

**Minutes of a Special Denbigh Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 5.00pm via Zoom**

**Present:** Councillors Gaynor Wood-Tickle (Chair), Rhys Thomas (Deputy), Roy Tickle, Catherine Jones, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Dyfrig Berry, Philip Stevens, Lara Pritchard, Irene Williams & Sylvia Jennings; Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk); & Carys Jones (Civic and Events Assistant)

**Apologies:** Councillor Rob Parkes

The chair welcomed all to the September Special Council Meeting via Zoom

**216. Declaration of Personal Interest: None**

**217. To discuss how to deal with the public consultation – HM Stanley Statue.**

a) Setting up a Working group.

Discussions took place regarding the working group relating to the H M Stanley statue. It was agreed that there should be 5 members and they will need to be objective, impartial and evidence based. The main objective will be to work towards the public consultation.

The following Town Councillors volunteered to be on the working group –

Councillors Catherine Jones, Roy Tickle, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Dyfrig Berry and Lara Pritchard. This was agreed by the Town Councillors.

b) Timescale.

It was decided that due to the current situation with Covid 19 a public consultation should be held in around June 2021. This gives time for the current pandemic restrictions to improve as well as give sufficient time for the working group to meet remotely to discuss and arrange the public consultation, allowing it to be held at the Town Hall.

c) Consultant (Impartial and transparent.)

It was agreed that there was no need at this point to procure a consultant to action the public consultation, however once the working group move forward this may be reviewed if necessary.

Cllr Lara Pritchard left the meeting at 5.27pm

The Councillors requested that the Town Clerk put a Press Release on the website and in the Denbighshire Free Press to advise on the steps being taken with the HM Stanley statue.

Cllr Rhys Thomas left the meeting at 5.33pm

The Mayor, Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle thanked everyone for attending.

The chairman closed the meeting at 5.34pm.

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....