

Minutes of a Denbigh Town Council meeting held on Wednesday, 27 October 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom. (Meeting started 6.33 pm to allow everyone to join)

Present: Councillors Rhys Thomas (Chair), Catherine Jones, Gaynor Wood-Tickle, Roy Tickle, Dyfrig Berry, Alyn Ashworth, Carla Hargraves, Glenn Swingler, Ruth Griffiths, Gaynor Morgan-Rees, Rob Parkes, Philip Stevens; Sylvia Jennings; Pauline Edwards; Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk); Bethan Webber (Civic & Events Assistant)

Apologies: None

Observing:

Cllr Gwyneth Kensler (County Councillor)
Dewi Parry (resident)
Llyr Edwards BBC
Glyn Bellis (Bellis media)
George Herd (BBC)
Robert Poll
Arron Evans (NWN)
Gareth Thomas (Llangollen TC)

The chair welcomed all to the October meeting.

Cllr Rhys Thomas advised the Councillors that there was an amendment to be made to the running of the agenda - permission was requested to bring item no 9 to be discussed after item 5 – this was agreed by the town councillors.

75 Declaration of Personal Interest:

Councillor	Item number	Personal/prejudicial
Gaynor Wood Tickle	7.4.2/3/4	Prejudicial
Gaynor Wood Tickle	8.1	Personal
Roy Tickle	8.1	Personal

76 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 September 2021 were agreed and noted. (Mayor to sign once face to face meetings resume).

77 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the continuation Council meeting held on 29 September 2021 were agreed and noted. (Mayor to sign once face to face meetings resume).

78 Matters arising:

78.1 Fountains – The town clerk advised that a request for quotation had made with a local company – awaiting further information from Lawsons.

78.2 School Governor at Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn – This item was discussed, however no councillors volunteered for the position. This will be added to the November agenda.

79 H M Stanley – public consultation questionnaire and vote update.(item 9 on the agenda brought forward)

Cllr Catherine Jones, chair of the HM Stanley working group gave an overview on the questionnaires. A total of 69 were received. 62 to retain the statue and 7 to remove.

If the statue was to be removed the museum was the chosen location.

The Town Clerk gave the results of the vote:

Total votes received = 592

No spoilt votes

To retain = 471

To remove = 121

8.8% of votes to resident's ratio.

Of which –

79.6% of votes to retain

20.4% of votes to remove.

The town councillors discuss the result and information received re questionnaire and agreed that the statue should remain in situ.

A decision regarding future narrative by the statue will be discussed at a later date.

80 Correspondence received.

80.1 CAB annual report – then town councillors were advised that a copy available from the town clerk on request.

80.2 Update by Grwp Cynefin re Buttermarket – this was noted. No additional questions asked.

80.3 IRP draft annual report – the town clerk advised that one of the amendments made was a £30 attendance fee can be made by the town councillors for attending meeting.

This will need to be budgeted if agreed by the remuneration panel.

80.4 Nature wise Graphic Promo information – this was noted.

80.5 Launch of the Councillor Smart Survey was noted.

80.6 Lovelivelocal winter campaign 2021 – 22 was noted

80.7 Open Consultation on Proposed Guidance on Principles of Good Administration and Good Records Management was noted.

80.8 Email received from Cllr Rhys Thomas re Ysgol Twm o'r Nant – governor. Cllr Rhys Thomas confirmed he was happy to remain as a governor. No counter proposal received. The town clerk will contact the school to confirm.

80.9 Awel Y Mor – September update was noted.

80.10 Active Travel Plans Consultation was noted.

80.11 Green Communities Project was noted.

80.12 Email from Cllr Catherine Jones re quarry visit was noted.

81 Finance:

81.1 Finance – Bank reconciliation reports – September – deferred until November.

81.2 List of payments made in September 2021 were noted.

01.09.2021	007217	Jones & Graham – Sept HMRC	£660.30
01.09.2021	007218	Jones & Graham – Sept Pension	£778.67
01.09.2021	007219	Jones & Graham – salary	£2517.92
20.09.2021	007220	Catalyst – July telephony	£58.78
20.09.2021	007221	M Neumann Printers – compliment slips	£36.00
20.09.2021	007222	J Barlow – August zoom refund	£14.39
20.09.2021	007223	Bodfari Environmental – Tine Slitter	£49.20
20.09.2021	007224	P Liversidge – August grounds maintenance	£165.00

20.09.2021	007225	P Liversidge – bench repair	£30.00
20.09.2021	007226	Fattorini – white gloves	£41.18
20.09.2021	007227	Catalyst – August Backup	£5.08
20.09.2021	007228	Safety Focus Ltd - 2 nd pmnt	£400.00
20.09.2021	007229	Catalyst – Sept broadband	£38.00
20.09.2021	007230	B Webber – training travel	£26.80
20.09.2021	007231	Scottish Power – DR EP Garden Electricity	£53.90
29.09.2021	007234	Grenke – photocopier lease 01.10 – 31.12	£189.86
29.09.2021	007235	Catalyst – Panda security	£139.20
24.09.2021	007236	J Barlow – Sept zoom refund	£14.39
24.09.2021	007237	J Barlow – Bevan refund (lock & chain)	£19.25
24.09.2021	007243	Catalyst – August telephony	£58.78
Total			£5296.70

81.3 List of receipts in September 2021 – deferred until November.

81.4 Payment requiring authorisation: The below payments were agreed by the town councillors:

81.4.1 PWLB – half yearly mortgage payment (Chq no 007258)	£6828.00
81.4.2 DCC town hall contribution 01.04 – 30.06 (Chq no 007259)	£9250.00
81.4.3 DCC town hall contribution 01.07 – 30.09 (Chq no 007260)	£9250.00
81.4.4 DCC town hall contribution 01.10 – 31.12 (Chq no 007261)	£9250.00
81.4.5 DCC Wales in Bloom signs (Chq no 007262)	£1816.50
81.4.6 DCC Erection & removal of bunting (Chq no 007263)	£1200.00

81.5 Quotations – the below were agreed by the town councillors.

- 81.5.1** Christmas tree lights
- 81.5.2** Christmas trees – roundabout.

81.6 Notification of receipt of grant aid cheques – Samaritans was noted.

82 Planning.

- 82.1** 01/2020/0761 & 0762
Pen Y Maes, Denbigh
Draft conditions for Pen Y Maes –retro app and new app.

The town councillors still wish to object to this planning application – they did not want to accept the conditions amendments.

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- 82.2** 01/2021/1025
43 Grove Road, Denbigh
Erection of a first floor extension to rear of dwelling.

No objections raised.

82.3 01/2021/0836

Pennant Flats, Henllan Street, Denbigh
Erection of 7 terraced dwellings, 2 apartment buildings comprising a total of 4,
formation of access, parking, landscaping and associated works.

No objections raised on this application.

82.4 01/2021/0850

Lleweni Caravan Tourer Park Lleweni Parc, Mold Road, Denbigh
Amendment to approved layout to form an additional 14 touring caravan pitches,
internal access track and pathways, connection to existing septic tank, creation of
wildlife ponds, planting, landscaping and associated works.

Objection were raised on this application.

There is a need for a valid business case with details of residents staying at the
location for at least 2 years.

There is no benefit to the local economy.

Enforcement of broken rules and regulations are not monitored or maintained.

BSE12 re development – location is of poor quality.

82.4.1 Email from Christine Smith regarding Lleweni application was noted.

82.5 01/2021/0950

Land adjacent Ysgol Pendref, Gwaenynog Road, Denbigh
Erection of 110 dwellings, construction of a new vehicular access, landscaping and
associated works.

Objections were raised on this application:

Insufficient infrastructure in Denbigh to accommodate such a large amount of new
properties. This is to include Highway issues, lack of dentists, doctors surgery
availability and spaces in local schools.

Destruction of historic hedgerow.

Properties not required in Denbigh – unaffordable for the residents of Denbigh.

Entrance is not suitable for the location – may prove dangerous.

Does not help the Carbon footprint.

Insufficient affordable housing in the location – should be around 45%.

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82.6 01/2021/0983

Outbuildings at Caeau Gwynion Mawr, Prion, Denbigh
Conversion of outbuildings to form holiday accommodation unit, installation of a septic tank, alterations to existing access and associated works.

No objections were raised on this application.

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82.7 01/2021/1001

Land at (part garden of) Bryn Y Parc, Park Street, Denbigh
Erection of 1 no dwelling and associated works.

No objections were raised on this application, however the town councillors wished it noted that an archaeologist should attend the site during the build as it's in a conservation area.

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82.8 01/2021/1004

Former Howells Preparatory School, Park Street, Denbigh
Partial crown reduction of copper beech tree within Denbigh Conservation Area.

Then town councillors would like it noted that the reduction of the crown should be as much as needed - minimum as possible.

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82.9 01/2021/1014

Henllan Bread, Unit 6 Llwyn Goch, Colomendy Industrial Estate, Denbigh
Construction of two flour storage silos and associated works.

No objections were raised.

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83 Christmas Lights Switch on event. The town clerk confirmed that the event was on track with various activities planned thought the day with the market stalls being booked. The clerk made a request for town councillors to assist on the day. Cllrs Gaynor Wood Tickle, Roy Tickle, Catherine Jones, Dyfrig Berry, Glenn Swingler, Rhys Thomas, Pauline Edwards, Ruth Griffiths, Gaynor Morgan Rees and Alyn Ashworth all agreed to assist on the day.

84 Mayor's update – The report was circulated and noted. Cllr Rhys Thomas thanked Cllr Catherine Jones for attending events in his absence.

85 Reports by County Councillors appertaining ONLY to Denbigh.

Cllr Glenn Swingler advised that the quarry extension exhibition had taken place. Residents were unhappy with the flexi bus service as busses were unavailable between 3 & 4.15.

86 Other meetings attended by Town Councillors:

A document received from Cllr Dyfrig Berry regarding the Conwy and Denbighshire Area Committee (OVW) meeting of the 6th October was circulated and noted.

The chairman closed the meeting at 20.08 pm.

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....