



Minutes of Heritage Centre Working Group Meeting

8th September 2025, Rhuddlan Hwb

Present

Cllr Mike Kermod
Cllr Val Simmons
Steve Wilson – Town Clerk
Morgan Ditchburn – Assistant Town Clerk
Matthew Baker DCC Libraries
Richard Polden – Rhuddlan Historical Society

1. Apologies

Cllr Mike Elgin

2. Declaration of Interest

3. Library Update

Matthew Baker provided an update on the library. The usage has been high throughout the summer, with some events being over attended. The Reading Challenge had very successful participation. The library will be working with Ysgol Y Castell to put on a local history event.

The funding position of the library has not changed, and there are further cuts to come.

The SLA will be signed.

The current Rhuddlan Town Council will continue to support the library and continue the funding up until March 2028.

There is a new book group starting 15 September. It will be open to anyone that is interested.

Also hoping to book guest speakers for the Friday social mornings.

So far, everything the library have been putting out, the community have responded very positively towards and supported.

4. Friends of the Library Update

Cllr Val Simmons updated on the recent activities of the group. Things have been positive and going very well. The banking for the group has now been set up. The group have been very present at all events that have taken place at the library. The Friends will look at providing resources for craft events. They will also be attending the community market in October and have a raffle to raise funds. £5,000 has been donated, however the money is ringfenced for children's education only, therefore cannot be used for the routine running of the group or administration. The Friends have applied to RTC for funding in the amount of £1,500 to facilitate the day to day running of the group. Future events planned include Halloween Bingo and a Christmas event. Overall, the group is doing well.

4. Heritage Centre Update

Morgan completed the draft Expression of Interest document. This was discussed with amendments suggested. Revised costing to bring under £1 million.

Further details are in the Chair's report.

Cllr Mike Kermode has stated he has now stepped down as chair, therefore a new chair is needed.

Moving forward, the working group will be separated with one group focusing on the library, and the other the heritage centre.