

Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 23rd October 2017 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

Present: Councillors Roy Tickle (Chairman), Catherine Jones (Deputy Chairman), Colin L Hughes, Gwawr Cordiner, Lara Pritchard, Marilyn Jones, Alyn Ashworth, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Philip Stevens, Gaynor Wood-Tickle, Dyfrig Berry & Guto Lloyd-Davies; and Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk).

Observing: Cllr Mark Young & Margaret Bowe.

Apologies: Cllrs Rob Parkes, Rhys Thomas & Glenn Swingler.

Cllr Lara Pritchard had contacted the town clerk to advise that she would be late attending the meeting and Cllr Alyn Ashworth advised that he had to leave at 7.30.

The chairman welcomed all to the October full council meeting.

101. Mr Eryl Davies - Gideons

Mr Eryl Davies gave a short presentation to the town councillors on all the work that the Gideons do and that it was an honour to present the Mayor with the Bible again this year. This is a tradition that had been ongoing for a very long time. The Gideons provide bibles, which is the book of life to hospitals, hotels, Councils, to name but a few. It is a book that can be used during sorrow, bereavement and happiness. Cllr Roy Tickle gratefully accepted being presented with the Bible and said that it was an honour. The Bible can be read on the outside and read on the inside. Margaret Bowe, who was observing, advised that she attended this evenings meeting in support of the good works done by the Gideons and that she was privileged to receive one while Mayor last year.

Mr Eryl Davies left at 6.40pm.

102. Ben Wilcox-Jones DCC re Active Travel.

Ben gave an overview on the active travel project that he is currently working on for Denbighshire County Council. Denbighshire has a statutory duty to present routes and increase plans for the future. The current consultation has just finished, however feedback can still be given if required. Cllr Gwawr Cordiner thanked Ben for attending and asked what the timescale was for the plans, costings, funding and also for implementing?

Ben advised that there was a schedule for the whole of the county to pursue a route, bid for Welsh Government funding then use the money for surveys, consultation with landowners etc. This would then determine the actual costings for a capital bid then a further 12 months for delivery.

Cllr Gwawr Cordiner asked if the County had to match fund.

Ben advised that a contribution does help with the application.

Cllr Gwawr Cordiner asked if there was any money ring-fenced by the County.

Ben advised that no money was ring-fenced but there would not be an issue with funding.

Cllr Philip Stevens said that cycling was a perilous pastime and had the danger aspect been looked at?

Mrs Margaret Bowe left at 6.45pm.

Cllr Philip Stevens continued, landowners have objected in the past. As we are still in the European Union, is there a chance of applying for a European grant?

Ben – unable to apply for European funding, will be applying to Welsh Government only.

Denbighshire are very proactive as there is no current cycle path in Denbigh. There is a possibility of using the old railway lines.

Jenny Barlow asked if the cycle path did go from Henllan to Denbigh it would make Denbigh High School within the 3 mile distance re school transport.

Den advised that he was only involved with active travel, this would come under another department within Denbighshire.

Cllr Roy Tickle advised that everyone should put their views online.

Cllr Colin Hughes supported the Henllan to Denbigh route as there were some parts along the road that was very narrow making it difficult for pedestrians. It would improve road safety.

103. Urgent Matters: None

104. Declaration of Personal Interest: None

105. The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 25th September 2017 were agreed and noted.

106. Matters arising – Cllr Gwawr Cordiner advised that she had recently attended the Denbigh Safety Group meeting and that the group were going to write to the Police Constable with feedback.

107. Mayor's Report: A copy of the Mayors appointments were circulated and noted. Cllr Roy Tickle advised that he was thoroughly enjoying his duties and to date the highlight was opening the intravenous suite at the Denbigh infirmary. It was wonderful and funded by local people.

108. Letters, E-mails and Notices: It was agreed that the following items of correspondence to be noted and actioned accordingly:

- a) E-mail received from Cllr Gwyneth Kensler regarding planning permission for the museum.
- b) E-mail J Morris re CCTV. The councillors were happy with the reply already sent by the town clerk.
- c) Independent Remuneration Panel draft report 2018/19 – the town clerk requested feedback by the next full council meeting to be held on Monday 27th November.
- d) Independent Guidance for Principal Councils on the review of Communities - consultation, the town clerk requested feedback by the next full council meeting to be held on Monday 27th November.
- e) The independent Review Panel - the town clerk requested feedback by the next full council meeting to be held on Monday 27th November.
- f) E-mail – B Pinkham, Denbigh Hunt
- g) Letter – D Whitfield, Denbigh Hunt
The councillors discussed the Denbigh Hunt at length and it was decided to reply to the correspondence received by advising that Denbigh Town Council support legal activity/events in town.
- h) Invitation to the opening of Grwp Cynefin – Ty John Glyn, Cllrs Roy Tickle, Gaynor Wood-Tickle, Catherine Jones, Gaynor Morgan-Rees, Dyfrig Berry and Colin L Hughes would be attending.
- i) Email from Emlyn Jones DCC regarding CCTV partnership.
- j) Universal Credit – The councillors requested that the Town Clerk contact Denbighshire County Council to ensure that the issues highlighted in England when this went live should be avoided.

109. Planning: No objections were raised on the following applications:

- a) 01/2017/0897
Ar Graig, Tan y Gwalia, Denbigh
Works to 1 no cherry tree within Denbigh Conservation area.
- b) 01/2017/0691

Land adjacent to St. Mary's Church, Henllan Place, Denbigh.
Repair and relocation of the Lenten Pool Market Cross

c) 01/2017/0692

Land adjacent to St. Mary's Church, Henllan Place, Denbigh.
Repair and relocation of the Lenten Pool Market Cross (Listed Building application)

110. Minutes / Reports of council sub committees. The following were noted.

(a) Fair Trade 12.10.17. The town clerk advised that Denbigh Town had achieved the Fair Trade Status.

(b) Wireless in Wales 24.07.17.

(c) Eirianfa – Cllr Roy Tickle advised that he had recently attended a meeting. Eirianfa is doing well and the future is looking good.

(d) Museum – Cllr Gaynor Morgan Rees advised that she had recently attended a meeting on behalf of Cllr Roy Tickle (Both the Eirianfa and Museum meeting were held at the same time). Money is tight with the next application for lottery funding going through. Will await the outcome. The archive group is going from strength to strength, the current exhibition is about sports.

(e) Cllr Roy Tickle advised that he had recently been on a scheduled trip to Warwick with the Tour guides – it was excellent.

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

Neither Cllr Rhys Thomas or Glenn Swingler were present.

Cllr Mark Young was asked if he had any feedback to give to the town councillors.

Cllr Mark Young advised that he was happy to help the town council in any way. As a County Councillor his main objections are CCTV & Anti-Poverty.

112. Accounts:

(1) Payments - None

(2) Any other financial matters – External Audit.

The Town Clerk confirmed that a reply had been received from the external auditor and there were no matters which came to their attention that required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report. The town clerk also confirmed that the notice of conclusion had also been made available and that the relevant paperwork were being sent back to the auditors later in the week.

113. Dr Evan Pierce garden – Trees, Grant & long term management.

Following on from the Environment and Finance meeting held earlier, the grant for £500 is to be requested by the Denbigh in Bloom group and liaise with both Cllr Gwawr Cordiner and Glenn Swingler. The town clerk was requested to write to Lyndsey Tasker advising of this.

The town clerk also advised that a large branch had come down in the high winds and had been removed over the weekend. During the works the gardens were closed to the general public. The town clerk had also requested a report from Peter Spencer who agreed on a course of works to be completed, one of which was from the last report in May. Quotations were received which have been agreed at the earlier finance meeting. There is a considerable amount of work needed on the trees and as they are in a conservation area a planning application will need to be completed. The town clerk will complete this as soon as possible. The tree surgeon confirmed it was safe for the gardens to be reopened but if any high winds were forecasted then it was advisable to close the garden.

The town clerk also asked the councillors about the contractor's maintenance work for the coming year. They were advised that they could look for a contractor closer to home but a lot more management of the works would be required. In view of this the councillors have requested that the town clerk contact Sodexo, the current contractor for a quotation for the coming year. Last year the maintenance costs were reduced by 50%.

114. CCTV – grant.

The town clerk confirmed that the application had been submitted at the end of September and that confirmation had been received today that the application had been successful through to the next stage. On the 30th October the voting lines will open until 1st December.

115. Remembrance Sunday. The town clerk advised that the service will take place by the C Angel monument on Sunday 12th November. An official invitation will be sent out in due course.

116. Fireworks Display. The town clerk confirmed that everything was in order ready for the event on Sunday 5th November. The town clerk requested the councillors to attend as stewards to ensure that the event was safe to all attending.

117. Christmas Lights 2018. The Christmas lights working group had met up on the 11th October to discuss various options regarding the Christmas lighting currently leased through Blachere. The group decided that the best option was to purchase the leased lights in 2018 at a cost of £6,125.00 plus vat. The lights would be guaranteed for 2 years. Subsequent years will require a health check at a cost of £500.00 per year. Therefore 2018 would cost £6,125.00 plus vat, 2019 no payment and subsequent years £500.00. The Town Councillors agreed with this option. The town clerk will contact Blachere confirming the arrangements for 2018.

118. Christmas Lights Switch on event 24th November. Cllr Catherine Jones advised the town councillors about all the arrangements in place for this year's event, to include funfair, stalls, snow machine, candyfloss, community choir, magician, Father Christmas, Market stalls in the market hall and music. The car park at the rear of the town hall will be allocated for the funfair. Denbighshire County Council declined their application for a road closure.

There will be schoolchildren singing throughout the day with the mayor, Cllr Roy Tickle and Miss Denbigh switching the lights on at 6pm.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.06 pm.

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....