

Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 10th October 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Present:

Cllr Val Simmons (Mayor)
Cllr Jackie Burnham (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Ivor Beech
Cllr Ann Davies BEM
Cllr Reg Davies
Cllr Mike Elgin
Cllr Mike Kermode
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Steve Wilson - Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Hayley Gibbons – Assistant Clerk

There were approximately 20 members of the public present in person and a reporter from the Rhyl Journal on Zoom.

The meeting was recorded from this point (audio only)

The council stood for one minute's silence to remember previous Assistant Clerk Paul Smith who sadly passed away recently.

1. Apologies

Cllr Gareth Rowlands – illness, absence accepted by Council
Cllr Bleddyn Williams – away with work, absence accepted by Council.

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

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Arwel Roberts – agenda item 14.

3. Urgent Matters

Resignation of Cllr Rob Williams. **Appendix 1**

The Mayor read out the resignation letter from Mr Williams followed by a personal response to the resignation letter. Cllr Ann Davies was invited to give her response to the resignation, as did the two previous Mayors, namely Cllr Mike Elgin and Cllr Mike Kermode. Other councillors shared their views and the members of the public were invited to ask any questions. One member of the public asked about the statement that the Ombudsman expects councillors to have a "thick skin" and this was explained by a councillor and the Town Clerk. There were no further questions from members of the public.

Cllr Mike Kermode proposed that the Town Council totally refutes the allegations made in the resignation letter and that it writes to Mr Williams to remind him that if he has any evidence to make any formal complaints, as itemised in his resignation letter, then these should be sent to the Local Government Ombudsman. Cllr Kermode added that the council should invite Denbighshire County Council's Standards Committee to randomly attend any council meeting and report their findings back to the Monitoring Officer. Seconded by Cllr Mike Elgin. 6 votes in favour and 2 votes against. **Resolved.**

4. Police Matters

The Police sent their apologies and the Clerk ran the council through the crime figures for July and August. **Appendix 5**

The Mayor introduced Hayley Gibbons the new Assistant Clerk to Councillors.

5a. Minutes of Town Council Meeting held on 12th September 2024 **Appendix 2**

The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Arwel Roberts, seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.** The Minutes were signed by the Mayor

Appendix 3
5b. The Minutes of the Library & Museum Working Group meeting held on 12th September 2024. Cllr Mike Kermode took members through the minutes and asked members of the group whether they were an accurate record. **Resolved.** He also explained the aims and objectives of the group for the benefit of members of the public present.

6. Progress Report from Minutes

The Clerk updated councillors regarding the following:

- Reminded councillors regarding "partnership with DCC" meeting needs to be held prior to Precept setting for next year.
- The Clerk has written to DCC regarding lack of sufficient information in relation to the public toilets on Princes Road.
- Chased DCC regarding improvements to Vicarage Lane Car Park. Cllr Ann Davies updated councillors on the situation and proposed meeting with BCUHB and our MS regarding this issue and also the lack of health provision in Rhuddlan. Cllr Arwel Roberts agreed and seconded the proposal. Cllr Mike Kermode reminded the car

park is owned by DCC and it is a DCC issue. Cllr Ann Davies will update the council at the November meeting.

- Cllr Arwel Roberts informed councillors that the Twinning project will be postponed until 2025.

7. Reports from **Appendix 4**

a. The Mayor had submitted a written report and added she had also attended the Dementia Group Dance, Litter Pick, and St Marys Church Harvest Service. She reminded members of her Charity Evening on 23/11 and Civic Sunday on 8/12.

The Deputy Mayor added she had participated in the Foraging event at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve.

Both reports were accepted.

b. The Town Clerk had circulated his report and noted that several items that need Members approval. **Appendix 6**

- Request by Cllr Arwel Roberts that a letter of congratulation is sent to the organisers of Behind the Gate. Proposed by Cllr Ivor Beach who informed members that the event was a huge success and raised over £18k that will benefit 8 local charities. Seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**
- Informed councillors of 33% increase in the cost of funding the free car parking in Parliament Street. Members discussed and it was proposed that a survey is carried out with businesses, High Street users and Community Centre users whether this is having a positive impact and therefore value for money. Members also highlighted the impact to Community Centre users and hospitality businesses of the charges being up to 11pm. Proposed by Cllr Mike Kermode, seconded by Cllr Ann Davies. **Resolved.**
- Agreed to purchase cooking equipment and utensils for Youth Club. Proposed by Cllr Mike Elgin and seconded by Cllr Ann Davies. **Resolved.**
- Email from DCC asking for all councillors to refresh their code of conduct training. Cllr Ann Davies proposed the Monitoring Officer be invited to carry out the training in one session for the whole council, seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**
- The Clerk warned councillors regarding a risk in getting an unmetered electricity supply for town's Christmas lights.

8. County Councillor Reports **Appendix 7**

Cllr Ann Davies apologised for not preparing a report due to personal circumstances.

Cllr Arwel Roberts had circulated his written report for Members attention. He thanked everyone who participated in the recent litter pick. Members brought up further issues with waste collection.

The report was accepted

9. Budget & Finance Matters

a. The Clerk ran through the financial report for the 7 months up to end October 2024. He stated that spend was in line with the council budgets. **Appendix 8**

b. The payments listing was presented and Cllr Ann Davies asked for clarification of the Clerk's salary payments and travel expenses. The acceptance of the payments listing was proposed by Cllr Mike Kermode and seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved Appendix 9**

10. Planning

a. 44/2024/1304/HH - Installation of an Air Source Heat Pump at MEANDER, ABERGELE ROAD, RHUDDLAN, DENBIGHSHIRE, LL18 5UE. No comments and no objection

b. 44/2024/1314/PF Change of use of garage to a shop and general retail (Use Class A1) at ASH MOTORS MARSH ROAD, RHUDDLAN, DENBIGHSHIRE, LL18 5UB. The council have no comments nor objections and support this application.

c. 44/2024/1346/HH- Erection of a flat roof dormer to rear of dwelling at DELFRYN, ETON PARK, RHUDDLAN, DENBIGHSHIRE LL18 2UP. No comments and no objection.

11. Bench located on River Bank

The Bench that was unsafe on the river bank was discussed by councillors. The bench is owned by the council and been removed and stored by Denbighshire County Council. The Clerk to find where the bench is and it can be stored in the area behind the Hwb for safety until it can be relocated.

Cllr Ann Davies left the meeting at this point.

12. Draft Reserve Policy

Appendix 10

The Clerk shared a proposed Reserve Policy and Cllr Mike Kermode proposed that the council adopt the policy, seconded by Cllr Mike Elgin. **Resolved.**

13. Community Matters

Cllr Ivor Beech updated members on alternative proposals involving a group of local farmers to maintain the river to reduce the potential for flooding. The Clerk stated he will ask Natural Resource Wales to attend a future council meeting and involve the MS. Cllr Beech also updated Members regarding the success of the Behind the Gate charity event and thanked everyone who supported the event.

Cllr Mike Kermode mentioned a library questionnaire will be shortly available in all DCC libraries. He suggested that the Council publicised it. The Clerk to contact Mathew to obtain details. He also informed members that a Dementia awareness leaflet will be delivered to every household in Rhuddlan in October and reminded Members of the Dementia Film event being held in Prestatyn next week.

Cllr Jackie Burnham mentioned some recent flooding on the Dyserth Road where DCC had carried out recent improvements. Cllr Ivor Beech stated he had met with DCC Highways two weeks ago regarding flooding between Dyserth and Rhuddlan. He stated the Officer was excellent but there were budget constraints impacting the work.

Cllr Jackie Burnham stated that one Welsh flag was still flying, but the other had come off the pole and was hanging limp over the turret wall.

Cllr Reg Davies expressed concerns regarding adults on e-scooters on the High Street pavement at going home time. Cllr Mike Elgin proposed the Clerk write to the Superintendent at North Wales Police with details requesting urgent action. Seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts.

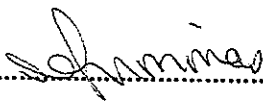
Resolved.

Cllr Arwel Roberts reported he had given his opinion on e-bikes to Radio Cymru and the lights are off at the Castle. The Clerk will contact Cadw.

Cllr Val Simmons highlighted an issue with waste and another issue regarding a blind resident struggling to find somewhere to walk her dog. Cllr Reg Davies offered the use of his field.

The Mayor thanks everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

18. Date of next meeting – 14th November 2024 Full Council Meeting 6.30pm

Signed  14/11/2024 Cllr Val Simmons (Mayor)

Abbey Farm
Abbey Road
Rhuddlan
Denbighshire
LL18 5RL

1 October 2024

Ref: Resignation Letter

It is with regret, that I am resigning as Rhuddlan Town Councillor with immediate effect.

I put myself forward for Town Councillor as I, and many local people, were frustrated at how some of the TC decisions were being made, money that was being spent/wasted and lack of engagement with the local people, particularly the younger generation.

My Taid was a dedicated Rhuddlan councillor and with our family having such a vested interest in the village, I thought I could contribute well, with no hidden agendas and help make decisions that would benefit the village.

From the initial meeting, I could see that there was a small group of Councillors there for their own personal gains and I didn't feel the meetings were open, honest and transparent. These individuals are only focussed on their own interests and if anyone else comes up with ideas that is of no appeal to them, we are told 'to move on'. There is a complete disregard for what the people of the village want and each time I suggested that we engage more, it was ignored.

The underhandedness of this small group of Councillors to shape decisions by having prior meetings or conversations, that benefits them personally, is wrong. Just one example is Admiral playing fields and that 3 Councillors, with another 2 having an interest, live adjacent to the fields who then vote to have thousands spent on a path around the field but then vote against Rhuddlan football club relocating there.

It is my understanding that if a member of the public can see a Councillor has a vested interest in a decision, then they should not be party to the discussion or indeed vote. I would have wanted to take such things out to the village for further consultation anyway.

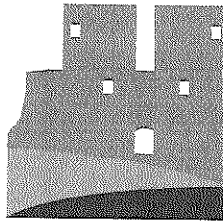
As a taxpayer, the money that has been spent on the HWB (circa £300k), with little return, is disgraceful and then to employ an additional clerk, I don't understand the justification for this. Recent discussions on building a new history museum when we should be focussing on how to keep current facilities, such as the library, going should be a priority. Although it has been said to me on numerous occasions 'the village voted us in to make these decisions', I have never felt this was the right approach and that we should engage more with people.

At the meetings I have attended, I have found them to be confrontational and aggressive at times with some councillors who speak out being dismissed or ridiculed so are now too scared of saying anything. Some have come to see me privately about the meetings making them 'feel anxious and stressed' and bordering of feeling bullied so I hope that these councillors come forward to make complaints themselves.

Hopefully over time, the Town Council will encourage and attract a more diverse council membership that can help shape a future that is forward thinking, inclusive, respectful and will do good for our lovely Village.

Yours faithfully
Robert Williams

Appendix 2



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Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the meeting on the 12th September 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Present:

Cllr Val Simmons (Mayor)
Cllr Jackie Burnham (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Ivor Beech
Cllr Reg Davies
Cllr Mike Elgin
Cllr Mike Kermode
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Cllr Gareth Rowlands
Cllr Bleddyn Williams
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 Ann Davies

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

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Arwel Roberts – agenda item 15, Cllr Reg Davies – agenda item 16b/c and Cllr Val Simmons – agenda item 16b/b

3. Urgent Matters

The Mayor congratulated Cllr Arwel Roberts on being appointed Vice Chairman of Denbighshire County Council.

4. Police Matters

The Police sent their apologies and the Clerk run the council through the crime figures for May and June. A member reported an issue that the Clerk agreed to pass onto the Police Team.

5a. Minutes of Town Council Meeting held on 11th July 2024

The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Gareth Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.** The Minutes were signed by the Mayor

b. The Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 16nd July 2024

Cllr Mike Kermode run through the minutes. Cllr Val Simmons proposed council acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.**

c. The Minutes of the Library & Museum Working Group meeting held on 11nd July 2024.

Cllr Gareth Rowlands run through the minutes. The main point was it being a Heritage Centre rather than a Museum. Cllr Arwel Roberts proposed council acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.**

6. Progress Report from Minutes

The Clerk updated councillors regarding the following:

- Complaint to Cwybr Fawr Partnership – no further action.
- Response to lack of gardening maintenance was discussed, Cllr Jackie Burnham proposed it is discussed at a future meeting, seconded by Cllr Gareth Rowlands. **Resolved.**
- Discussion on other DCC activities that may need council intervention was discussed including financial pressure on residents. Agreed as previous point to discuss at a future meeting.
- Response from the DCC CEO had been received and forwarded to councillors.
- Next foraging event 28/9 after the first one was cancelled.

7. Reports from

a. The Mayor had submitted a written report and added she had visited with Cllr Arwel Roberts, residents in Pentre Lane regarding waste collection issues.

The Deputy Mayor's reported she had attended the Picnic in the Park Event, a charity fashion show, recruitment meetings and presented the Women of the Year awards at the Rhuddlan Slimming Group event. **Both reports were accepted.**

b. The Town Clerk had circulated his report and noted that several items that need Members approval.

- The Rhuddlan Dragons have identified a safety issue regarding hollows where the line markings are on Admiral's Field. They have offered to do the rectification work if RTC purchase the top soil and seed at a cost of approximately £360. Cllr Jackie Burham proposed the council fund, seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.**

- Updated members on an 'unowned' dog waste bin overflowing in Gwindy Street. The Clerk had got it emptied and stated annual costs of a twice monthly empty would be £156. Cllr Mike Kermode proposed the council fund and Cllr Arwel Roberts seconded. **Resolved.**
- Cllr Gareth Rowlands had obtained some DCC dog waste signs for use in problem areas that can be attached to lamp posts. Cllr Gareth Rowlands proposed that the council put them up, seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**
- Updated members on household waste in council maintained waste bins. Waste issues were discussed by councillors including a suggestion that bins could have narrow openings to prevent this and issues with fly tipping in rural field gateways.

8. County Councillor Reports

Cllr Arwel Roberts had circulated his written report for Members attention. In addition he stated he had met with Mr Gethin Morgan from the North Wales Regional Partnership Board at a DCC Scrutiny Committee meeting and had encouraged him to meet with the Rhuddlan Dementia Group.

Two councillors passed on further concerns regarding the bin collection situation not improving and the increase in fly tipping. **The report was accepted**

9. Assistant Clerk Recruitment

Cllr Ivor Beech explained his concerns with the way the recruitment was debated at the July Council meeting. Cllr Mike Kermode chair of the Personnel Committee clarified that the correct process was being followed. This process was agreed by councillors at the July meeting, without any votes against the proposed arrangements.

10. Update regarding meeting with DCC on Finance and Partnerships

The Clerk took councillors through the summary of the meeting (pre-circulated). Councillors empathised with DCC's financial challenges and discussed the information and stated it should be considered as part of the council's annual budget planning process.

11. Public Toilets

The latest information received off DCC regarding accurate costs of running the toilets is not sufficient for the council to debate and make any decisions. This includes condition surveys of the buildings and footfall. Cllr Mike Kermode proposed the council inform DCC that the council are unable to make a decision as it does not have sufficient accurate information, seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

12. Active Travel Plan

Cllr Mike Egin took councillors through concerns a member of the public had noted about the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2024. Councillors discussed this and Cllr Mike Kermode proposed that the council notes the discussion with the member of the public and welcome his observations. The minutes do not need any alteration but the council confirms that they are not working hand-in hand with DCC because the Active Travel is a DCC project.

The town council's role is to help facilitate consultation with relevant stakeholders. This was seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

13. One Voice Wales guidance on the Six Month Rule

The Clerk took councillors through the guidance document. Cllr Mike Kermode proposed the document is adopted, seconded by Cllr Jackie Burnham. **Resolved**

14. Planning

a. 44/2024/1211/HH - Demolition of existing garage and outbuildings to rear. Erection of single storey rear extension, formation of additional parking to front and associated works at Fairfield, 17 Vicarage Lane, Rhuddlan, LL18 2UF – The council had no objections or comments to make regarding this application. Cllr Arwel Roberts declared a personal interest and did not participate in this item.

15. Budget & Finance Matters

a. Review of external audit 2022/23 report.

The Clerk took councillors through the 'Qualified' audit report in detail and explained the actions taken to rectify the identified issues. The council accepted this update.

b. Grant Requests

a) **Samaritans NE Wales** – application for £100 towards providing this service in North Wales. Cllr Jackie Burnham proposed approval of the grant, seconded by Cllr Val Simmons. **Resolved.**

b) **Bethan Jones Singing Tuition** – application for £257 toward holding a local competition. Cllr Gareth Rowlands proposed no grant is given as this is a business and the council does not give grants in these circumstances. Seconded by Cllr Jackie Burnham. Cllr Val Simmons declared an personal interest in this item. **Resolved**

c) **St Mary's Church** – application for £1,700 towards supporting community events such as School Events, Civic Events, Artisan Fairs and floodlighting of the church. Cllr Mike Kermode proposed grant of £1,250 be awarded. Seconded by Cllr Ivor Beech. Cllr Reg Davies declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting whilst this was discussed. **Resolved.**

d) **Positive Action For Strokes** – application for £1,075 to fund activities at the club for one year. Cllr Arwel Roberts proposed the grant is given, seconded by Cllr Mike Elgin. **Resolved.**

c. Payments List

The list was proposed for approval by Cllr Gareth Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

16. Community Matters

Cllr Reg Davies expressed concerns that the Vicarage Lane car park is always full. The Clerk agreed to discuss the issue with DCC.

Cllr Arwel Roberts reminded members about the potential twinning with Carlow in Ireland and the Clerk will put on the October agenda.

Cllr Mike Kermode reminded members of two upcoming Dementia Group events.

Cllr Ivor Beech reminded members of the upcoming Behind the Gate event.
Cllr Val Simmons highlighted the Scottish Power site at Barrfield Road needs further maintenance.

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 Mike Kermode proposed the council moved to part 2. Seconded by Cllr. Jackie Burnham.

The recording was switched off and the member of the public asked to leave

17. Minutes of the Personnel Committee 10th July 2024

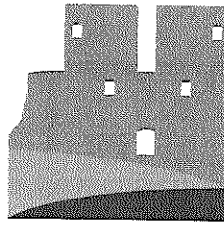
The Minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and Cllr Mike Kermode updated the council that of the 4 shortlisted candidates for the Assistant Clerk position, 2 had pulled out prior to the interviews and that Hayley Gibbons has been offered the position subject to the receipt of satisfactory references.

18. Aelwyn Morgan Award 2024

The council received 5 nominations and councillors voted Mrs Maggie Thompson- Williams as the 2024 recipient. The award will be presented before the October council meeting.

18. Date of next meeting – 10th October 2024 Full Council Meeting 6.30pm

Signed Cllr Val Simmons (Mayor)



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Minutes of Library Working Group Meeting

Held on 12th September 2024 at Rhuddlan Library

Present:

Cllr Gareth Rowlands (Chairperson)
Cllr Val Simmons (Mayor)
Cllr Mike Kermode
Mathew Baker (DCC Libraries)
Richard Polden (Rhuddlan Local History Society)
Steve Wilson – (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr Mike Elgin and Deborah Owen (DCC Principal Librarian)

2. Declaration of Interest

None given

3. Discussions

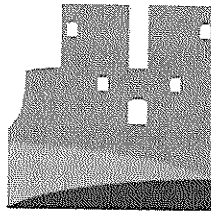
Cllr Gareth Rowlands welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. The following was discussed:

1. The group discussed the Heritage Centre Concept rather than a museum, it was agreed that it could develop into a museum in future years.
2. Agreed to ask DCC Office Gary Richards to the library for a site visit to discuss what the DCC Property Management Team could support the group with. Clerk to action.
3. Discussed the potential design concepts and agreed to invite local draughtsman Brian Robinson to the next meeting.
4. Regarding visits to other museums, it was stated that Llangollen is shut until next year and that Mold was a good match. The Clerk agreed to organise a meeting on 26/9 at either 10am or 2pm.
5. Discussed funding opportunities noting that Carley had given the names of three potential sources.

6. Library sponsorship options were discussed, agreed that a sponsorship summary document needs to be compiled to show potential sponsors what the library does, for who, what options are available and what they could get out of it.
7. Cllr Gareth Rowlands agreed to collate a list of potential sponsors.
8. The setting up a Friends of Rhuddlan Library Group was discussed. It was noted that Fran in Community Resilience Team at DCC has expertise in this and should be invited to a future meeting to discuss.

Date of next meeting Friday 11th October at 9am at Hwb Rhuddlan.

SignedCllr Gareth Rowlands



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Rhuddlan Town Council October 2024 - Mayor and Deputy Mayor's Report

Mayors Report:

14th September

Attended the Community Market in the morning, it was nice to see some new stall holders. Spoke to some residents regarding problems with their green bins, County Councillor Arwel Roberts was also there and is going to assist them.

I also attended in the afternoon the Behind the Gates Event it was a fantastic, very well attended with many activities going on for adults and children. I had a chat with John Davies the organiser he was very happy with the success of the event. I was so pleased that Rhuddlan Town Council supported this event. It may become an annual event?

In the evening of 14th September I attended The Mayor of Colwyn Bay Charity Quiz and Supper Evening, it was very enjoyable.

16th September

I attended the opening of The Retreat Café-Bar in Rhuddlan to wish them well in their new venture. A lovely setting with outdoor tables as well as inside and lovely food and drinks.

24th September

Attended a meeting at Rhuddlan Library with DCC Architects, Cllr Mike Kermode, Cllr Mike Elgin and Richard Polden (History Society) regarding plans for a Heritage Centre.

27th September

I went to Mold Museum and Library with Cllr Mike Elgin, Richard Polden. It was a very interesting meeting with Sophie

27th September

I went to the Library for a catchup with the residents, still some of them having problems with their green bins, I have contacted Cllr Arwel Roberts again. Plus, other problems which I will try and sort out for them. I also topped them up with poo bags

29th September

Attended the Civic Service of Cllr Peter West Chairman of Denbighshire County Council at St Asaph Cathedral.

5th October

Attending the Community Dance at the Community Centre.

I have finalised all the arrangements for my Charity Evening on Saturday 23rd November tickets £25

I have now finalised the Acquire Choir for my Civic Service on Sunday 8th December.

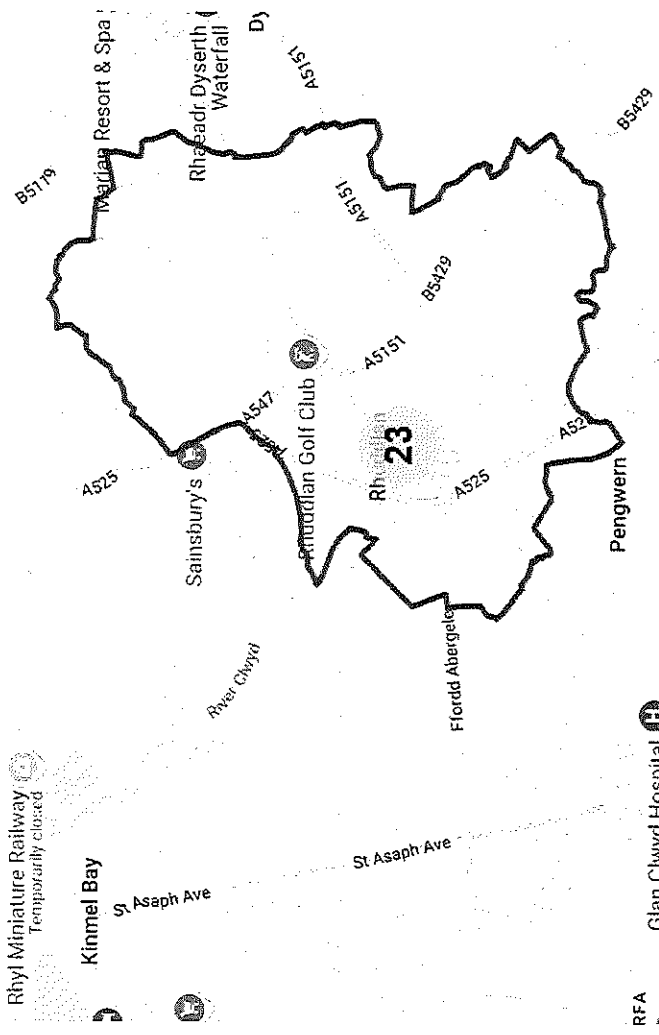
I would love your support for both of these events

Deputy Mayor

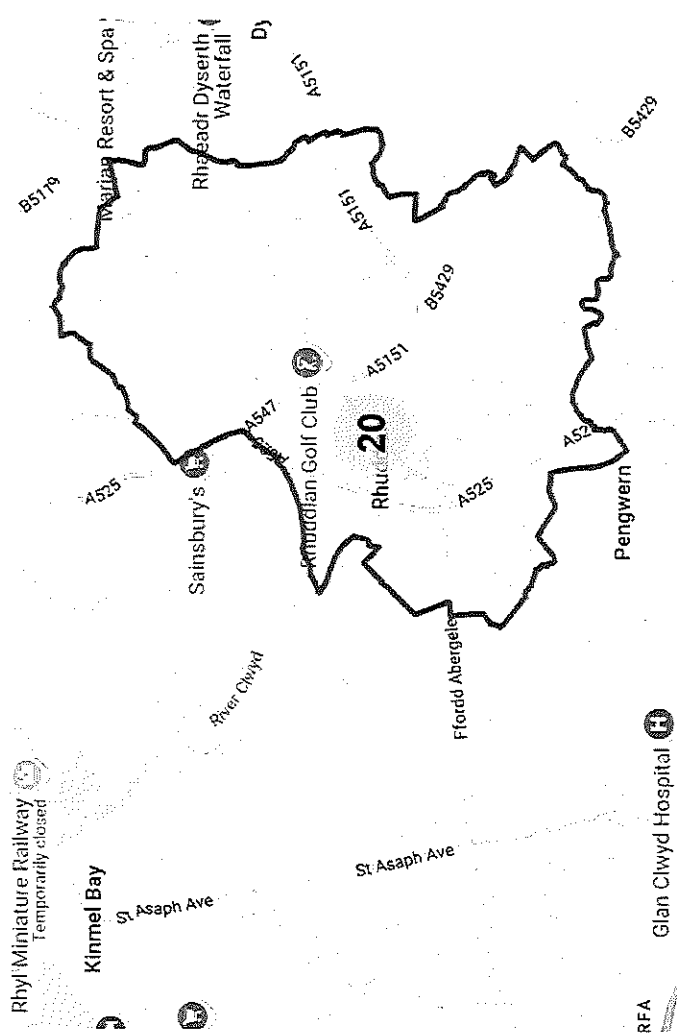
28th September

Attended the Foraging Event at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve organised by DCC at the request of RTC. It was a fantastic talk and everyone was very surprised at the number of edible and medicinal plants within such a small area of the Nature Reserve including Wild Marjoram, Rosehip, Carb Apples, Sorrel, Comfrey and much more. It would be good to have more events like this within the town

October Meeting – Crime Report

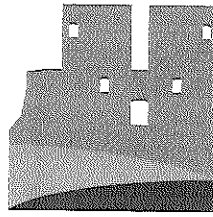


All Crimes (23)	▼
August 2024	▼
23 crimes were reported here in August 2024	
Violence and sexual offences	14
Anti-social behaviour	4
Burglary	2
All other crime	3



All Crimes (20)	▼
July 2024	▼
20 crimes were reported here in July 2024	
Violence and sexual offences	15
Criminal damage and arson	2
Anti-social behaviour	1
All other crime	2

Location	April				May				June				July				August					Total April to August			
	Anti-Social Behaviour	Criminal Damage & Arson	Public Order	Shoplifting	Vehicle Crime	Violence & Other Offences	Anti-Social Behaviour	Criminal Damage & Arson	Public Order	Shoplifting	Drugs	Other Theft	Violence & Other Offences	Anti-Social Behaviour	Criminal Damage & Arson	Other Theft	Vehicle Crime	Violence & Other Offences	Anti-Social Behaviour	Burglary	Criminal Damage & Arson		Public Order	Shoplifting	Violence & Other Offences
AS25 ST Asaph Rd	1												1		1								1	2	5
Abergele Road																								1	1
Admirals Walk						1							1											1	3
Asda		2								3															5
BS249													1												1
Berllan Avenue						2						1	1												4
Bryn Cres																									3
Bryn Hafod	1						1														1				2
Church Street	1												1				1				1	1		3	10
Clos Y Berllan																					1				1
Clwyd Avenue																									1
Cross Street	2					2	2																		8
Eton Park						1																			1
Ffordd Porthdy	1			1			1						1												4
Gwindy Street													1	1											5
Harding Avenue																									2
High Street											1														2
Highlands Road							1																		1
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Maes-Y-Castell														1											7
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Nant Close																									1
Parliament Street																					1		1	3	3
Parliament Street Car Park	1					1																		1	5
Park Edith																									2
Pentre Lane																									3
Plas-Y-Brenin															1										2
Princes Road																									2
Rhyl Road																						1	1		2
Tan-Yr-Eglwys							1																		5
Vicarage Lane Car Park													2												1



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Clerk's Project Report and Correspondence for October 2024 Meeting

Correspondence

The following has been received:

1. Resignation letter of Cllr Rob Williams.
2. Request from Cllr Arwel Roberts that the council send a letter of congratulations to the organisers of Beyond the Gate. **Decision required.**
3. Email from the Chair, Ingrid Lewis and the Colwyn in Bloom Committee, congratulating the Town on its successes both in the main competition and in the 'It's your Neighbourhood' section of the Wales in Bloom awards.
4. Thank you letter of Positive Actions for Strokes for the grant.
5. Thank you letter from St Marys Church for the grant.
6. Email informing the council that the Senedd's Local Government and Housing Committee has launched a consultation into the role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector. Forwarded to Councillors.
7. Email informing the council of a consultation on The Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024. Forwarded to Councillors.
8. Email seeking information to inform their scrutiny of the Welsh Governments Draft Budget 2025-2026. Forwarded to Councillors.
9. Email from DCC Just to confirm the cost for the 1hr free subsidy at Parliament St will increase by 33% for 25/26. The 33% is in line with the tariff increases which came in on the 4th March 2024. Increases from £4,405 to £5,859.
10. Complaint from a member of the public who lives off Admiral's Field regarding MUGA lights causing issues and discomfort.
11. Update from DCC on Youth club shared with councillors. Request for some pots, pans, baking trays and oven gloves. **Decision required.**
12. Letter from a Rhuddlan Resident to Graham Boase at DCC regarding the Active Travel Plan. Forwarded to Councillors.
13. Thank you from the Urdd Gobaith Cymru for the grant.
14. Email from DCC stating they are carrying out Hybrid Code of Conduct training for all councils. Forwarded to Councillors to give me a date.

Project Update

Community Market – the next market is on 12th October

Reminder for members to respond to Civic Sunday Invitation and Charity Musicals Event from Mayor Val Simmons.

Bus Shelter repairs required, Briain Jackson quoted and instructed to proceed.

Hwb projector not functioning correctly so inexpensive replacement purchased. Used by Popeth Cymru for Welsh classes and the Youth Club.

Issue with supplier of unmetered electricity for Christmas Lights.

Reminders

Paul Smith's Funeral is on Friday 11th October at 10am in St Asaph Crematorium

Remembrance Sunday is on 10th November

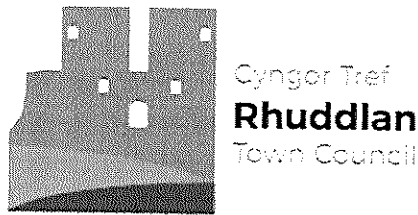
November Community Market is on 9th November

Mayor's Charity Concert at Rhuddlan Golf Club on 23rd November at 7pm

Switch on of Lights is on 2nd December at 4pm

Mayor's Civic Sunday at St Marys Church is on 8th December at 2pm

Community Carols is on 21st December at 4pm in the Community Centre



County Councillor Arwel Roberts – Adroddiad/Report for October 2024 Meeting

1. The changes to the collection of waste have not been as successful as envisaged, nevertheless, the problems are being tackled. Instead of 20 recycling rounds per day, they will be increased to 26- 28 rounds per day from October onwards.

During a virtual meeting to discuss this with officers I queried if all food bins were collected- these bins are the most important of all. They were adamant that they were.

I'm frustrated on behalf of residents who need to have AHP bins (purple). They are not available now until November. I have explained that residents are having great difficulty to fill the forms for such bins. I collected one such bin for a person from the Town a month ago . I'm willing to collect such bins again if there are any.

I was informed that one family had one of the boxes on the trolley was broken by the waste collectors. The residents were informed that they would have to pay for a new one . In the meeting I mentioned that this was ridiculous.

I also informed the officers that the excess bins have not been collected on one street in Rhuddlan. I still not sure if they have been.

The Green Bins in the Bowling Club is a saga. The Club wanted one extra bin . I asked and asked and when we returned from a holiday, I was informed by the Greenkeepers they had three new ones.

I also queried if there was more fly tipping occurring around the County but the officers were not giving me a detailed answer.

I also mentioned the dog muck on our streets and no enforcement officers etc.

2. Cllr Mike Kermode and myself had an useful virtual meeting with Mr Gethin Morgan chief Officer for North Wales Regional Partnership Board. We were concerned that Rhuddlan Dementia Group wasn't been giving a quality mention in a County Scrutiny Meeting where I was a member. This is a chance for me to thank Cllr Mike for all his hard work. His latest effort is a bilingual booklet for all residents in Rhuddlan and part of Dyserth.

3. I enjoyed the visit to Beyond the Gate event which was supported by this council - Tu ol i'r Giat. Well done John Saunders Davies.

4. This Sunday the 29th of September I attended the Service prepared for Chair of Denbighshire in the Llanelwy Cathedral.

5. Many thanks to Cllr Gareth Rowlands and his wife Nerys for their company on the journey to the Wales in Bloom event in Abergavenny. The four of us bought many award certificates back to Rhuddlan. Special mention to Mrs Anita Fagin Chair of the Nature Reserve who claimed the John Woods Environmental Award- she is now one this year's Wales in Bloom Community Champions.

Detailed Receipts & Payments by Budget Heading 03/10/2024

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual	Variance Annual	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
100 Income						
1076 Precept	132,807	199,211	66,404			66.7%
1090 Interest Received	1,043	750	(293)			139.1%
1200 Other Income	3,974	0	(3,974)			0.0%
1201 Community Market Fees	600	1,500	900			40.0%
1202 Hwb Bookings	2,273	3,900	1,628			58.3%
Income :- Receipts	140,697	205,361	64,664			68.5%
Net Receipts	140,697	205,361	64,664			
110 Administration						
4000 Staff Salary	15,155	28,552	13,397		13,397	53.1%
4010 PAYE & NI	7,014	14,724	7,710		7,710	47.6%
4030 Pension	2,188	4,172	1,984		1,984	52.4%
4060 Payroll Admin	230	275	45		45	83.5%
4070 Staff Expenses	0	200	200		200	0.0%
4080 Training	345	1,000	656		656	34.5%
4090 Mayors Allowance	1,500	1,500	0		0	100.0%
4100 Deputy Mayors Allowance	500	500	0		0	100.0%
4110 Councillors Allowance	2,080	2,288	208		208	90.9%
4120 Extra Responsibility Allowance	500	500	0		0	100.0%
4130 Bank Charges	58	100	42		42	58.0%
4140 Audit Fees	0	800	800		800	0.0%
4150 Professional Fees	0	250	250		250	0.0%
4160 Subscriptions & Memberships	912	1,083	171		171	84.2%
4170 Insurance	0	2,750	2,750		2,750	0.0%
4180 Stationery & Postage	249	800	551		551	31.1%
4185 Photo Copier related	110	375	265		265	29.4%
4190 Civic Duties	182	1,250	1,068		1,068	14.6%
4200 Telephone & Broadband	124	193	69		69	64.4%
4210 Website & Photography	1,413	5,400	3,987		3,987	26.2%
4220 Financial Software	897	690	(207)		(207)	130.0%
4260 Bus Shelters	1,040	1,250	210		210	83.2%
4275 Travel Expenses	617	1,650	1,033		1,033	37.4%
4290 Sundries	1,079	1,250	171		171	86.3%
4300 Translation Services	1,498	3,500	2,002		2,002	42.6%
Administration :- Indirect Payments	37,689	75,052	37,363	0	37,363	50.2%
Net Payments	(37,689)	(75,052)	(37,363)			

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<u>120 Community Projects</u>						
4290 Sundries	0	2,500	2,500		2,500	0.0%
4400 Christmas Street Lights	4,045	11,387	7,342		7,342	35.5%
4410 Remembrance Day	58	500	442		442	11.6%
4420 CCTV - Crime & Disorder	0	7,000	7,000		7,000	0.0%
4430 Grant - Town Council	3,240	3,250	10		10	99.7%
4440 Grant - Community Events	8,738	10,000	1,262		1,262	87.4%
4441 Grant - Youth Project Fund	2,700	5,067	2,367		2,367	53.3%
4450 Green Community Projects	300	1,500	1,200		1,200	20.0%
4460 Library - Running Costs	12,000	12,000	0		0	100.0%
4629 Anti Speed Campaign	678	1,250	572		572	54.2%
4635 Defib Devices	90	1,416	1,326		1,326	6.4%
4636 Free Car Parking Initiative	0	8,750	8,750		8,750	0.0%
4637 Dog Waste Initiatives	608	583	(25)		(25)	104.3%
4650 CYB PWLB Loan	6,877	6,877	0		0	100.0%
4653 Hwb Running Costs	3,196	5,426	2,230		2,230	58.9%
4654 Public Toilets Hwb Running Cos	0	6,048	6,048		6,048	0.0%
4655 Admirals Path PWLB Loan	4,652	4,563	(89)		(89)	102.0%
4656 Community Market	960	1,500	540		540	64.0%
4800 Grt Support arts S145 LGA 1972	150	1,000	850		850	15.0%
4801 Grt plants Flowers Op Sp 1906	1,750	2,500	750		750	70.0%
4803 Grt assist voluntary organisat	2,525	5,000	2,475		2,475	50.5%
4804 Grt Supp sport & other clubs	830	1,000	170		170	83.0%
4805 Grt Community/village halls	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	0.0%
4900 Additional Support Library	0	8,586	8,586		8,586	0.0%
4901 Town Plan 2024-2027	0	8,333	8,333		8,333	0.0%
4902 DCC Cutback contingency	17,000	33,333	16,333		16,333	51.0%
4903 Cemetery Working Group	0	4,167	4,167		4,167	0.0%
Community Projects :- Indirect Payments	70,396	155,036	84,640	0	84,640	45.4%
Net Payments	(70,396)	(155,036)	(84,640)			
<u>130 Playing Fields</u>						
4290 Sundries	0	2,084	2,084		2,084	0.0%
4600 Repairs & Maintenance	1,444	4,167	2,723		2,723	34.7%
4610 Electricity MUGA	368	1,140	772		772	32.3%
4620 Grass Cutting	0	1,378	1,378		1,378	0.0%
4630 Litter Collection	0	1,167	1,167		1,167	0.0%
Playing Fields :- Indirect Payments	1,813	9,936	8,123	0	8,123	18.2%
Net Payments	(1,813)	(9,936)	(8,123)			

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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual	Variance Annual	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
<u>999 VAT Data</u>						
115 VAT on Receipts	38,468	0	(38,468)			0.0%
VAT Data :- Receipts	38,468	0	(38,468)			
515 VAT on Payments	2,745	20,659	17,914		17,914	13.3%
VAT Data :- Indirect Payments	2,745	20,659	17,914	0	17,914	13.3%
Net Receipts over Payments	35,723	(20,659)	(56,382)			
Grand Totals:- Receipts	179,165	205,361	26,196			87.2%
Payments	112,642	260,683	148,041	0	148,041	43.2%
Net Receipts over Payments	66,523	(55,322)	(121,845)			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	66,523					

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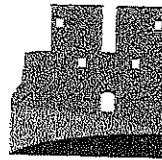
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List of Payments made between 01/10/2024 and 31/10/2024

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
10/10/2024	British Gas	DD	50.28	Bill 8913339	Electricity MUGA
10/10/2024	British Gas	DD	47.47	Bill 8913341	Electricity Hwb Rhuddlan
10/10/2024	British Gas	DD	34.57	Bill 8913343	Gas Hwb Rhuddlan
10/10/2024	Kings Electrical and Testing	PABT0493	67.85	Inv 10278	Connect Hwb Cooker
10/10/2024	Steve Wilson	PABT0494	87.55	MK/VS	Travel Expenses
10/10/2024	Angela Wilkins	PABT0495	96.00		Cleaning Hwb Rhuddlan
10/10/2024	Mari A Williams Translations	PABT0496	215.51	Invoice 1469	Translations Sept & Oct 2024
10/10/2024	Denbighshire County Council	PABT0497	29,000.00	Inv 802242040	Contribution Rhuddlan Library
10/10/2024	Samaritans Rhyl NE Wales	PABT0498	100.00	Sept Minutes 15b/a	Grant
10/10/2024	Thornccliffe Building Supplies	PABT0499	225.60	Inv 41604664	Top Soil Admiral's Field
10/10/2024	One Voice Wales	PABT0500	40.00	Inv 8611	Training
10/10/2024	Steve Wilson	SO	1,780.11		Salary
10/10/2024	Steve Wilson	PABT0501	207.75		Salary Adjustment
10/10/2024	HMRC	PABT0502	958.96	120PP01122176	PAYE & NI
10/10/2024	NEST Pension	DD	313.92		Pension
10/10/2024	Web Studio North Wales	SO	240.00	Inv 8296	Website & Social Media Mgmt
10/10/2024	Denbigh Rotary Club	PABT0503	20.00		Tickets Mayor Beyond the Gate
10/10/2024	St Marys Church	PABT0504	1,250.00	Sept Mins Item 16b/c	Grant
10/10/2024	Positive action for strokes	PABT0505	1,075.00	Sept Mins Item 16b/d	Grant
10/10/2024	Zoom Video Communications	PABT0506	15.59	INV 272518693	Zoom
10/10/2024	HSBC UK	DD	8.00		Bank Charges
10/10/2024	RHUDDLAN TOWN COMMUNITY	PABT0507	150.00	Inv 199	Hire of CC October Market
10/10/2024	Vodafone	DD	14.81		Clerk's Mobile
10/10/2024	BT	DD	72.37		Broadband Hwb Rhuddlan
10/10/2024	Steve Wilson Starling Card	PABT0509	74.26	MK/VS	Starling Misc Expenses
10/10/2024	UK Debt Management	DD	3,438.40	261665	PWLB Loan Repayment Hwb
10/10/2024	UK Debt Management	DD	2,326.10	670864	PWLB Loan Admirals Path
10/10/2024	Royal British Legion 2024	PABT0508	50.50		Wreaths x 2
10/10/2024	Royal British Legion 2024	PABT0508C	-50.50		Wreaths x 2 Increase in cost
10/10/2024	Royal British Legion 2024	PABT0508A	58.00		Wreaths x 2
Total Payments			41,968.10		



Reserves Policy

Agreed XX/XX/XXXX

1. Introduction

Rhuddlan Town Council has a legal requirement to maintain reserves sufficient to meet its operational needs. Legislation does not specify the levels of reserves the Council should hold but the norm is that General Reserves should be between 3-12 months of average Council revenue spend.

2. Types of reserves:

2.1. General Reserve – These are not ringfenced funds used for revenue expenditure and are available for such circumstances as uneven cash flows, to offset excess expenditure over budget from the previous financial year, unexpected events, spend on emergencies, and to accommodate, in the short term, the potential requirements of the town funding the retention of services 'transferred' from the Principal Authority.

2.1.1 The agreed reserve for 2024/2025 is £57,450.

2.2 Earmarked Reserve – These are ringfenced reserves for any reason where the Council reasonably believes it may incur an expenditure in the future. The Council's current earmarked reserves are shown below

2.2.1 The Council has no earmarked reserves in the 2024/2025 budget.

3. Creation and Maintenance of Reserves

3.1 The General Reserve is created by allocating budget to create the General Reserve during the annual budget and precept meeting held in January. It is the responsibility of the Clerk & Responsible Officer to advise the Council on estimated available funds at financial year end that could be used. The General Reserve must be sufficient to cover the key financial risks as identified in the Council's financial risk assessment document. Should an circumstance occur during the financial year which exhausts the General Reserve, the Earmarked Reserve should, under resolution of the Council, be transferred into the General Reserve.

3.2 The Earmark Reserve is established for the specific purpose under the heading of each specific Earmarked Reserve budget item. When a specific Earmarked Reserve is fully spent then

no further spend should be made against that specific Earmarked Reserve except by resolution of the Council and available other reserves being available. The Council may wish to reinstate the Earmarked Reserve with a value approved by the Council.

3.3 Both the General Reserve and Earmarked Reserve are reported on quarterly by the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. The final accounts when placed before the Council, for approval, shows the movements in the reserves throughout the year. The balances to be maintained are a matter for the Council to approve following recommendations from the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

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