

Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 28th October 2019 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

Present: Councillors Gaynor Wood-Tickle (Chair), Rhys Thomas (Deputy), Catherine Jones, Roy Tickle, Colin L Hughes, Rob Parkes, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Philip Stevens, Guto Lloyd-Davies, Alyn Ashworth, Dyfrig Berry & Irene Williams; & Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk); Carys Jones (Civic & Events assistant).

Apologies: Cllrs Lara Pritchard & Glenn Swingler.

The chair welcomed all to the October full council meeting.

77. Cathryn Johnson (planning Consultant, Les Stephan Planning Limited) & **Helen Morgan (Jones Bros)** - gave an Overview of the Former North Wales Hospital Development.

The ground has been cleared ready for the cabins to be installed. The anti-social behaviour at the site has been reduced due to the presence of staff from Jones Bros. The pre-planning application will be submitted shortly and will be available online. There will be a public consultation at Denbigh library, no date allocated as yet.

Cllr Philip Stevens arrived at 6.37pm.

Jones Bros are working with DCC, ecology, safe route to town and schools are also being looked at. Money raised from the development will be used for the restoration of the listed building element which will be retained. There is currently a gap of approx 4 million that needs to be sourced via grants. There is currently no proposals to have affordable housing at the site.

The listed building element that will be retained is the U shape on the map, chapel and possibly the Aled ward. There will be a transport statement, early indications are that there will be less traffic than when the hospital was open.

Cllr Philip Stevens advised that the traffic for the hospital was on two shifts and not through the whole day. This needs to be reviewed.

Cllr Guto Lloyd-Davies advised that it was good to see the plan and that the area will be improved.

Catherine advised that there will be green corridors for wildlife habitat and bio-diversity. There is also SUDS with ponds for drainage.

Cllr Irene Williams also expressed concerns with the traffic.

Cathryn advised that the project will be staggered over a 10 year period. This will allow for services to be improved.

Cllr Dyfrig Berry enquired about the type of homes, will there be any affordable housing?

Catherine advised that the project would not have any affordable housing as they were reliant on the money raised to make the necessary improvements to the listed element at the site. The project will also work with a housing association with a view of another location in Denbigh being used for affordable housing. There will be a range of properties at the site, details to follow with the pre planning details.

Cllr Gaynor Morgan-Rees enquired about the traffic while developing the site.

Catherine advised that there would be a transport map advising of the best route for the heavy vehicle required at the site. They would avoid the town where possible including Love Lane as well as not use the weak bridge on Ystrad.

Cllr Colin Hughes enquired about the old nurses' quarters.

Catherine advised that this would not be retained as not viable due to vernalisation.

Cllr Alyn Ashworth advised that there was no suitable approach road for the heavy vehicles. It would be advantageous to build a suitable road before starting on the building works.

Cllr Rob Parkes was also concerned with the traffic with the amount of properties being built – need to be realistic. It is good that the project has started as it has been a long time coming.

Cllr Roy Tickle – will wait until the public consultation.

Cllr Rhys Thomas was concerned about the amount of new properties being built in Denbigh currently. What is the local requirements? There does need to be affordable housing in the area. Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle thanked both Cathryn and Helen for attending.

Cathryn and Helen left the meeting at 7pm.

78. Urgent Matters: Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle advised that Cllr Rachael Ayres had resigned from her post as town councillor. The vacancy had been advised to Denbighshire County Council who had advertised the post. No applicant had come forward. In view of this, the details will be advertised as a Co-Opted vacancy shortly. The changes in the appointment of member to various organisations was deferred until after the AGM next year.

79. Declaration of Personal Interest:

Councillor	Item	Personal or Prejudicial
Gaynor Wood-Tickle	12 a-e	Prejudicial
Roy Tickle	12 a-e	Prejudicial

80. The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd September 2019 were agreed and noted.

81. Matters arising:

- a) Item 47c, update from DCC planning was noted.
- b) Item 66, Scrutiny group advised that there was insufficient time to discuss this item before the reply date.
- b) Item 72, Cllr Roy Tickle gave an update re scrutiny group on the findings relating to the Old Magistrates Court. The group advised that they had viewed the original lease and the 2 subsequent amendments which were in good order,
- c) Item 73 - Quotations received for translation service, published policies and documents on DTC website. The town councillors agreed with the quotation from Cyfieithu Cymunedol.
- d) Item 70.2.a – email from Lyndsey Tasker with update regarding Christmas roundabout theme. At this point no ideas relating to lighting were made.

82. Mayor's Report:

A copy of the Mayors appointments were circulated and noted. Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle advised that she has been invited to many lovely events.

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

- a) Letter of support request – Denbigh Youth Project was agreed by the town councillors.
- b) Email from Lyndsey Tasker, Denbigh in Bloom requesting road signage – Gold Winner Wales in Bloom. The town councillors agreed in principle for 4 signs to be put up. The town clerk had received notification from Rhuddlan town council that they paid £900 for their. Lyndsey Tasker is dealing with DCC and will reply re costs in due course.
- c) Denbighshire Housing Newsletter: – circulated 21.10.19
- d) Community Asset Transfer Research – Welsh Government. This was passed to the scrutiny group to action.
- e) Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Update was noted.
- f) Email from Fran Rhodes, DCC, regarding potential grant availability was noted.
- g) Planning Consultations x 3 - this was passed to the scrutiny group to action.
- h) Environment Wales Act 2016 Duty under section 6 – circulated 21.10.19 - this was passed to the scrutiny group to action.
- i) Planning Compliance Charter (DCC) – The town councillors resolved to accept the charter, no amendments required.

84. Planning:

No objections were raised on the following application:

- 1) 01/2019/0827
14 Dalar Wen, Denbigh
Erection of single storey rear extension.
- 2) Pre Planning Consultation (x5) – Land adjoining Colomendy Industrial Estate, Graig Road, Denbigh – circulated 21.10.19. The town councillors had no objections to 4 of the applications, the councillors have concerns on the 1st plot application – Construction of a Local Authority waste transfer station. The town councillors have concerns regarding: traffic issues, large lorries early morning and throughout the day, smell from the site especially in the summer months and recycling the glass, will make a lot of noise when delivered.
- 3) Pre Planning Consultation – Cycle path, Denbigh High School – the town councillors were happy for the proposal, however they would like it noted that gated access was required in the area where there is a fence on each side between the two double gated access to Middle Parc.

85. Minutes / Reports of council sub committees.

The following were noted.

- a) Wireless in Wales Management Committee 01.07.19
- b) Management Committee – Denbigh Museum, 10.10.19
- c) Cllr Roy Tickle advised that he and Cllr Dyfrig Berry has attended the N&MW assoc meeting last Friday. 3 key items were discussed. A very good report regarding homelessness from Denbighshire County Council. Transport for Wales and Welshpool have withdrawn their secretarial support for the association.
- d) Cllr Catherine Jones advised that Rona had resigned as Headteacher of St Bridget School.
- e) Ysgol Y Parc have withdrawn the school from swimming lessons.

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

Cllr Rhys Thomas –Travellers site. This will be presented to the County council's community scrutiny group shortly. There are 5 proposed sites to be discussed 2 between Denbigh and Henllan. NO decision has been made as yet. The further the proposed site is away from the main transport route (A55) then the less likely it will be deemed acceptable.

87. Accounts:

1. Payments: The following payment was agreed.

PWLB, half yearly payment (Chq no 006902)	-	£7,151.20
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2. Any other financial matters:

- a) Conclusion of External Audit has been received. The town clerk advised that all relevant recommendations/changes had already been put into place. Cllr Catherine Jones thanked the town clerk for the work involved in the audit. The conclusion of the audit will be published on the town council website shortly.
- b) Quotations – repair Christmas lights & Shredding provision. Both were accepted by the town councillors.

Cllr Rhys Thomas took over as chair due to Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle's interest in item 88 on the agenda.

88. *Denbigh Town Hall

An update was received regarding the future of the town hall.

* Due to the confidential nature of the business of this agenda item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) it is proposed to put forward a motion to exclude members of the public during discussion of this agenda item.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....