

Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 16th December 2019 at 7pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

Present: Councillors Gaynor Wood-Tickle (Chair), Rhys Thomas (Deputy), Catherine Jones, Philip Stevens, Alyn Ashworth, Dyfrig Berry, Glenn Swingler, Irene Williams & Sylvia Jennings; & Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk);

Apologies: Cllrs Gaynor Morgan-Rees, Colin L Hughes, Roy Tickle & Rob Parkes.

The chair welcomed all to the December full council meeting.

104. Urgent Matters: Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle welcomed Cllr Sylvia Jennings to her first Full council meeting. Cllr Jennings was presented with the Enamel Town council badge. Cllr Alyn Ashworth agreed to be Cllr Sylvia Jennings' buddy.

Notification of Guto Lloyd-Davies' resignation was discussed. The town clerk advised that the electoral department of Denbighshire County council had been notified on Monday 2nd December and the casual vacancy notice has now been completed by DCC. Closing date of 9th January for responses.

105. Declaration of Personal Interest:

Councillor	Item	Personal or Prejudicial
Gaynor Wood-Tickle	14	Prejudicial

106. The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 25th November were agreed and noted.

107. Matters arising:

- a) Item 77 - Cathryn Johnson advising of a change in public consultation date and offering to discuss further details with the town council. The town council is grateful for the information provided. No additional visit required currently.
- b) Item 83.d – Community Asset Transfer Research – Cllr Catherine Jones advised that the scrutiny group had not met up in December. The councillors agreed that the town clerk could action the assessment on behalf of the town councillors. This will be via a telephone interview.
- c) Item 83.g – Planning Consultations – the scrutiny group advised that they will look at this ready for the next full council meeting.
- d) Item 83.h – Environment Wales Act 2016 Duty under section 6 – the scrutiny group had met and discussed this item. Cllr Rhys Thomas had actioned a report for the town council to consider. The town councillors resolved to accept the report. Cllr Rhys Thomas kindly volunteered to translate the document ready to be published in the New Year.

108. 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 and has had a very busy December so far. Cllr Wood-Tickle has attended many carol services and visited the residential care homes.

109. Letters, E-mails and Notices: It was agreed that the following items of correspondence to be noted and actioned accordingly:
a) Welsh Government consultation: A More equal Wales, commencing the

Socio- economic Duty was noted.

<https://gov.wales/equality-act-2010-commencing-socio-economic-duty>

b) Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) was noted.

Proposed amendment to the sustainable drainage (enforcement) order 2018.

c) Have your say about Policing (survey monkey) was noted, no comments received.

d) Notification from Catalyst – Windows 7, end of life 14.01.20. A cost of £248 was received and agreed by the town councillors. The town clerk will contact catalyst and arrange a date for the installation.

e) Annual Report of the County council's Scrutiny Committee 2018/19. (circulated 03.12.19) was noted.

f) Lower Denbigh Road/Graig Road – Route Assessment and quick reference guide. (circulated 09.12.19) was noted. The town clerk to write to DCC thanking them for the report.

g) Email from Peter McDermott, DCC – Denbighshire Destination Partnership Invitation. The town councillors requested further details prior to allocating a member to the partnership.

What authority does the group have? Do they make recommendations and if so to who?

Are the meetings going to be day time or evening?

Where will they be held. Update to be added to the January agenda.

h) Awel Y Dyffryn – update received. Grwp Cynefin have offered to action a site meeting in the New Year, this was accepted by the town councillors.

Cllrs Gaynor Wood-Tickle, Rhys Thomas, Catherine Jones, Glenn Swingler and Dyfrig Berry requested a daytime site meeting.

110. Planning:

Objections were raised on the following application:

1) 01/2019/0959

Land between Old & New Ruthin Road, Denbigh.

Erection of 60 no dwellings, construction of a new vehicular access and associated works.

1. Percentage of Affordable Housing

6 affordable homes in a development of 60 houses is not sufficient to meet local demand. The National Development Framework 2020-2040 Consultation Draft: 7 August - 1 November 2019 states on page 30 "It is estimated that, under the central estimate, an average of 47% of additional homes should be affordable housing (social housing or intermediate rent) throughout 2018/19 to 2022/23, with the remaining 53% being market housing.

2. Welsh Language

LDP policy RD5 states

"3.1.3 An assessment of the impact of planning applications on the determination of all planning applications should not normally be undertaken, taking into account the needs and benefits of the Welsh language. Development may be refused if its size, scale or location would cause significant harm to the character and language balance of a community. It also states that "applicants will normally be expected to submit:

A more detailed assessment in the form of a "Community and Language Impact Assessment" to accompany a planning application in each settlement where larger-scale developments include proposals of the following type: 20 residential units or more,

commercial, industrial or leisure/tourism development with floor area of 3000m² or more, large-scale infrastructure projects with long-term community impacts.

We acknowledge that Tan 20 states that “An assessment of the impact of planning applications on the Welsh language should not normally be undertaken as this would duplicate the work of the SA and the LDP site selection processes. As long as the SA has considered the Welsh language, assessing the impact during the application process would not be based on any further information or what was available in preparing the LDP. The only exception to this rule is outlined below. ”

Nevertheless, we feel that Tan 20 and the LDP are out of date and that the developer should have given much more consideration to the potential impact on the Welsh Language and have received an independent assessment of the similar impact on the language in accordance with RD5.

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No objections were raised on the following applications:

2) 01/2019/0926

Unit 9, Llwyn Coch, Colomendy Industrial Estate, Denbigh

Erection of ground floor lobby and first floor extension to provide additional office accommodation.

3) 01/2019/0995

Glanrafon, Brookhouse Road, Denbigh

Extension and alterations to existing dwelling.

4) Public consultation notice – Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh.

111. Minutes / Reports of council sub committees.

The following were noted.

a) Wireless in Wales 27.09.19

b) Walled Towns AGM & Quarterly meeting 27.11.19

The town councillors would like feedback following the March meeting as to what changes will be made to the current schedule. It would be beneficial to have the car rally finish in Denbigh to bring much needed trade to local businesses. Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle to mention this at the next meeting.

c) Cllr Catherine Jones advised that she and Cllr Rob Parkes had attended the Quarry Liaison meeting that day. It was the first meeting held in a few years. It was very positive. They will start blasting on the 17th and every 5 – 6 weeks thereafter. They are all low level blasts and adhere to blasting protocol. They are also offering text messaging to local residents advising when the next blast will be. They are working hard with the local community. The current application is for an extension of time only. Currently the plant will close in 2020 should the extension of 8 years not be granted. The application was deferred by DCC pending additional information. The safety record of the plan is very good with daily checks being made.

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

Cllr Glenn Swingler – a) 21c proposal for schools in Denbigh. Pendref, Plas Brondyffryn, Denbigh High and St Bridget's are being looked at.

b) The new homes by Tan y Sgubor – they will be finished in the next 12 months.

c) Path between Pen y Graig, Bryn Onnen & Accar y Forwyn will be rebuild shortly by DCC..

113. Accounts:

1. Payments: The following payment was agreed.

a) ASL – photocopying 11.11.19 – 02.12.19 (Chq no 006935)	-	£40.24
b) Catalyst, December broadband (Chq no 006936)	-	£38.00
c) Catalyst, November backup (Chq no 006937)	-	£4.62
d) Sandra Williams, translation 18.11.19 (Chq no 006938)	-	£55.20
e) Idiom, translation 25.11.19 (Chq no 006939)	-	£126.36

Total £264.42

2. Any other financial matters:

- a) Financial Half yearly report & cash book signed and agreed.
Cash book balanced £150,628.24.
- b) The revised financial regulations was agreed and accepted by the town councillors.
- c) Due to Guto Lloyd-Davies' resignation it was resolved that Cllr Irene Williams would become a signatory on the town council's bank account in addition to the town clerk. The town clerk will arrange for this to be actioned.

- 114. Heritage Lectures.** The town councillors agreed for a payment of £30 for each lecturer to cover costs. Carys the Civic and events assistant will contact each lecturer to advise of this. Money to be taken from the reserves – Lecture tickets sales from 2011 and Heritage book sales of 2011. The bucket collection money will be given to the Denbigh Food Bank – this was agreed by the town councillors.

- 115. Town Hall Christmas Opening hours** – the town clerk advised that the office will be closed from noon on Thursday 19th December and re-open at 9am on Monday 6th January. Details have been circulated in the Free Press and a notice will be up on the Town Hall door.

Cllr Rhys Thomas took over as chair due to Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle's interest in item 14 on the agenda at 8.07pm.

116. *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 8.12 pm.

Signed: by E Wood. J. M. (chairman)

Date: 27/1/2000