

Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 23rd March 2015 at 7pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

Present: Councillors Raymond Bartley, Margaret Bowe, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Geraint Williams, Colin L Hughes, Roy Tickle, Mark Young, Gaynor Wood, Catherine Jones, and Medwyn Jones (Town Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr Shereen Devine, Colin Hughes, Rob Parkes (chairman), Brian Davies, Philip Stevens, Medwyn Williams.

In the absence of the chairman, the meeting was chaired by the Deputy Mayor Cllr Raymond Bartley.

The chairman welcomed all to meeting.

222. Urgent Matters: There were none

223. Declaration of Personal Interest: The following declarations were received:

- (1) Cllr Mark Young – agenda item 8(1)(5) – planning – Denbigh Town Football Club.
- (2) Cllr Geraint Williams – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (3) Cllr Raymond Bartley – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.

224. The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 23rd February 2015 and the Minutes of the Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committees held on the 9th March 2015 were approved.

225. Matters arising: 23.2.15 (1) Minute no 203 – Lenten Pool roundabout. In reply to a query Cllr Geraint Williams stated that there was nothing further to report.
(2) Minute 209(4) – Plas Pigot. Cllr Raymond Bartley reported that a new committee had been appointed and the future looked good.

9.3.15: There were no matters arising.

226. Mayor's Report: The Mayor's written report was considered and accepted.

227. Letters, E-mails and Notices: 1. It was agreed that two items of correspondence be noted.

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

- (1) The e-mail of thanks from Mair Edwards on behalf of Clwb Rygbi Dinbych was noted. The request to use the council "logo" on clothing for the under 16 team was approved.
- (2) Wales in Bloom. The e-mail received was noted. Cllr Geraint Williams commented that Love Lane had been competing for a number of years. Cllr Margaret Bowe stated that she would mention the competition to Ysgol Pendref.
- (3) E-mail response from Mike Jones (DCC) re site visit on High Street. Comment was made that the dates given were short notice. It was agreed to suggest that the visit takes place after Easter and that sufficient notice be given.
- (4) E-mail re invitation to Eisteddfod y Coleg on 24th April 2015. Cllrs Gaynor Morgan Rees, Gaynor Wood, Roy Tickle, Raymond Bartley and Catherine Jones attending.
- (5) E-mail from Denbigh Civic Society re Open Doors. It was agreed that a meeting take place with the civic society and the town clerk to arrange a date.



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

- (1) 36, Mytton Park
- (2) Land at Parc Clwyd
- (3) Unit 1, Vale Park, Llwyn Goch, Colomendy Industrial Estate
- (4) Clwyd House, Erw Las, Colomendy Industrial Estate
- (5) Denbigh Town Football Club

2. Other planning matters: There were no other matters

228 Minutes / Reports of council sub committees: (1) Environment Sub Committee. The minutes of a recent meeting were considered. **It was Resolved** (unanimously) **that each of the recommendations contained within the minutes be approved.**

The quotation received from Paul Liversidge for footpath clearing was approved.

The quotation received from Green Fingers Garden Centre for the troughs on the Town Hall balcony and the planters outside the Library was approved.

The e-mails responses received from DCC re the removal of the wooden planters in the town centre were noted. Comment was made that it was essential that the pavement area below the planters would need to be cleaned following removal.

Comment was made that the town wall lights in Bryn Parc were not working – Cadw to be contacted.

(2) Audit & Personnel Sub Committee. The minutes of a recent meeting were considered. **It was Resolved** (unanimously) **that each of the recommendations contained within the minutes be approved.**

(3) 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) Cae Dai – Further deferred for further information.
- (2) Denbigh Bowling Club - £2,650 (S.137)(Cheque no. 005589)
- (3) Coleg Llandrillo Dinbych - £700 (S.145)(Cheque no. 005590)
- (4) Make the Most of the Carriageway CIC - £2,000 (S.137)(Cheque no. 005591)
- (5) Denbigh Parochial Church Council - £3,000 (S.215(6))(Cheque no. 005592)

(2) **229. Reports:** (1) Christmas Lighting. The town clerk's written report on a recent meeting was considered and approved. Town clerk to action what was required.

(2) NWWTFC. The town clerk's brief written summary was considered and accepted. With regard to the council's representation on the car rally working group it was confirmed that Cllrs Colin Lucas Hughes and Shereen Devine would represent the town council with Cllr Catherine Jones as reserve.

(3) Cllr Mark Young reported that he had attended the High Sheriff's recent fundraising evening when £15,000 had been raised.

(4) St Brigid's School. Cllr Geraint Williams reported on a recent meeting of the school governors. The school needed to produce a three year projection – the future looked grim.

(5) Cllr Catherine Jones reported that the Robert Arthur Crisis Fund had made an application to DCC to install a commemorative bench near the town's War Memorial

There were no other reports.



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

1. Cllr Geraint Williams reported that finance had been approved for an extension to the Leisure Centre gym.
2. Cllr Raymond Bartley reported: (1) Resurfacing of the lower end of Park Street, hopefully, after Easter. (2) The Rotary's request to name the Denbigh by pass as Rotary Road had been granted. Rotary will need to finance the signage. (3) Signage for Denbigh Infirmary imminent and paid for by the Health Board. The cost of signage would be in the region of £6k. (4) Middle Lane – the Charity Commission had allocated the site to DCC.

231. Accounts 1. The following accounts were approved for payment:

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| (1) | Sandra Williams – translation service 9.2.15 & 23.2.15
(Cheque no. 005583) | - | £224.40 |
| (2) | Town Clerk – travelling expenses (Conwy)
(Cheque no. 005584) | - | £22.51 |
| (3) | Cathedral Frames – framing council photograph
(Cheque no. 005585) | - | £55.00 |
| (4) | Zen Internet Ltd – ADSL provision (April)
(Cheque no. 005586) | - | £18.37 |
| (5) | Catalyst Systems – off site secure data storage (February)
(Cheque no. 005587) | - | £8.82 |
| (6) | Ernest Martin – lock and open Dr E P garden gate
(Cheque no. 005588) | - | £60.00 |

Total payments: £389.10

- 2 Any other Financial Matters: (1) Authority was given to the town clerk / finance officer to pay any accounts received up to and including the 31st March 2015 and a report prepared for the next meeting on the 13th April 2015.
(2) The quotation received from Lanes for Drains re work at the former courthouse building was considered and approved.
(3) The letter from Zurich re the council insurance policy was noted.
(4) The receipt of £2,326.35 from HMRC re VAT refund was noted

232. Arrangements for the Annual Meeting on the 1st May 2015: Following a discussion the following arrangements were agreed upon:

- (1) In view of postage costs involved - members to assist with the distributing the invitations
- (2) Numbers to be invited. The town clerk reminded the meeting of the agreement that there was a need to cut down on cost and suggested that invitations be limited to one representative from each organisation. Following a short discussion **it was resolved** (by 5 votes to 4) **that an invitation be extended to two representatives from each organisation.**
- (3) Catering – it was agreed to hire S & T Catering.
- (4) Rehearsal – Thursday evening 30th April 2015 at 6.30pm.
- (5) Cllr Colin Hughes to propose Cllr Raymond Bartley as Mayor, seconded by Cllr Mark Young. Cllr Mark Young to propose, should Cllr Hughes be unable to do so, with Cllr Roy Tickle seconding.
- (6) Cllr Roy Tickle to propose Cllr Margaret Bowe as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Cllr Colin Hughes. Cllr Catherine Jones to second should Cllr Hughes be unable to do so.
- (7) Cllr Margaret Bowe to propose the vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor Cllr Rob Parkes.
- (8) Cllr Raymond Bartley announced that Civic Sunday would be held on the 5th July 2015 at 11am at Capel Mawr



233. Declaration of Interest. The town clerk referred to the correspondence received from Gary Williams, DCC's Monitoring Officer. It was **Resolved** (unanimously) **to adopt and adapt for use by the town council the disclosure and registration of interests form.** The form to be used in the new municipal year.

234. Denbigh Town Hall – centenary of the laying of the foundation-stone on the 25th March 1915. The town clerk gave details, as reported in the Denbighshire Free Press on the 27th March 1915, of the ceremony that took place in 1915 and circulated a photograph of the proceedings. A couple of matters of interest were that the mallet used by the mayor had been made from the timber of the old market hall and a time capsule had been inserted below the foundation stone. It was apparent from the report and the photograph that the occasion had been a grand affair.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.13pm

Signed:  (chairman)

Date:  27/4/15

