Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the meeting on the 14th December 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Present:
Cllr Mike Kermode (Mayor)
Cllr Val Simmons (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Ivor Beech
Cllr Jackie Burnham
Cllr Reg Davies
Cllr Mike Elgin
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Cllr Gareth Rowlands
Cllr Robert Williams
Town Clerk – Steve Wilson

The meeting was recorded from this point (audio only)

1. Apologies
Cllr Ann Davies
Cllr Bleddyn Williams
Paul Smith – Assistant Clerk

There was one member of the public present.

2. Declaration of Interest
Cllr. Arwel Roberts – planning applications.

3. Urgent Matters - None

4. Police Matters
No police officers in attendance or report provided. Clerk requested to obtain a report for the previous month's crime in Rhuddlan. A member praised the police for the way they dealt with one incident and another member asked for an update regarding a previous incident on Highlands Road.

5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th November 2023
Cllr Jackie Burnham proposed that minutes be approved as a true record, seconded by Cllr Val Simmons. **Resolved.**
The minutes will be duly signed by the Mayor.

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6. Progress Report from Minutes

i) Clerk stated no response received from Tim Towers at DCC regarding footpaths.

ii) No response from Community Centre regarding taking on the market.

iii) Toilet directional signage will be installed this week.

iv) No response from Prestatyn IACH. Members requested the Clerk write to the Chief Executive of Betsi Cadwaller and copy in our MS's and MP.

v) SLCC membership renewed.

vi) Raw rainfall data received to review in relation to concerns of flooding of a garden adjacent to the Hwb.

vii) No response of Cadw regarding delaying removing the benches from the town ditch until the spring.

viii) Still waiting quotes off 2 electrical firms regarding Hwb electrics and Youth club cooker installation.

ix) Awaiting feedback from neighbouring councils regarding support for local cemetery group. DCC stated have less than a years' capacity remaining at Rhuddlan.

7. Correspondence from:

a. The Mayor and Deputy Appendix 1

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor had circulated a joint report prior to the meeting.
The Mayor added that DCC had complained that the Christmas tree and barrier was blocking access to the traffic light's "black cabinet". The Mayor has rectified the issue.
The issue of the Christmas tree leaning over was discussed and Cllr. Reg Davies will rectify with the help of Cllr. Rob Williams.

The report was accepted

b. The Town Clerk Appendix 2

The Clerk had circulated his report in advance of the meeting and read through various items of correspondence and project updates from the town plan.
Several elements of the report were discussed, in particular:-

- Section 137 maximum allowance for 2024/2025 budget will be £32,000.
- Email from member of the public asking for financial information regarding the Admiral's Field path and Hwb which they had asked for on Social Media. The Mayor reminded councillors that the council had previously agreed not to use social media to respond and that any appropriate responses be posted by the Clerk. The Clerk will provide the resident with the information by email.
- The Clerk informed members that he is keen to attend the Practitioners Conference on 31/1 and 1/2. Members agreed to support this as part of the Town Clerk's ongoing professional development and networking.
- Estimated cost off DCC to install directional signage for Catholic Church location is £4,000. Discussion on funding took place. Agreed to write to the Church to advise of them of the cost of the signage and because DCC will not

fund the sign; the church would have to pay. Proposed by Cllr. Mike Kermode and Seconded by Cllr Jackie Burnham. **Resolved.**

- Discussed showing Youth Club Hwb booking as Hwb income and paying Youth Club in their grant and they pay for Hwb booking. Proposed by Cllr Gareth Rowlands and seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.**
- Suggestion by member to see if Bespoke Events would want to run the market.

The report and project update were accepted

8. County Councillor Reports Appendix 3

Cllr Arwel Roberts had circulated his written report for Members attention.

He stated that the reason the report was in great detail was to allow fellow councillors and other residents see the number of hours that the work of a County Councillor involved. He added the issues of the large tree falling in the nature reserve and lying water on New Road.

The reports were accepted

The Mayor highlighted the importance of written reports being received from our County Councillors. This is very useful, especially when a County Councillor is unable to attend the meeting.

9. Admiral's Field Path Gritting

Councillors discussed whether the path needs to be gritted in cold and icy conditions. Cllr Gareth Rowlands proposed not to grit and the situation should be monitored. Seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

10. Health and Safety Policy Appendix 4

The Clerk took members through this new policy. Councillors agreed to adopt the policy subject to an asbestos register be added. Proposed by Cllr Gareth Rowlands and seconded by Cllr Val Simmons. **Resolved.**

Discussion took place on whether the councillor playing Santa at the Community Carol event needs a DBS check. It was noted that Santa is accompanied at all times therefore one should not be required. The Clerk was asked to clarify. It was noted that the council has its own Safeguarding policy and the Clerk to check whether he should be DBS checked as Rhuddlan Council's designated Safeguarding Officer. A member suggested that all councillors should be DBS checked and it was agreed to add to the January agenda. Proposed by Cllr Gareth Rowlands and seconded by Cllr. Jackie Burnham. **Resolved.**

11. Message from DCC's Standards Committee.

The Mayor highlighted the main points from the message. Most of the points were being addressed in a positive way by the Town Council. In terms of a local disputes process, the Mayor asked if the council wished to involve another neighbouring council. Proposed not to pursue by Cllr Gareth Rowlands and seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.**

12. Town Plan

The Town Plan was discussed and agreed. Proposed by Cllr Gareth Rowlands to publish and deliver to all residents in January. Seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.**

13. 20mph Speed Limit Appendix 5

Cllr Mike Elgin explained that DCC are reviewing 20mph roads with a view to changing some of them that meet specific criteria back to 30mph and that RTC should pass on its opinion to DCC. He took members through his paper on which 20mph speed limits in Rhuddlan should be changed back to 30mph. This was discussed by members. Three lengths of road were considered. Cllr Jackie Burnham proposed that the A5151 New Road, A547 Meliden Road and the A547 towards Sainsburys be considered to change back to 30mph, seconded by Cllr Gareth Rowlands. Cllr Mike Kermode put an amendment to only consider the A5151 to move back to 30mph, seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Not Resolved.**

Cllr Arwel Roberts proposed an amendment that the 40mph on the A5151 into Rhuddlan leading to the 20mph was changed to 30mph. Seconded by Cllr Reg Davies. **Not Resolved.**

Cllr Mike Kermode proposed an amendment that the A5151 New Road and the A457 Meliden Road be requested to go back to 30mph; whilst the A547 towards Sainsburys remains 20mph. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Elgin. **Resolved.**

The Clerk will write to DCC with this proposal and also inform neighbouring councils.

14. Planning

Planning application 44/2023/0644 (resubmitted) for the erection of a flat dormer roof extension to facilitate a loft conversion at 11 Links Avenue, Rhuddlan, Rhyl. No comments or objections. **Resolved.**

15. Budget & Finance

a) Grant Requests

i - Stroke Club – agreed to move the item to part 2 of the meeting.

ii – Urdd Fund for All. This was discussed by members. Cllr Arwel Roberts proposed a donation of £180 which was seconded by Cllr Jackie Burnham. **Resolved.**

b) The Clerk stated that apart from the Town Plan's projects, the only submitted project was for Admiral's Field path lighting. These will be costed up and included in the Precept meeting on 4/1.

c) The Clerk took the council through the quarterly accounts which was **accepted** by members.

Appendix 6 d) The payments listing was reviewed and proposed by Cllr Gareth Rowlands to pay and seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved**

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16. Community Matters

a) Cllr Ivor Beech highlighted serious issues with drainage problems on the A5151 New Road that was causing significant flooding issues. Clerk and County Councillor Arwel Roberts will raise with DCC.

b) Cllr Jackie Burnham stated that there are some new shops/existing shops with new owners in the town and that the Mayor may like to visit them to welcome them.

c) Cllr Arwel Roberts stated that the castle was no longer being lit. Clerk to contact CADW to resolve the situation.

d) The Mayor asked councillors to support the Council's Community Carols on 16/12.

Part 2 Exclusion of the Press & Public

By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and 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. Proposed by Cllr Gareth Rowlands and seconded by Cllr Jackie Burnham to move to part 2. **Resolved.**

The recording of the meeting was switched off.

17.1 Potential 2024/25 Budget Issues

Cllr Arwel Roberts informed members about potential cuts that DCC may make. There was the potential for RTC to consider making some financial provision to maintain some services. Agreed to consider as part of the budget/precept setting meeting on 4/1.

17.2 Stroke Club Grant Application

This was discussed by members and it was proposed that, as there was insufficient information, no recent audited accounts or a recent AGM; the decision be postponed until a future meeting and that further information be requested by the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Gareth Rowlands and seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.**

12. Dates of next meeting

4th January 2024 – Budget and Precept Hybrid Meeting

11th January 2024 - Full Council Hybrid Meeting 7pm

Signed .....M Kermode.....**Cllr Mike Kermode (Mayor)**

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Appendix 1

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Reports by Mayor and Deputy Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Events/Attendances

- 12th November – It was an honour to play a leading role in the Remembrance Service. This is always an important event in our town's calendar, as shown by the excellent attendance at the Church and the at the Cenotaph. Many thanks to everyone that helped with the running of the event, especially Rev. Peter Mayo-Smith, flag bearer Lisa, Rhyl Marching Band, the team at the Community Centre and of course our hard-working Town Clerk.

- 17th November – I formally opened the path around Admiral's Playing Field and was accompanied by Deputy Mayor Cllr Val Simmons and ex-Mayor Cllr Mike Elgin, who had originally started the ball rolling on this excellent improvement to the field's facilities. Also, a big thank you to GJ Teeson for doing such an excellent job despite the wet weather.

- 24th November – The Mayoress and I attended a Memory Café session at the Library, that also linked into one of the Friday morning tea and coffee social get-togethers. The Memory Café was a joint project between the Library and Making Sense CIO. People were able to handle a number of memorabilia from the 1950's and 1960's that had connections with Rhyl as a seaside venue. They were able to recall not just the articles but the times, locations and their experiences when they might have had them in the past. Cllr. Arwel Roberts was also at the event and as active members of Rhuddlan Dementia Group, we were both pleased to see how the session promoted many happy recollections from people. The event was also another clear example of the great work that the Library does in promoting social well-being and community get-togethers.

- 25th November – We attended the Treasure Chest Group's winter coffee morning. As ever this was well attended and generated additional funding for the Breast Cancer services provided at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. A lot of hard work was done by a number of volunteers that generated well-needed funds to support the work at the hospital.

- 4th December – The Mayoress and I were pleased to officiate at the switching on of the Christmas lights. They have certainly brightened up the High Street and give a wonderful festive feeling on these dark winter nights. It was great to see how many people braved the cold and the rain and came along to see the lights switched on by the head girl and head boy from Ysgol y Castell – many thanks Toby and Amalie. Many thanks also to the other pupils from the school that gave us a number of Christmas songs. Rev. Peter Mayo-Smith reminded us that the main focus of Christmas is to celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus and there will be a number of services in St. Mary's Church and at the various Chapels where people can do this with carols etc. People were reminded about the Town Council's Community Carols event at the Community Centre on Saturday 16th December.

- 5th December – We attended DCC's Christmas Service in St. Thomas' Church, Rhyl. In addition to the carols and the Bible readings there were excellent musical performances by a number of young people and it was so rewarding to see how their skills and enthusiasm were woven into the church service. The service also marked the work of the late Chairman, Cllr. Peter Prendergast and the collection was donated to his chosen charity, the North Wales Women's Centre.

- 6th December – The Mayoress and I attended the Christmas Fayre at Pengwern College, which is a provider of specialist further education for young people with learning disabilities and complex needs. The Mayor of Bodelwyddan also attended. Many of the students had created Christmas cards, decorations and other items, which were on sale in the Fayre. A teacher and some students from Ysgol Glan Clwyd came along and performed some carols. A very enjoyable festive evening for everyone.

- 9th December – I will be at the Community Market raising funds for Rhuddlan Dementia Group with a "Guess the Teddy's Name" competition. The large teddy bear was kindly donated by the Treasure Chest Group.

- 12th December – I will be chairing a meeting of the Events Committee and the main item will be to finalise the organisation of the Community Carols event on Saturday 16th December. This Town Council event needs operational support (as well needing a Santa and the elves) so I hope that most members will be there on the 16th to help the event to run smoothly.

- 14th December – The Mayoress and I will be attending the Dementia Friendly Carols Service at St. Mary's Church at 11am. The service is an excellent example of the Church's positive actions towards dementia. Pupils from Ysgol y Castell will be at the service and their young voices will certainly be welcomed with the singing of the various carols.

2. **Deputy Mayor's Report**

Events/Attendances

- 2nd December – I attended the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church. It was lovely to see so many Christmas Tree entries from various Rhuddlan Groups and Ysgol Y Castell.

- 3rd December – I attended the Christingle Service at St Mary's Church.

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Clerk's Project Report and Correspondence for December 2023 Meeting

Correspondence

The following has been received:

1. Letter from Welsh Government notifying the council that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for the financial year 2024-25 is £10.81 per elector.
2. Letter from Welsh Government bringing to the council's attention to HSE guidance for asbestos.
3. Letter from One Voice introducing their Cost-of-Living Team. The programme runs until March 2026 and they will be contacting all councils.
4. Message from Denbighshire County Council's Standards Committee (on agenda).
5. Letter from DCC regarding purchase of Bryn Castell.
6. Briefing pack from DCC regarding burial capacity at Rhuddlan Cemetery.
7. E-mail from Dyserth Council Clerk highlighting that FCC are planning to provide 2 new cemeteries for Flintshire.
8. E-mail from Mathew Baker Library thanking the council for promoting the recent successful Memory Café.
9. Update off Web Studio apologies for the time taken to create the tourism website. It is 95% complete and they are aiming to complete by year end.
10. SLCC invitation to attend Practitioners Conference on 31/1 and ½ in Kenilworth.

Project Update

Community Market – the next market is scheduled on 9th December and is fully booked. Parking will be free for this Christmas Market. No take up yet by the Community Centre of the offer of taking on the market.

Hwb Update – Bookings including Welsh lessons (all day Tuesday), Art Classes (every other Thursday afternoon from Jan and once a month on a Thursday morning), Over 75's exercises (twice a month on a Monday morning), Youth Club (every Monday night), Ad hoc meetings including Bowls Club and Plaid Cymru as well as various parties.

Improvements to Vicarage Lane Car Park – No change

Admirals Field path completed and open.

MUGA lights, lights delivered to DCC but no brackets, awaiting brackets and then installation.

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Adroddiad – Report – Tachwedd – December 2023

County Councillor – Arwel Roberts

These are the meetings I have attended since the November meeting. If there is a V by them it means I attended virtually. Others would be in a building such as the Council Chamber Rhuthun.

13/11/23 - Eistedd a Symud- Canolfan Gymunedol- Sit and Fit - Community Centre- supporting as Chair of the Dementia Group.

Sub Committee of Finance Meeting of Governing Board - Ysgol y Castell- nominated as Vice Chair.

14/11/23 - Full meeting of Denbighshire County Council .

Attended the Music Memories session in the Rhuddlan Golf Club. - organised by the Dementia Group.

15/11/23 - Pwyllgor Llywio'r Gymraeg- Annual Steering Committee within Denbighshire, elected as Chair.

16/11/23 – Elwy Member Area Meeting.

Member Budget Workshop – Denbigh Town Council.

17/11/23 – Delivered letters and questionnaires regarding parking problems in Abbey Road. Had the company of an officer from Denbighshire Highways Department.

Member online briefing . Discussion on recruiting and keeping carers and how the county is offering voluntary redundancies across the county.

18/11/23 – Helped at the Rhuddlan Community Market.

20/11/23 – Cyber Ninja's Training – Cyber Resiliency . Before this I took pictures of the path around the Admiral's Field at the Clerk's request.

Governance & Audit Training – Risk session – preparing for meeting in 2 days.

22/11/23 – Governance and Audit Committee.

24/11.23 – Attended the successful memory café in the library.

27/11/23 – Attended the Sit and Fit session.

28/11/23 – Attended the Music Memories Session in the Golf Club.

Virtually attended the information session of Rhyl College (Llandrillo College Group).

29/11/23 – Invited to Ysgol y Castell for the morning – also present was the Athro Bro for the teaching of the language in Denbighshire's Schools.

30/11/23 – Helped to decorate the Dementia Christmas Tree in Eglwys Santes Fair Rhuddlan.

2/12/23 – Casglu Sbwriel (Litter Pick) – diolch to Cllr Mike Elgin for his assistance and our Clerk for the preparations prior.

4/12/23 – Attended the Sit and Fit session.

Attended the lighting of the Christmas Lights on Rhuddlan High Street.

5/12/23 – Council Workshop (budget/savings).

9/12/23 – Hope to attend the Community Market – organising a raffle for 2 good causes within the community – the Dementia Group and the Rhuddlan Bowling Club.

11/12/23 – Hope to be available for the Denbighshire planning committee.

14/12/23 – Will attend the Dementia Group Carol Service with pupils from Ysgol y Castell in St Mary's Church Rhuddlan

16/12/23 – Hope to join the residents who will be singing around the Christmas Tree at the Community Centre.

Resident's issues

I have had complaints from a resident about cars parking across the whole of pavements (Berllan Avenue). Duly reported to DCC.

Complaints about a path between Links Avenue and Thomas Avenue – dog muck etc – duly reported to DCC.

Resident had noticed that the white lines before the cars can cross the bridge on both sides had been erased – this has been done by the highways department and other lines on Station RoadA, I had hoped that the yellow cross lines on the area by the nature reserve would be done also as I requested.

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Health and Safety Policy

1. Purpose

Rhuddlan Town Council recognises that it has a legal duty of care to protect the health and safety of its employees and others who maybe affected by the council's activities.

The Council regards the promotion of health and safety as a mutual objective for all employees and volunteers for all Council activities.

2. Policy Statement

The Council shall:

2.1 Provide an organisational structure that defines the responsibilities for health and safety.

2.2 Provide adequate resources to control the health and safety risks arsing from the Council's activities.

2.3 Encourage staff and volunteers to identify and report hazards to enable the Council to improve its health and safety performance.

2.4 Maintain all Council premises, assets and equipment.

2.5 Provide adequate information, instruction and supervision of employees including consulting with employees in matters that could affect their health and safety.

2.6 Provide adequate training to ensure all employees and volunteers are competent to do their task.

2.7 Carry out and review on a regular basis risk assessments to identify proportionate and pragmatic solutions to reducing risk.

2.8 Ensure all contractors used by the Council are able to demonstrate a high level of regard to health and safety.

2.9 Review this policy annually and revise to reflect any changes to the activities of the Council or any changes to legislation. Any changes of the policy should be brought to the attention of employees and volunteers.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 The Full Council has ultimate responsibility for the health and safety of Rhuddlan Town Council but discharges this responsibility through its Town Clerk to individual employees and volunteers.

3.2 The Council shall ensure that

a. They provide the lead in developing a positive health and safety culture through the organisation

b. All its decisions reflect its health and safety intentions

c. Adequate resources are made available for the implementation of health and safety

d. They will promote the active participation of workers in improving health and safety performance

3.3 The Town Clerk is the designated person with overall responsibility for ensuring compliance with Health and Safety legislation.

3.4 The Town Clerk shall ensure that:

a. This policy is implemented, monitored, developed and communicated effectively

b. Adequate insurance cover is provided at all times

c. There is regular communication and consultation with staff on health and safety matters

d. Safe working practices are developed, implemented and maintained

e. Accidents, ill health and 'near miss' incidents are recorded, investigated and reported

f. Ensure that all employees receive adequate training, information and supervision to maintain safe standards.

3.5 All Council employees and volunteers are required to:

a. Make themselves familiar with and conform to this policy

b. Observe safety rules at all times

c. Where required, wear protective clothing and use appropriate safety devices provided

d. Report to their line manager all accidents, injuries to persons and damage to vehicles/plant/equipment

e. Know the location of First Aid facilities

f. Report all safety hazards as a matter of urgency to their immediate line manager

g. Know what to do in the case of fire, or other emergency and the location of fire-fighting equipment

h. Maintain good housekeeping at all times

i. Observe safe standards of behaviour and dress

4. Arrangements for Health and Safety

4.1 Risk assessments shall be completed for all council activities and communicated to all employees and volunteers that are participating in the event. Emergency plans including evacuation plans will be established for Council used buildings and other locations used for Council business.

4.2 Adequate Health and safety training or instruction shall be provided to all employees and volunteers.

4.3 All employees, volunteers and visitors shall be made aware emergency evacuation plans for all buildings used by the Council.

4.4 All accidents and significant near misses to be recorded in the accident book held at Hwb Rhuddlan. Accident data will be reviewed by the Clerk and reported to the council for further action.

5. Contractors and Visitors

5.1 The Council shall ensure that where contractors or sub-contractors are engaged by the Town Council, they must maintain effective control of themselves and those working under them so as to ensure they comply with the responsibilities and duties of the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974.

5.2 The Council shall ensure that those not in employment of the Council, including the general public are not exposed to risks to their safety or health when on Council premises or at events organised by or on the behalf of the Town Council.

Date policy approved and adopted by Rhuddlan Town Council:

Review Date:

Appendix 5

Proposal to request Denbighshire C.C. to review the new 20 MPH restrictions in Rhuddlan Town.

Fellow Cllrs we are all aware of the change within Wales in September this year in respect of making most 30 MPH zones become 20 MPH zones. This is not as a lot of people think a blanket change as The Senedd did allow County Councils to make exceptions for certain roads, if they fitted certain criteria specified by The Senedd.
Denbighshire CC did make some exceptions but not nearly as many as other Councils such as Conwy and Gwynedd.
Public opinion in respect of the change has been divided with many people not being happy. As Chair of The Town Council Road Safety group, I have taken a keen interest in what is happening and note that The Senedd have now suggested that County Councils should revisit the 20 MPH roads to see if they would be suitable for an exemption.
The rules in respect of exemptions are contained within The Restricted Roads 20 MPH Speed limit Wales order 2022.

Please view the entire document as per the below link

Setting exceptions to the 20mph default speed limit for restricted roads [HTML] | GOV.WALES

To summarise these rules
2. Exceptions to the default 20mph limit for restricted roads
2.1 Principles

2.1.1 In line with the Welsh Government's aspiration to meet the Stockholm declaration (Para 1.2.3), a 20mph speed limit should be set where pedestrians and/or cyclists and motor vehicles mix in a frequent manner, except where strong evidence exists that higher speeds are safe.

2.1.2 Not all existing 30mph roads will meet this test, and highway authorities should prepare Orders to retain the current speed limit for these roads. These are termed 'exceptions' to the default speed limit for restricted roads.

2.1.3 Two principal questions, A and B below, should be considered by highway authorities when deciding whether a 30mph exception should be made:

Question A: Are there significant numbers (or potential numbers, if speeds were lower) of pedestrians and cyclists travelling along or across the road?

- If the answer to A is 'no' then an exception for a 30mph speed limit may be appropriate.

Question B: If the answer to A is 'yes', are the pedestrians and cyclists mixing with motor traffic?

- If the answer to B is 'no' t
- hen a 30mph speed limit exception may be appropriate.
- If the answer to B is 'yes' then a 20mph speed limit will be appropriate unless the robust and evidenced application of local factors indicates otherwise.

2.2.1 Decisions on exceptions should not be influenced by existing traffic speeds.

Minimum lengths of speed limits

2.2.20 Where applying this guidance would result in short sections of 30mph speed limits, no exception should be made.

2.2.21 SLSLW recommends the minimum length of a speed limit, in exceptional circumstances, should be 300m on roads with a local access function.

I have personally looked at all roads within the Town now subject to a change from 30 mph to 20 mph. I have identified 2 sections of Road which I believe should be considered for an exemption to be made and for them to be made 30 MPH again.

These roads are as follows.

The A551 (New Road)

This road is a North/South direction Road. From the South you enter the 20 MPH zone just after the junction with Grenville Ave. Prior to this it is 40 MPH. From the North you enter from the Golf Club Roundabout which is 20 MPH.

The road is 323 meters long so is long enough.

In answer to the criteria, I would say all of the section has a boundary with the Golf club on the East side which is inaccessible to people thus no pedestrians will be crossing the road from the west side footway.

Most of the West side has no footway until the junction with Bodrhyddan Ave – It is then a wide joint pedestrian and cycle path until you get to the roundabout.

The Cycle path goes from the roundabout to Dyserth about 3 miles away thus the lower limit will not encourage cyclist to cycle on the carriageway as they have a dedicated safe path.

Only 3 houses front the road, and these are nr the roundabout. The Cemetery on the West side is popular for people to visit however they will not be crossing the road at this point as no footway is on the East side of the road and the roundabout provides a pedestrian crossing point.

So basically, answer to Question A and B is NO, so the road is suitable for an exemption.

The A547 Meliden road

This road is a West/East direction Road.

From the East you enter the 20 MPH zone just before the junction with Ffordd Porthdy . Prior to this it is 60 MPH.

From the West you enter from the Golf Club Roundabout which is 20 MPH.

The road is 380 meters long so is long enough.

In answer to the criteria,

I would say all of the section has a boundary with the Golf club on the South side. There is a short section of footpath on the South Side from the Roundabout to the entrance of the Golf club. After this the South side has no footpath.

On the North side there is a combined pedestrian and cycle path which runs the entire length and goes all the way to Dyserth. Apart from the Golf club pedestrians have no reason to cross over the road from the North footway.

The cycle path is of a good width and cyclists have no reason to go onto the carriageway no matter what the speed limit.

The section has no houses fronting it however there are 2 entrances to the estates of Tironfa and Ffordd Porthdy. The road at this point is however straight and gives good vision to cars either driving along the A547 or emerging from the 2 estates.

So basically, answer to Question A and B is NO, so the road is suitable for an exemption.

My proposal is that we as a Town Council ask DCC to consider including these 2 road sections as exemptions to the 20 MPH limit and revert the back to 30 MPH

Regards

Cllr Mike Elgin 4/12/23

Appendix 6

Date: 12/01/2024

Time: 09:24

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Current Bank A/c

List of Payments made between 01/12/2023 and 31/12/2023

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
14/12/2023	Atom Leaflets	PABT0275	167.10	Inv0302	Booklet of Carols
14/12/2023	HSBC UK	DD	9.00	Statement	Bank Charges 21/10 to 20/11
14/12/2023	Glascoed Timber	PABT0276	1,890.00	Inv A71	Grass cutting 2023
14/12/2023	North Wales Fire Protection Lt	PABT0277	61.20	S12862	Fire extinguisher inspections
14/12/2023	Denbighshire County Council	PABT0278	740.00		VAT on Yoth Club Invoice
14/12/2023	G J Teeson Ltd	CHQ102949	39,222.96	Inv 3190	Final Paymenth Path Admirals
14/12/2023	RHUDDLAN TOWN COMMUNITY	PABT0279	150.00	Inv114	Dec Community MArkey
14/12/2023	Goodsigns & Print	PABT0280	58.20	Sign Hwb	Inv 111311
14/12/2023	Wales Air Ambulance	PABT0281	500.00		Grant November 23 meeting
14/12/2023	Morral Play Services	PABT0282	468.00	Inv 1954	1/4 Inspn Feb and June 2023
14/12/2023	One Voice Wales	PABT0283	38.00	Inv7544	Training Module Cllr VS
14/12/2023	SLCC Ltd.	PABT0284	279.00	Inv MEM246023-1	SLCC Membership 1/12 12 months
14/12/2023	HMRC	PABT0285	1,626.48	120PP01122176	PAYE & NI Dec 2023
14/12/2023	NEST Pension	DD	469.46		Pension Dec
14/12/2023	Paul Smith	SO	227.87		Salary
14/12/2023	Paul Smith	PABT0286	144.00		Salary Back Pay
14/12/2023	Steve Wilson	SO	1,780.11		Salary
14/12/2023	Steve Wilson	PABT0287	850.91		Salary Back Pay
14/12/2023	Steve WIlson Starling Expense	PABT0288	500.00	GR/VS/AR	Top up Starling Expense Card
14/12/2023	British Gas	DD	209.21	6228630	MUGA Electricity
14/12/2023	Web Studio North Wales	DD	240.00	Inv 7349	Web Site and Social Media Mgmt
14/12/2023	Mari A Williams Translations	PABT02899	198.72	Inv 1374	November Translations
14/12/2023	Glascoed Timber	PABT0290	1,648.80	Inv A76	Litter bin servicing 2023
14/12/2023	Blachere Illuminations UK Ltd	PABT0291	1,488.00	SI56963	Xmas Lights collection/storage
14/12/2023	Angela Wilkins	PABT0292	60.00		Hwb Cleaning Dec
14/12/2023	Vodafone	DD	13.73		Clerk's mobile phone
14/12/2023	British Gas	DD	52.86	Bill No 6233821	Electricity Hwb Rhuddlan
14/12/2023	British Gas	DD	126.81	Bill 6280130	Gas Hwb Rhuddlan
14/12/2023	BT	PABT0296	64.80	N013 XD	Wifi Hwb Rhuddlan
14/12/2023	Thomas Fattorini Ltd	PABT0294	2,234.28	Inv I283242	Mods to Mayor's Chain
14/12/2023	Thomas Fattorini Ltd	PABT0295	594.55	Inv I283243	New Consort Pendant
14/12/2023	Ausit Wales	PABT0293	200.00	ARINV/009843	Audit Fees 2021/22 Audit
14/12/2023	RHUDDLAN TOWN COMMUNITY	PABT0279D	-150.00		Duplicate payment Com mrkt
14/12/2023	Steve Wilson	PABT0297	113.40	MK/VS/ME	Travel Expenses Dec
14/12/2023	BT	PABT0298	64.80	M014U3	Dec Hwb Broadbaand
14/12/2023	NEST Pension	DD	-469.46	Dec Statement	Dec Correction
14/12/2023	NEST Pension	DD	283.32	Dec Statement	Dec Correction
		Total Payments	56,156.11		