

**Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.**

**Present:** Councillors Rob Parkes (chairman), Raymond Bartley, Margaret Bowe, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Medwyn Williams, Geraint Williams, Colin L Hughes, Brian Davies, Roy Tickle, Mark Young, Gaynor Wood, Catherine Jones, Philip Stevens and Medwyn Jones (Town Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllrs Shereen Devine and Colin Hughes.

**Observing:** County Councillor Gwyneth Kensler.

The chairman welcomed all to meeting.

**176. Meeting with North Wales Police.** The chairman welcomed Police Sergeant Neil Stringfellow and invited Sgt Stringfellow to address the meeting. Sgt Stringfellow reported that one issue at the moment concerned problems with the Denbigh and Flint Hunt – hunt, staff and protestors and was taking up a lot of police time. Another issue was the Cae Dai saga and Facebook – the police were looking at it once again and hopefully the whole matter will once again die down. A lot of information had been received regarding drug problems in the town – the police were looking at hot spots of information. A warrant was obtained for Con Amici involving one to three individuals – the matter resolved itself. The Christmas period had generally been OK – there were some issues on Boxing Day. New Year's Eve in particular had caused problems in Lenten Pool where a police officer had been assaulted. There were isolated areas in the town where there were problems with drunkards – the police were looking at a couple of licensed premises in the town and hopefully the action taken will set a bench mark. Most of the premises in the town were very well managed. No real issues with anti-social behaviour and no major crime trends in the town. Anti-social driving was being looked at. CID were targeting burglaries in South Denbighshire involving Eastern European gangs. Statistics for South Denbighshire showed 21 anti-social behaviour incidents, 14 S.47 assaults, 4 assault o police, 2 burglary dwelling, 17 common assaults, 15 criminal damage, 30 domestic incidents, 3 drug offences, 1 robbery, 32 traffic accidents, 6 shoplifting, 5 theft from motor vehicles, 10 general thefts. With regard to staffing levels 2 new PCSOs appointed. There was a spread of staff across 5 rotas. What was required was a Community Beat Manager. Funding was available for community based projects across the central division - £20k available – some would be available for use locally – Sgt Stringfellow was seeking ideas.

Sgt Stringfellow then responded to questions and observation from members on (1) speeding on Vale Street, (2) drug problems at a certain premises on Vale Street, (3) CBM, (4) drug offences generally, (5) Graig Road mini roundabout, (6) Bryn Siriol parking problems, (7) speeding on Lôn Llewelyn, (8) pavement parking on Vale Street and outside schools, (9) Boxing day disorders, (10) staffing levels, (11) boy racers.

It was agreed that a letter of support for the appointment of a community beat manager be sent. The chairman thanked St Stringfellow for his attendance and sharing information with the council.

**177. Urgent Matters:** There were none

**178. Declaration of Personal Interest:** The following declarations were received:

- (1) Cllr Roy Tickle – agenda item 9(2)(2) – grant aid – Denbigh Golf Club
- (2) Cllr Roy Tickle – agenda item 8(6) – planning – multi user active travel route.
- (3) Cllr Margaret Bowe – agenda item 7(9) – correspondence – Denbigh by-pass
- (4) Cllr Gaynor Morgan Rees – agenda item 9(2)(3) – grant aid – Theatr Twm o'r Nant
- (5) Cllr Geraint Williams – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (6) Cllr Raymond Bartley – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (7) Cllr Rob Parkes – agenda item 12(1) – Accounts – Skate Park payment

**179. The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014, the minutes of the Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committees held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were all approved.**

**180. Matters Arising:** 15.12.14 (1) Minute no 162(2)(5) - Town Clock. Comment was made that the clock once again was not keeping time. Town Council to write to DCC

12.1.15: (2) Minute no 172(1) – Denbigh High Street. Comment was made that the actual problem was vehicles driving around the pedestrian crossing and not the central paved area although vehicles did also cross the central area.

19.1.15: There were no matters arising.

**181. Mayor's Report:** The Mayor's written report was accepted. The Mayor elaborated on a couple of matters mentioned in the report.

**182. Letters, E-mails and Notices:** 1. It was agreed that four items of correspondence be noted.

2. It was further agreed that the following be noted and actioned accordingly:

- (1) Denbighshire Tourism Forum 25.2.15 – Cllr Medwyn Williams to represent the council.
- (2) DCC Mike Jones – email response re Denbigh High Street. A number of observations were received. It was agreed that the situation was a dangerous one and it was felt that DCC were minimising the problem, were not interested and ignoring the problem. It was **Resolved** (unanimously) **that an invitation be extended to the officer concern to meet with the town council on site.**
- (3) E-mail from Cllr Shereen Devine re leave of absence. The town clerk explained that S.85 of the Local Government Act 1972 allowed the council to approve a period of absence. It was **Resolved** (unanimously) **that a period of leave of absence for eight weeks be approved and to be further reviewed at the end of that period.**
- (4) E-mail from Steve Chalk re Lower Park Bowling Club. It was agreed to leave on the table until more information had been received.
- (5) E-mails from DCC and Cllr Raymond Bartley re a request by Denbigh Rotary Club to name the Denbigh by- pass as Ffordd Rotari / Rotary Road. It was **Resolved** (12 votes to 1) **to support the request.**
- (6) E-mail from Cllr Roy Tickle as chairman of the Midsummer Festival requesting permission to use the Dr Evan Pierce Memorial Garden for the annual Boules Tournament on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015. It was agreed that permission be granted.

**183. Planning:** Following discussion, it was agreed that no objection be raised in respect of the following applications for planning permission:

- (1) Bryn Nefydd, Copsy Road
- (2) Broadleys Farm
- (3) Lawnt Cottage
- (4) Land adjacent to car wash, Colomendy Industrial Estate
- (5) 76, Love Lane

The planning application received in respect of Land between St David's Church, St David's Lane and Brookhouse Road was discussed and various opinions expressed. Cllr Roy Tickle having declared a prejudicial interest left the chamber whilst the matter was considered. It was agreed



that more time was required to consider the application and it was agreed that permission be sought for an extension of time until the next council meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

2. Other planning matters. There were none.

*At this point Cllr Philip Stevens left the meeting at 7.41pm.*

**183 Minutes / Reports of council sub committees:** (1) Modernisation. The three page report prepared by the town clerk following a recent meeting of the working group was considered. It was agreed that members required more time to consider the report and that the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the council on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

(2) Grant Aid: The minutes of a recent meeting were considered. Each recommendation on applications received contained in the minutes was considered and approved as follows:

(1)	Denbigh Round Table	-	£350 (S.137)(cheque no.005537)
(2)	Denbigh Golf Club	-	£3,000 (S.137)(cheque no.005538)
(3)	Theatr Twm o'r Nant	-	£2,493.14 (S.145)(cheque no.005539)
(4)	Relate Cymru	-	£100 (S.137)(cheque no.005540)
(5)	Breast Cancer Care Cymru	-	£100 (S.137)(cheque no.005541)
(6)	Denbigh Community First Responders	-	£1,000 (S.137)(cheque no.005542)
(7)	Clwb Rygbi Dinbych Mini Juniors	-	£1,000 (S.137)(cheque no.005543)

**184. Reports:** (1) Volunteer Guides. The town clerk's written report on a recent meeting between the town clerk and the volunteer guides was considered and approved.

- (2) NWWTFC. Cllr Roy Tickle gave a short verbal report on the annual link dinner held at Beaumaris on the 24<sup>th</sup> January. An excellent venue, fantastic meal and a good attendance from the four towns. Two presentations of honorary membership were made to Chris Lines from Chester and Denbigh's Town Clerk by the EWT President Joseph Spiteri from Valletta.
- (3) N&MWATC. Cllr Raymond Bartley gave a verbal report on a recent meeting held at Buckley Town Council Chamber. 25 – 30 members present mainly from the Deeside area. The meeting was a rather political meeting. A good Fairtrade presentation made. Cllr Bartley elaborated on some other matters discussed. An excellent lunch was enjoyed after the meeting. The next meeting in Rhyl on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
- (4) Heritage lectures. Cllr Mark Young commented on an excellent opening lecture by the Community Archive Group.
- (5) Hwb Dinbych. Cllr Mark Young reported that that the Hwb had obtained work for nine young persons.

There were no other reports.

**185. Reports by County Councillors on Matters Appertaining only to Denbigh:**

1. Cllr Geraint Williams reported: (1) Further meeting by Denbigh people re DCC cuts on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January at Capel Mawr. (2) Various social network comments re DCC cuts – possibly some positive news re residential homes. (3) County precept still to be decided. (4) Middle Lane sealed bids – concern that a large construction company would win and not incorporated extra care housing in any development. (5) Area Plan – concern re the state of the Lenten Pool roundabout – money available to do some reconstruction work. Money also to be used to re-model the Rhyl Road Roundabout with a view to a new access to the Colomendy Industrial Estate. (6) North Wales Hospital compulsory purchase proceedings.



2. Cllr Raymond Bartley reported: (1) Middle Lane sealed bids time limit extended to 30<sup>th</sup> January. (2) Dolwen – consultation period coming up – possibly not closed if other accommodation for the residents not available. (3) Myddleton Park resurfacing progressing. (4) Kwik Save site – planning applications to be submitted by Home Bargains and Aldi. 25 new jobs at Home Bargains and 50 at Aldi.
3. Cllr Gwyneth Kensler, with the consent of the chairman, reported: (1) Work on the new Grŵp Cynefin offices on Vale Street to start on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2015. (2) Thanked the volunteer guides for the Thomas Gee tour on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January. (3) Community Archive Team had relocated from the Library to the Museum. (4) Possibly 2015 Open Doors event not happening in Denbigh.

**186. Accounts** 1. The following accounts were approved for payment:

(1)	DCC – Skate Park Maintenance 2014/2015 (Cheque no. 005544)	-	£5,290.42
(2)	Cambrian Woodland Services – Christmas trees (Cheque no. 005545)	-	£1,314.00
(3)	Catalyst Systems – off site secure data storage (December) (Cheque no. 005546)	-	£8.82
(4)	Catalyst Systems – clean up and repair office lap top (Cheque no. 005547)	-	£70.80
(5)	Catalyst Systems – Remove viruses and malware from PC (Cheque no. 005548)	-	£90.00
(6)	Zen Internet – ADSL provision (February) (Cheque no. 005549)	-	£18.37
(7)	DCC – provide CCTV camera and Christmas lighting power supply - (Minute 122(2)(4) refers) (Cheque no. 005550)	-	£170.48
(8)	Ernest Martin – lock and open Dr E P Garden gate (Cheque no. 005551)	-	£60.00
(9)	Catalyst Systems – new computer and monitor for community archives - (Minute 163(2)(3) refers) (Cheque no. 005552)	-	£998.40
(10)	Cllr Raymond Bartley – travelling expenses (Buckley) (Cheque no. 005553)	-	£19.80

Total payments: £8,041.09

2 Any other Financial Matters: There were none

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.21pm

Signed: .....(chairman)

Date: 23/2/15.....

