



Minutes of Library Working Group Meeting

Held on 27th November 2024 at Hwb Rhuddlan

Present:

Cllr Mike Kermode (Chair)
Cllr Val Simmons (Mayor)
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. Appointment of Chairperson

Cllr Mike Kermode was proposed as chairman by Cllr Val Simmons and seconded by Richard Polden.
Resolved

4. Minutes of Last Meeting on 12/9

Cllr Mike Kermode ran through the minutes. Library sponsorship will be explored in 2025. Agreed that Fran from the DCC Community Resilience would be asked by Mathew to attend the next meeting to advise on the idea of a “Friends of Rhuddlan Library”.

5. Visit by DCC Property Team

Cllr Mike Kermode ran through his summary of the meeting (see attached).

6. Visit to Mold Library and Museum

The visit was discussed and the following was observed:

- a) Very interesting museum located upstairs from the library.
- b) School trips visit both library and museum.
- c) Grown from Daniel Owen exhibition to the heritage of Mold.
- d) 1 major exhibit being a piece of the famous Mold Gold Cape and a reconstruction of the cape located in a substantial display cabinet.
- e) All other display cabinets of simple construction (4 types of cabinet).
- f) Includes audio/visual displays.
- g) Museum had air conditioning and ventilation.
- h) Located in an adapted building not new-build.

- i) Replaceable text on display boards was a great idea.
- j) Good mix of actual exhibits and audio/visual displays.
- k) Used external company from Chester to develop “the look” of the museum.

7. Other discussions

Cleaning of proposed heritage centre, what could be displayed, the need for an activity space for children and budget allocation from the council to progress in 2025/26.

8. Questionnaire

The questionnaire was completed (see attached)

Date of next meeting Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 9am in Rhuddlan Library.

SignedCllr Cllr Mike Kermode