

**Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 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, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Philip Stevens, Guto Lloyd-Davies, Alyn Ashworth, Rob Parkes, Lara Pritchard, Dyfrig Berry, Irene Williams & Rachael Ayres; & Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllr: Glenn Swingler.

**Invited guest:** Sgt Peter Evans, North Wales Police & Dr Ian Gardner.

The chair welcomed all to the May full council meeting.

**12. Sgt Peter Evans** – North Wales Police gave an overview of the last 3 months crime in Denbigh. There was a reduction in the overall crim in both the upper and central wards, however there was an increase in the figures for the lower ward. This was due to incidents at Denbigh High School and a new family moving into the area. This is being monitored.

There was an attempted break in last night, they were unable to gain entry through the door but they broke a window and took a charity box and till.

Vehicle crime has increased with vans being the current target. There is one individual and a group from away committing these crimes. This is not unique to Denbigh, other towns and villages are being targeted.

There have been several attempted burglaries on the High Street, the last 2 weeks, no entries made.

One person has been arrested and released on Police bail. They have a curfew. Evidence is being collated. Has been in prison but there a currently no restrictions as they have served their full sentence.

Several drug warrants have been issued recently and have proven successful. Moving in the right direction.

Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle thanked Sgt Peter Evans for the overview and asked if there were any questions by the town councillors.

Cllr Rob Parkes – there has been a group of youngsters targeting residents.

Peter Evans – yes, they are known to the Police.

Cllr Gaynor Morgan Rees – Ystrad burglary, the statue was taken from a garden.

Pete Evans – no update as yet.

Cllr Philip Stevens – Behind the HWB on Smithfield, youngsters have been climbing the wall and this is causing issues with local residents.

Peter Evans – The Police are not aware of this, only the issues in lower Denbigh (as above).

Cllr Catherine Jones – are you able to stop the offender from returning to Denbigh?

Peter Evans – No, they would be able to return to Denbigh after being in prison. May be able to look at this in another way with the probation office.

Cllr Rhys Thomas – Staffing situation in Denbigh. Are leavers replaced?

Peter Evans – Yes – leavers are replaced.

Cllr Rhys Thomas – There was an incident at the foodbank, Beacons Hill. A volunteer was threatened last week.

Peter Evans – if the offender was known to them, let the Police know. If anything happens again, notify the police.

Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle – so unfair that the culprit is let out without a license.

Peter Evans – yes, very frustrating.

Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle thanked Peter Evans for the information provided.

Peter Evans left at 6.45pm

Dr Ian Gardner arrived at 6.50pm.

Full Council meeting started at 7pm.

**13. Urgent Matters: None**

**14. Declaration of Personal Interest:**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Personal or Prejudicial</b>
Gaynor Wood-Tickle	14 a,b & c	Prejudicial
Roy Tickle	14 a,b & c	Prejudicial

**15. The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were agreed and noted.**

**16. The minutes of the AM held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 were agreed and noted.**

**17. Matters arising:**

- a) Item 77 – Denbigh Cross. Awaiting an update on costs from Denbighshire County Council. Details of the plans/location have been received.
- b) Item 186.a – Banners - 3 designs have been produced. Cllrs decided on option A. The town clerk will order the banners.
- c) Item 214a Road Sign – DCC have confirmed that they are happy for the original sign to be re-erected. The town clerk advised that there is a need to have the sign painted. The clerk will arrange this.

Item 205/f. Cllr Rachael Ayres advised that she was no longer able to assist on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Dyfrig Berry kindly offered to take her place.

Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle requested that item 14 on the agenda be brought forward. This was agreed by the town councillors.

**18. Denbigh Town Hall.**

a) Legal Advice – DTH transfer.

Dr Ian Gardner discussed at length the options available for the town councillors in respect to the asset transfer and post transfer options to include a trust.

There are 4 options available though currently Denbighshire County Council are only looking at one option – freehold transfer of the town hall to the town council.

The town councillors have decided not to make a decision on this at present. More time is required to digest the information received. This item will be added to the June meeting agenda.

Discussions took place as to the options available and where similar options have been taken eg Eirianfa and Llangollen Town Hall.

Cllr Rhys Thomas advised that he had discussed the New Town Hall Futures Group with Cllr Glen Swingler and they have decided to stand down from the group.

Cllr Roy Tickle left at 7.45pm as the alarm was activated in the market hall.

b) DTH Project Risks (circulated 08.05.19) this was noted. No additional details given at the meeting.

c) Questionnaire – update (circulated 15.05.19)

Dr Ian Gardner advised that the feedback received to date was very positive with 369 forms received (online & paper). Strong feedback that the town hall is for the community and the residents were very supportive.

Dr Ian Gardner left at 8.02pm.

**19. Mayor's Report:**

A copy of the Mayors appointments were circulated and noted. Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle advised that her first month as Mayor has gone very well. Been busy and very enjoyable. It was very daunting making a speech at the dementia friendly event but it went very well.

Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle left to attend to the alarm at 8.05.

Cllr Rhys Thomas took over as Chair.

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

a) Email – DCC Care Property Portfolio Plan was noted.

<https://countyconversation.denbighshire.gov.uk/project/437>

b) Email from Jan Pike – Plastic Free Denbigh. The town councillors were supportive of Denbigh being a plastic free town in principle. Cllr Rhys Thomas gave details as to where the County Council were on this matter to date. The town clerk was requested to contact Jan Pike confirming support and giving the DCC update.

Cllrs Gaynor Wood-Tickle and Roy Tickle returned at 8.10pm.

Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle continued with chairing the meeting.

c) Streetworks – Temporary road Closure, Whitchurch Road, Denbigh.

Details circulated via email 26.04.19 – noted.

d) Email from Helena Cawthray – Denbigh Mid-Summer Festival.

Requesting permission to use the Dr EP Garden for the boules tournament 12.06.19.

Also asking if the town council would like to have a team at the event. Permission was granted and 4 town councillors agreed to make a team at the event – Cllrs Alyn Ashworth, Irene Williams, Rhys Thomas & Gaynor Wood-Tickle.

Cllr Rhys Thomas advised that there was graffiti on the Dr EP memorial that needs to be removed before the boules tournament.

e) DVSC – AGM 17.07.19 was noted.

**21. Planning:**

None

**22. Minutes / Reports of council sub committees.**

The following were noted.

a) Wireless in Wales's minutes were noted.

b) SAG meeting (Fireworks) 13.05.19. Town clerk gave an update. Fireworks event going well and no issues raised to date.

c) Cllr Catherine Jones confirmed that the Denbigh Carnival arrangements were going well and was receiving good support.

d) Cllr Roy Tickle advised that he recently attended a Dementia Friendly event where by £20k of grants were distributed.

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

Cllr Rhys Thomas advised that he had one points to raise.

LDP – Denbighshire County Council have looked into how many properties are required between 2020 and 2031. There is an 89 week consultation period and it would be advantageous if the town councillors could give feedback on the 11 proposed sites around Denbigh. The 300 properties at the old hospital site is not part of the LDP.

Cllr Rob Parkes left the meeting at 8.30pm.

### **24. Accounts:**

**1. Payments:** The following payment was agreed.

Jones & Graham – salary admin charge 01/01/19 – 31/03/19	£75.00
(Chq no 006784)	

**2. Any other financial matters:**

a) Internal audit 04.06.19 was noted.

b) Quotation – Fireworks insurance was agreed.

### **25. Legalities & Legislation Group.**

Aims, objectives?

The town councillors decided to resurrect the old scrutiny group with a view of looking at documents to assist the town clerk, especially with some work being generated with the proposed asset transfer of the town hall.

**26. Membership of committees, groups and associations 2019/20.** The list was amended and the town clerk requested to contact the relevant group with the updated details. (see attached)

### **27. Free Parking days.**

Proposed dates:

a) Denbigh Carnival – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

b) Open Doors – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

c) Denbigh Plum – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October

d) Christmas Light switch on – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

The last 1 day allocated will be looked at later in the year.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.48 pm.

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....