully raise more awareness of this with the public. The proceeds from the dance will be split between the Dementia Group and the Royal British Legion.

7. Switching on of the Christmas Lights

Members discussed the event and agreed, due to safety concerns, not to hold a formal light switch-on in the High Street. It was agreed to place a small 12-foot artificial Christmas tree on the Golf Course Roundabout, subject to availability and installation logistics.

8. Community Carols

Members noted that attendance had been very low last year. St Mary's Church has expressed interest in working with the Council and hosting the event at the Church. It was agreed to discuss options with the Church and aim to hold the event on Saturday 19th December.

9. Twinning

Cllr Arwel Roberts updated members on efforts to engage with Carlow, noting that the response had been limited despite his efforts. Carlow representatives have been invited to Gwledd and the Summer Event, but no arrangements have yet been confirmed. Twinning with Patagonia was also briefly discussed.

10. Applications for Financial Support – None received.

11. Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 5th November 2026 at 7.00pm.