

Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 22nd July 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, Guto Lloyd-Davies, Alyn Ashworth, Glenn Swingler & Irene Williams; & Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs Philip Stevens, Rob Parkes, Dyfrig Berry & Rachael Ayres

The chair welcomed all to the July full council meeting.

41. Overview of DCC CCTV Partnership – Ian Millington (DCC) & Stuart Graham (Quadrant).

The town councillors were given an overview of the proposed locations of a new CCTV system in town. This follows a site visit by members of the town council, NWP and the partnership representatives.

PCSO Lucy Green & Bryn Jones arrived at 6.33pm.

Rhyl, Prestatyn, Rhuddlan and various DCC locations are currently in the partnership with the details going live to NWP at Chester where it is viewed 24/7/365. There is also the added advantage of up to date details being streamed directly to NPW at St Asaph should there be a major incident. Having a new system would remove the monitor from the town clerk's office, there would be no need to have subject access requests.

There are currently 4 cameras in Denbigh, more cameras can be added to the system at any time. The new system which would replicate the current recording area would involve having 3 cameras at a cost of £22k. There would be a need to have a taller lamppost to host one of the cameras, subject to approval from DCC at a cost of £1.8k. Additional cameras, one at the town hall would cost £4k and another at the traffic lights at the bottom of Vale Street would cost £4.7k. If these were not installed with the others there would be additional project management costs. DCC would also like to install a camera (at no cost to DCC) at the Vale street car park and looking across at the HSBC ATM.

There would be annual operational costs, currently £850 per camera that would be payable to the partnership.

The cameras used are proving to be very efficient with very low maintenance required.

The lifetime of the cameras is approx 7 years with many lasting much longer. There is a 3 year warranty on the cameras.

The Mayor advised that there would be a Q & A session.

Cllr Rhys Thomas asked who the cabinet member was from DCC – Cllr Mark Young. Also do the cameras rotate? Yes. Are the cameras moved? Only when one is no longer working. They have a priority listing and a less priority camera may be moved to a high profile location.

Cllr Catherine Jones asked if CCTV cameras are a deterrent. CCTV is accepted by the general public who do not commit crime. The cameras are monitored and should an issue become apparent the Police would be immediately advised.

Cllr Colin Hughes, the liaison is excellent within the partnership. Good to have an immediate link with no delay.

Cllr Guto Lloyd-Davies – the cameras seem very effective and the operators can trace vehicles via number plate recognition.

Cllr Irene Williams – what is the clarity of the cameras? Stuart provided a visual update of this, the clarity is excellent. They are also infrared.

Cllr Roy Tickle – there are CCTV cameras at Caledfryn, could these be linked to the system allowing for an additional road to be monitored? This will be looked into.

Ian Millington & Stuart Graham left at 6.55pm.

42. Urgent Matters: None

43. Declaration of Personal Interest:

Councillor	Item	Personal or Prejudicial
Gaynor Wood-Tickle	13 a - h	Prejudicial
Roy Tickle	13 a - h	Prejudicial
All town councillors	8.1	Personal

The town clerk advised that as trustees of the Dr Evan Pierce Memorial garden all town councillors should declare an interest. No forms required. Cllr Rhys Thomas requested clarification of the trust in the September full council meeting.

44. The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 24th June 2019 were agreed and noted. The Mayor requested that all town councillor arrange to collect all agendas and relevant papers prior to meeting to ensure that the meeting is run in a timely fashion.

45. Matters arising:

- a) Item 20.b – Update from the Scrutiny group – Cllr Catherine Jones advised that the original document had been amended to reflect the requirements of Denbigh. This was circulated with the town councillors. This item will be added to the full council agenda for September enabling the town councillors to read and comment on the document. In September a town councillor can be nominated to represent Denbigh Town Council on the already formed Plastic Free Group. The town clerk was requested to find further details regarding this group.
- b) Item 31e – update received from Cllr Guto Lloyd-Davies. A site meeting has taken place with Ben Wilcox-Jones of DCC to discuss concern over the speed of traffic at the roundabout. Drivers seem to speed up from the bypass to the roundabout and again when leaving the roundabout towards Ruthin. This is making it very difficult for residents to cross the road safely. There is no money in the budget for major works however there may be some money available to put new road markings down and reduce the width of the lane. Following the site meeting the Mayor was first on the scene of a RTC on Sunday 7th July. With this in mind, the town clerk has been requested to write to Ben Wilcox-Jones to see if the request for revised road marking could be made a priority.
- c) Item 34c – update from Howard Jones of Caulmert was noted.
- d) Item 38 – update from DCC – Tim Wynne-Evans re Sunday parking was noted.

46. Mayor's Report:

A copy of the Mayors appointments were circulated and noted. Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle advised that she was very busy but finding the events very enjoyable. Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle thanked the 2 town councillors that attended her Civic Sunday and was disappointed that so few were able to attend. Cllr Wood-Tickle is aware that home time is precious, however other town councillors attend their civic Sundays.

Cllr Rhys Thomas asked the Mayor, of what benefit was the Civic Sunday to the town of Denbigh? Cllr Wood-Tickle advised that it is a town service and with many other Mayors and dignitaries attending to include the Lord Mayor of Chester, builds up wonderful inter town relationships and friendships.

Cllr Roy Tickle confirmed his disappointment and advised that some town councillors had not replied to the invitation despite several reminders being sent out.

- 47. Letters, E-mails and Notices:** It was agreed that the following items of correspondence to be noted and actioned accordingly:
- a) OVW – up to 2 representative to attend quarterly meeting. Cllr Catherine Jones advised that she was happy to represent the town council. This was agreed by the town councillors. As there were a few town councillors unable to attend the meeting, it was decided to defer having a second representative until the September meeting.
 - b) Electoral Administration Act 2006 – review of polling districts and polling places. It was suggested that Capel y Fron may be used if Ysgol Frongoch was no longer suitable, this has been used in the past. Cllr Rhys Thomas advising that he had discussed this with the school in question and is awaiting feedback. Any feedback received will be given to the electoral department.
 - c) LDP - Draft Preferred Strategy Consultation

<https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/planning-and-building-regulations/local-development-plan/replacement-ldp/replacement-local-development-plan-2018-2033.aspx>

<https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/planning-and-building-regulations/local-development-plan/replacement-ldp/candidate-sites.aspx>

The town councillors were disappointed that the drop in sessions did not include Denbigh. Also Cllr Guto Lloyd-Davies attended the Rhyl session to find that Denbigh was not included, the boundary was at Trefnant. The town clerk was requested to contact DCC to find out why.

d) Review of County Electoral Arrangement for the County of Denbighshire.

<https://www.ldbc.gov.wales> was noted. Paper copy available via the town clerk.

e) Update from Mair Edwards re college building – noted. Cllrs Catherine Jones & Rhys Thomas will keep the town council updated following any further meetings.

f) Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych – developing bilingual communities was noted.

48. Planning:

No objections were raised on the following application:

1) 01/2019/0588

Dr Evan Pierce Memorial Garden, Vale Street, Denbigh.

Works to trees within Denbigh Conservation area.

Objections were raised on the following application:

2) 01/2019/0590

Former Wool Depot Site, Grove Road, Denbigh.

Erection of 2 no drive thru single storey commercial units (use class A3), parking, construction of a new vehicular access and associated works.

- a) Traffic issue – the location of the proposed entrance will further compound issues at the corner of Grove Road and the junction for the new retail park.
The area is already experiencing a much higher level of traffic due to the retail park and the works being completed at the middle lane group Cynefin site.
There is already a need for an improved traffic management system at the location.
- b) Flood Risk – no changes have been made since the flood risk was previously discussed at a previous planning application.
- c) Unsuitability of design for the area – the location of the proposed units is set in a populated housing area, normally these units are located on industrial estates.

There is also a nursing home close by and the additional traffic could have an impact on the residents of the home as well as residents in private housing.

- d) Environmental issues – Smells and noise again could have an impact to local residents. The increased waste at the location could also attract vermin which could then lead to health issues.

Cllr Glenn Swingler abstained from voting on this application, is awaiting further information from planning.

49. Minutes / Reports of council sub committees.

The following were noted.

- a) Wireless in Wales were noted.
- b) Cllr Roy Tickle advised that he had attended a Museum meeting on the 10th July. Possibly moving to the new location was discussed.
- c) Cllr Roy Tickle advised that he had also attended the N & MW assoc of LC's on the 19th July. One of the items discussed was homelessness and rough sleeping. Cllr Tickle also confirmed that the association had adopted a new Welsh Language policy following Cllr Dyfrig Berry's request.

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

Cllr Glenn Swingler advised that the pre planning application for the new DCC housing project opposite Coppy farm had been submitted.

Cllr Rhys Thomas advised that the speed limit reduction at the Green Denbigh will be going through shortly.

51. Accounts:

1. Payments: The following payment was agreed.

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| a) ASL – photocopying charge 05/06/19 – 02/07/19
(Chq no 006831) | - | £46.61 |
| b) Catalyst – June telephony
(Chq no 006832) | - | £29.98 |
| c) DCC 1 st quarterly contribution, town hall
(Chq no 0068363) | - | £9,250.00 |

2. Any other financial matters:

- a) The town clerk confirmed that the external audit was completed and returned by the 1st July deadline. Cllr Catherine Jones thanked the town clerk for all the work involved.
- b) Clarification received – Cllr allowance of £150 is taxable was circulated and noted.

52. Special Town Council meeting – Wednesday 14th August at 10.30am.

The town clerk advised that there will be a meeting to make payments of any outstanding invoices, review grant aid and any planning applications due. The chair and deputy chair of both the environment and finance meeting and planning meeting will be in attendance. General agenda to be circulate prior to the meeting to accommodate annual leave.

Dr Ian Gardner arrived at 7.43pm.

53. *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 9.00 pm.

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....