



Rhuddlan Town Council Meeting

Etifeddiaeth - Heritage Working Group

Tuesday 26th May at 5pm

*in person at Hwb Rhuddlan Clos Davids Owen, Rhuddlan LL18 2UJ
and via Zoom*

M I N U T E S

Present:

Cllr Arwel Roberts – Chair
Cllr Gloria Lambert (remotely)
Richard Polden – Chair, Rhuddlan Local History Society
Ian Davidson - CC Secretary, St Mary's Church, Rhuddlan
Allan Jones - St Mary's Church, Rhuddlan
Julie Grier – Rhuddlan Local History Society
Heidi Barton-Price – Assistant Town Clerk (Minutes)

There was one member of the public present as an observer.

Agenda

1. Apologies

Cllr Reg Davies

Mathew Baker – Rhuddlan Library

Message relayed that the Library is very supportive of the project and is open to any opportunity of supporting or working jointly where appropriate.

Carly Davies – Heritage Lead - DCC

Message relayed that a Teams meeting has been offered to the Chair, Cllr Arwel Roberts to discuss Minutes and any Actions.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3. **Terms of Reference – to be approved**

As an action from the AGM 14th May 2026 – Item 7e – Terms of Reference to be established:

The Assistant Town Clerk ran through the draft Terms of Reference that had been circulated. The Group unanimously approved the Terms of Reference (see attached).

4. **Update re: St. Mary's Church Project**

Allan Jones updated the Group on recent completions:

The organ work has been completed with all 1,137 pipes now back in place. It is proposed to hold a Songs of Praise event in the Summer to celebrate and musically celebrate its restoration.

Sound system – completed.

Hearing Loop – installed.

Ian Davidson informed the Group that Suzanne Evans had produced a questionnaire that had been circulated to the congregation and also at the Artisan's Fair. **Action:** to circulate to Assistant Town Clerk and Cllr Arwel Roberts for further circulation to/via RTC.

Suzanne Evans has provided an introduction to be included in the Parish Magazine and will hosting a stall at the Picnic in the Park event.

5. **Rhuddlan Local History Society: Rhuddlan Heritage Day – Saturday 27th June 2026**

Richard Polden updated the Group on current arrangements:

The event is shaping up to be a large, multi-location community celebration with exhibitions, walks, talks, and activities across Rhuddlan on the day.

Main Activities to include:

- **Community Centre** - 15 tables booked, including a major London Royal Mail display.
- **High Street displays** - 8 shops showing today and yesteryear photos.

- **Library events:**

- Family Treasure Hunt (10am–2pm) with bookmark prizes
- Historic films, display cabinets, medal display
- Friends of Rhuddlan Library assisting

- **Vintage tractors** - 2 tractors provided by Aled Davies.

- **History walks** - Two guided walks at 11am and 2pm.

- **Artifact table** - Items from Cllr Reg Davies.

- **Lectures** - 4 free talks at Ebenezer Chapel.

- **Valuations** - PAS Cymru offering object valuations.

Councillor Contributions:

- **The Mayor, Cllr Jackie Burnham** – has confirmed her support and attendance.
- **Cllr Gloria Lambert** – Offered support on the day, likely at the Community Centre; will also bring any Crown Bard artifacts.
- **Cllr Arwel Roberts** - Bringing an old farm sign which he showed the Group: Robert Jones, Rhydyddauddwr, Rhuddlan and old Crown Bard letters (c.1953).
 - **Action:** Julie Grier to research the old farm sign's origin.

Publicity Plans

- Promotion at St. Mary's Artisan Fair.
- 500 flyers + 2 pull-up banners.
- 100 posters and social media promotion.
- 2 large outdoor banners:
 - **Actions:**
 - Cllr Arwel Roberts to seek permission from DCC Countryside Services for Nature Reserve banner.
 - Richard Polden to seek permission from Rhuddlan Golf Club banner.

6. North East Wales Digital Trails – Audios

The Assistant Town Clerk had successfully obtained the audio recordings and circulated to the Group. Permission has been obtained for them to be published on the RTC website. The titles of the audios to reflect who and what each audio recording is about. **Action:** Assistant Town Clerk to title

and publish,

7. Heritage Filming

The Assistant Town Clerk ran through a quote for a full day's Heritage filming obtained from Idris Films for the sum of £962.50.

The Chair, Cllr Arwel Roberts proposed that funding be sought via RTC – Town Plan budget to record for future generations the stories and histories of people, communities, places, and events related to specific times and dates in Rhuddlan. This was supported by the Group. The Town Clerk to be asked to email this proposal to all Councillors to seek their approval (in principle) and for it to be included as an Agenda Item at Full Council on 11th June.

It is proposed that this Heritage filming opportunity be utilised in full during the Heritage Day being held on 27th June 2026 to ensure maximum output.

8. AOB

None.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28th July at 5.30pm, Hwb, Rhuddlan