

**Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.**

**Present:** Councillors Rob Parkes, Cllr Raymond Bartley, Margaret Bowe, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Medwyn Williams, Geraint Williams, Colin Hughes (arrived 7.15pm), Colin L Hughes, Brian Davies, Mark Young, Shereen Lunt, and Medwyn Jones (Town Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllrs Roy Tickle, Gaynor Wood; Colin Hughes (late)

**Observing:** Fifteen members of the public.

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

**68. Presentation on Hwb Dinbych.** The town clerk reported that due to a problem with the presentation it had been agreed that the presentation be postponed until a future meeting of the council.

**69.** Mr Tom Williams on behalf of the Gideon Society presented the Mayor Cllr Rob Parkes with copies of the Bible and New Testament. Mr Williams gave a brief outline of the work of the Society worldwide and locally. The Mayor thanked Mr Williams for the presentation.

**70. Urgent Matters:** The town clerk's request that a matter regarding the Code of Conduct be dealt with under part two at the end of the meeting was acceded to.

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

- (1) Cllr Geraint Williams – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (2) Cllr Raymond Bartley – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (3) Cllr Colin L Hughes – agenda item 8(1)(3) – planning – former Autoworld site Smithfield Road.

**72. The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 and the Minutes of the Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committees Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were received.**

**73. Matters Arising: 14.7.14:** (1) Minute 63(1) WW1 Commemoration – Cllr Bartley thanked the Rector and town clerk for arranging a very worthy commemoration service and also thanked the three schools for taking part in the service.  
(2) Minute 64 WTFC – The Mayor reported that he had written to the secretary re honorary membership and received an acknowledgement.  
(3) Minute 67(8) Lenten Pool Roundabout – the chairman referred to the article in the Free Press and clarified that the town council did not own the roundabout. The town clerk added that the roundabout was built and maintained by DCC. The old Town Cross in the middle of the island was owned by the town council.  
(4) Minute 66 CCTV – Cllr Geraint Williams reported that the report on CCTV in Denbighshire was to be presented to the Scrutiny Committee in October.

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

**75. Letters, E-mails and Notices:** No correspondence had been received

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



- (1) Former Autoworld, Smithfield Road
- (2) Land at 25 The Green.

With regard to the planning application received in respect of Cae Gwyn, Mold Road (deferred from 14<sup>th</sup> July) the town clerk reported that he had not received a reply to the two e-mails sent to DCC planning. It was agreed to further defer the matter and request additional time to consider the application and to obtain the information requested.

With regard to the planning application received in respect of Land between St David's Church, St David's Lane and Brookhouse Road (deferred from 14.7.14) it was once again noted that 16 items of correspondence of objections amounting to approximately 85 pages had been received. Fifteen members of the public attended the meeting to observe this particular application. A site visit had taken place on the 15<sup>th</sup> July and the council's planning sub-committee had met following that visit and prepared a report for the council copies of which had been circulated to the members. The chairman read out the contents of the report. The matter was then discussed during which opinions for and against the application were expressed. The discussion culminated in a proposal that the recommendations contained in the sub-committee report be accepted and that the council object to the application. An amendment was proposed that the application be accepted. A recorded vote was requested. A vote was taken on the amendment with Cllrs Medwyn Williams and Geraint Williams voting in favour. A vote was then taken on the original proposal with Cllrs Rob Parkes, Colin L Hughes, Mark Young, Shereen Lunt, Gaynor Morgan Rees and Brian Davies voting in favour of the proposal. Cllr Raymond Bartley abstained. It was therefore **Resolved that that council object to the application based on the recommendation of the sub-committee report.**

2. Other planning matters: (1) The letter from Mrs Doris Roberts re the proposed cycle path was Noted (2) The six planning certificates received were noted.

**77 Minutes / Reports of council sub committees:** 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) Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych - £2,950 (S.145)(cheque no.005428)
- (2) Flintshire Optec Exchange - application refused due to the terms of the application being outside the jurisdiction of the town council.

The recommendation regarding a grant aid policy to ensure that there was sufficient funding to cover all grant aid applications during the current financial year was approved as follows:

- (1) Applications from national charities – continuation of £100 per application but to retain a prerogative if a specific local situation or emergency.
- (2) Applications from local charities – continuation that each application be dealt with on its merit.
- (3) Taking into account the number of grant applications received by the council and the funding available within the current budget - continuation that a ceiling of £3,000 be placed on each application. Each application to be carefully scrutinised and if need be further details be requested.
- (4) Each application must be accompanied by a balance sheet or accounts or if not available an explanation as to why this was so.

**78. Reports:** (1) Denbigh Foodbank. The town clerk referred to the minutes of a recent meeting of the Vale of Clwyd Food Bank. The minutes were noted.  
 (2) Denbigh Quarry Liaison Committee. Cllr Colin Hughes gave a verbal report on a recent visit by the committee to the quarry. In attendance had been representatives from DCC, Police, Hanson and the Town Council. Assurances were given that every precaution was being taken.



Cllr Hughes explained the environment and the landscape of the quarry area. Cllr Hughes was reassured that Hanson were making considerable efforts to secure the quarry site.

There were no other reports.

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

1. Cllr Raymond Bartley reported (1) Kwik Save site sale agreed; (2) Middle lane Trustees meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July; (3) Budgeting talks ongoing full speed ahead.
2. Cllr Geraint Williams reported (1) Issues regarding Llewelyn's Estate and Bryn Garth street Lighting; (2) A number of council properties failed the water tests – results from the schools yet to be received.
3. Cllr Colin Hughes: nothing to report

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

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| (1) | Pen y Bryn Joinery - fix memorial plaque to wall at St Mary's Church – the town clerk reported that an invoice for £179.40 had been received but that a subsequent telephone call from pen y Bryn Joinery stated that the invoiced was being withdrawn and the work done would be free of charge as their contribution to the event. |   |         |
| (2) | NWWTFC – replacement cheque for cheque no 005341 (deemed lost) -<br>(cheque no. 005423)  | - | £800.00 |
| (3) | Rogers Jones Co – valuation of council artefacts and regalia<br>(cheque no. 005424)  | - | £192.00 |
| (4) | Zen Internet – ADSL provision (August)<br>(cheque no. 005425)  | - | £18.37  |
| (4) | Paul Liversidge – footpath clearing (July)<br>(cheque no. 005426)  | - | £165.00 |
| (5) | Town Clerk – travelling expenses (St Asaph)<br>(cheque no. 005427)   | - | £5.53   |
| (6) | D Bryn Jones – translation services<br>(cheque no. 005429)   | - | £400.00 |

Total payments: £1,580.90

2 Any other Financial Matters: (1) Payment of accounts between 29<sup>th</sup> July and 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014. It was agreed that the town clerk be given permission to pay any accounts received during this period and that a report be prepared for the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> September.

(2) Valuation Report. The town clerk referred to the report received from Rogers Jones Co. It was agreed to approach Thomas Fattorini to discuss the possibility of having detailed plans made of the Myddleton Cup.

**71. Dr Evan Pierce Memorial Garden.** The town clerk reported that the gate to the garden was not being locked at night. Several letters had been sent to the Manager at Cae Glas referring to the agreement reached some years ago. Unfortunately no response had been received. Cllr Bartley suggested and it was agreed to approach The Gelli to seek their assistance with locking and opening the gate. In the interim Cllr Colin Hughes volunteered to lock and open the gate.

**72. August Emergency Meeting.** As per the usual practice of this council it was agreed that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman of Planning and the town clerk meet when necessary during August to deal with any business that required attention.



**73. Council Vacancy.** The town clerk reported that no request had been received by DCC to fill the vacancy through an election. The council would now need to fill the vacancy through co-option. The town clerk went on to explain the procedure. It was agreed that a public notice advertising the vacancy be published with a closing date of the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and that candidates express and interest and submit a resume and or CV to the council. It was also agreed that the local press be requested to publish an article on the vacancy and that the social networks be also used to advertise the vacancy.

At this point the meeting moved into Part 2

After completion of the business under Part 2 and there being no further business the meeting closed at 7.49pm.

Signed:  (chairman)

Date: 

