

Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting 3rd October 2023

Held at Hwb Rhuddlan

Cllr Mike Kermode - Mayor
Cllr Mike Elgin
Cllr Val Simmons – Deputy Mayor
Town Clerk
Clerical Assistant/Minute Clerk

Roy and Gill Price were present representing Rhuddlan Community Centre
The Chair welcomed all those present.

1. Apologies

Cllr Arwel Roberts

2. Declaration of Interest

None given

3. Minutes

The previous meeting Minutes of 20/6/23 had been approved by Full Council meeting on 13/7/2023.

4. Progress from the Minutes

Bespoke Fitness & Events have been commissioned to organise the 2024 Gwledd Fest and a tendering process for thereafter will be undertaken for the following years as approved by Full Council on 13/7/23.

A grant applied for to support the Gwledd Fest was not available for the period after March 2024. An e-mail had been received suggesting the Council should organise two Gwledd Fest events a year. After a short discussion the committee agreed that one a year was enough. Proposed by Cllr Mike Elgin, seconded by Cllr Val Simmons. **Resolved.**

5. Remembrance Sunday

The Clerk informed the committee of items for this event that he had already confirmed or had ordered, including the wreaths, marching band, bugle player, standard bearer, parade marshal, road closure request to police, and the church service at St Mary's.

Roy Price Offered to act as parade marshal in the case of the organised parade marshal is not available at the last minute and this offer was welcomed.

Free parking is secured and a poster printed ready for displaying.

The Community Centre will be used for light refreshments of tea, coffee, and biscuits. The band do not usually stay for the sandwiches so none to be prepared this year. Prestatyn ATC unfortunately cannot attend.

All Resolved

The committee agreed to assemble at the Community Centre from 10am, 10.30am parade to St Mary's Church. Service to begin at 10.45am and at 11.30am parade back to the Community Centre. After the laying of the wreaths the Mayor will say a few words and a representative of the church will also be asked to say a few words. **Resolved**

The committee agreed that a small PA system be purchased with Bluetooth wireless, and music playing capability. **Resolved**

The wreaths will be displayed at the library and Hazel Court in the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday and collected on the Friday, the Council standard is to be prepared, and cable ties purchased. The Clerk to investigate poppies for the street lamp posts, and large poppies for the war memorial area. Members agreed that if these poppies were affordable then the Clerk is authorised to buy them. **Resolved**

6. Community Carols around the tree

To be held on Saturday 16th December commencing at 5pm till 7pm in the Community Centre. **Resolved**

The Clerk went through his suggested arrangements. Tree to be placed indoors in the big room and Santa's grotto to be placed in the corner. This year the grotto will be a decorated gazebo. Mince pies and mulled wine to be served from the kitchen hatch, and tubs of sweets for the children to help themselves. Selection boxes to be purchased as last year for Santa's presents and any left over after the event be given to a children's local charity. **Resolved.**

There was a concern that the carol singing may drown out Santa discussing with children their Christmas lists, but the committee felt that by careful timing this could be avoided.

For the committee's information - the Mayor's Charity Concert will be held on Saturday 9th December at St Mary's and will have the dementia singing club as well as the Cor Meibion Colwyn. Monies raised is to be shared between Ty Gobaith & Hope House children's hospices.

7. Christmas Lights Switch On

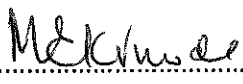
To be done on Monday 4th December at a time to be confirmed but shortly after school finishes. The school children are to be invited to sing and so the Clerk is to make contact with the Head Teacher to arrange. Also, to inform the police of this event, order the tree, and invite either the vicar or Peter to attend and participate. **Resolved**

Rhyl Rotary Christmas float has been contacted through Cllr Gareth Rowlands and a donation to Rotary will be required. The committee agreed on a £50 donation. **Resolved.**

8. New Applications for Support

Rhuddlan Lunch Club are asking for support for a Red Carpet Event to celebrate the many unsung heroes in our community. In total they asked for £168 towards the buffet lunch and trophies. **Resolved.**

The next meeting is to held on Tuesday December 12th 2023 at 7pm at the Hwb.

Signed..........Cllr Mike Kermode (Mayor)
3/10.