

Minutes of a Denbigh Town Council meeting held on Wednesday, 28 July 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom. (Meeting started at 6.32pm to allow all to join)

Present: Councillors Rhys Thomas (Chair), Catherine Jones, Gaynor Wood-Tickle, Roy Tickle, Dyfrig Berry, Alyn Ashworth, Lara Pritchard, Carla Hargraves, Glenn Swingler, Ruth Griffiths & Gaynor Morgan-Rees; Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk);

Apologies: Cllr Rob Parkes, Philip Stevens & Sylvia Jennings.

Observing: Cllr Gwyneth Kensler, Diane Aspey, John Davies, Kieran Homer, Gwyn parry, Jenny Steadman.

The chair welcomed all to the July meeting.

43 Declaration of Personal Interest:

Cllr Catherine Jones	Item 6.5.2	Personal
Cllr Carla Hargraves	Item 6.5.2	Personal
Cllr Roy Tickle	Items 7.1 & 7.2	Personal

44 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd June 2021 were agreed and noted. (Mayor to sign once face to face meetings resume)

45 Matters arising:

45.1 Item 16.4 & 25.4 – Denbigh in Bloom winner’s signs – Town Clerk confirmed that the new signage are already in situ. The newly renovated old Denbigh sign still hasn’t been erected on the A525 outside Denbigh Green. DCC are chasing the contractor on this.

45.2 Item 42 – The town clerk confirmed that Bethan Haf Webber has accepted the position of Civic and Events Officer and will start on the 6th September 2021.

The Chair, Cllr Rhys Thomas addressed the town councillors regarding the observers at the meeting. Some attended to listen to the views of the town councillors on agenda item 7.5. Cllr Thomas asked the town councillors if they were happy for the agenda item to be brought forward – this was agreed by the town councillors. Item 7.5 was discussed – see below response under item 48.5.

Mr Gwyn Parry and Mr Kieron Homer left the meeting at 18.55.

46 Correspondence received:

46.1 Email received from Cllr Roy Tickle – re Walled towns. Cllr Roy Tickle advised that the annual bowls match is still going ahead in August but the Denbigh group will not be taking part. Also the car rally will be going ahead on Sunday 26th September. Will need volunteers, this will be on the September meeting. Cllr Tickle also advised that there was a grant of £1,000 available from the Youth Heritage Scheme. Anyone with ideas as to how to use the money to contact Cllr Tickle directly.

46.2 Email from Ruth Williams, Menter Iaith re joint working – Community Events grant DCC. The town councillors agreed for Cllr Rhys Thomas to liaise with Ruth directly on the possible joint working project as there is no cost to the town council. Cllr Thomas to feedback at the September meeting.

46.3 DCC targeted support package – Community Events (as above 46.2) – was noted.

46.4 Email from Cllr Alyn Ashworth re free parking days. It was agreed that Saturday 2nd October would be a free parking day to accommodate the Denbigh Plum Group event and also to offer the Open Doors group the opportunity to have either Saturday 11th September or Sunday 12th September as a free parking day. The open doors group are having a meeting on the 5th August.

Cllr Lara Pritchard left the meeting at 19.03 having IT issues.
 Jenny Steadman joined the meeting at 19.04.

46.5 Consultation on Qualifications of Clerks in Wales Regulations. Details were noted.
 Cllr Rhys Thomas advised that the town council could not apply for the General power of competence at the moment as more than 1/3rd of the town councillors were Co-Opted. The town clerk also confirmed that there was a third competence which was related to the External audit.

46.6 DCC Streetworks – Speed restriction Plas Chambers Road Denbigh plus amendment – were noted.

46.7 Conwy & Denbighshire Community Green Pledges – were noted.

46.8 DCC Housing Services – Community Update July 2021 – were noted.

46.9 OVW – Operation London Bridge. A discussion took place with many views given. It was resolved to adopt the guidance.

Cllr Lara Pritchard re-joined the meeting at 19.14.

46.10 Electoral Reform Newsletter June 2021 – was noted.

47 Finance

47.1 Finance reports – Bank reconciliation reports – April to June 2021 were agreed and noted.

47.2 Payments made in June – The following were agreed and noted.

02.06.2021	007401	Jones & Graham	£1809.72	June Salary
02.06.2021	007402	Jones & Graham	£658.51	June HMRC
02.06.2021	007403	Jones & Graham	£598.81	June Pension
24.06.2021	007404	JW Plant & Co Ltd	£49.31	Flag
24.06.2021	007405	Tony Griffiths	£35.00	Print & Frame
24.06.2021	007406	J Barlow	£5.26	Refund – files
24.06.2021	007407	Catalyst	£38.00	June broadband
24.06.2021	007408	J Barlow	£14.39	Refund June Zoom
24.06.2021	007409	P Liversidge	£202.50	May grounds maintenance & work at Dr EP Garden
24.06.2021	007410	Scottish Power	£67.83	Dr EP electricity
24.06.2021	007411	GON G&M	£174.00	Slate repair Dr EP Garden
24.06.2021	007412	One Voice Wales	£30.00	Cllr R Griffiths training
24.06.2021	007413	ASL	£10.67	May photocopies
24.06.2021	007414	Catalyst	£5.14	May back-up
24.06.2021	007415	The Osborne Trust	£30.00	Mayor event 10.07.2021
24.06.2021	007418	J Barlow	£18.90	June Travel Claim
Total			£3,748.04	

47.3 List of receipts in May – The following were agreed and noted.

03.06.2021	£3,674.31	DCC Covid grant 80/20
10.06.2021	£4,598.29	HMRC 2020/2021 refund
30.06.2021	£2.08	Credit interest.

Total **£8,274.68**

47.4 The following payment was authorised:

Bodfari Environmental – Dr EP Garden Maintenance April – June 2021 £855.00
(Chq no 007442)

47.5 Grant Applications approved:

- 47.5.1 Open doors, S137 £860.00
(Chq no 007439)
- 47.5.2 Denbigh uniform Exchange, S137 £800.00
(Chq no 007440)
- 47.5.3 Denbigh in Bloom, S137 £2,880.00.
(Chq no 007441)

47.6 Quotations. 2 Quotations were received for the review of the 2 monuments (Dr EP & Angel). Terry Parry was successful.

47.7 External audit – the town clerk advised that the external audit would be completed in the next couple of weeks.

48 Planning:

48.1&2 01/2020/0761

Land at Pen Y Maes, Llanrhaeadr, Denbigh
Change of use of land for use as an extension to the existing milk tanker storage and distribution facility. (retrospective application – resubmission)

And

01/2020/0762

Land at Pen Y Maes, Llanrhaeadr, Denbigh
Change of use of land for use as an extension to the existing milk tanker storage and distribution facility including siting of welfare unit.

Objections were raised by the town councillors:

The town councillors agreed with the details stated by the Denbighshire County Council Strategic Planning Department relating to the development of open land outside the LDP. The area is not compliant with PCS – inappropriate.

The councillors were still concerned about the possible milk spillage for the tankers transferring from one tanker to another.

Concerns were also raised if two tankers collided at the location.

In the application it clearly states that the area is not visible from the road – the area is clearly visible from the A525 as well as the Clwydians – an area of AONB.

Back in 2015 when the original retrospective application was submitted – planning was agreed as it came under part of the rural diversification as it was a family business (with the farmhouse). The land is no longer part of the farm therefore the need for the diversification is no longer valid.

There was also concerns that the maximum amount of tankers would be 15, what would happen if more came to the location – how would it be managed.

The town councillors were not happy that the applications submitted have all been retrospective. It appears that the applicant has little respect for planning regulations.

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Diane Aspey & John Davies left the meeting at 19.40.

48.3 01/2021/642

Penpalmant, old Ruthin Road, Denbigh

Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling, new boundary wall and fence and associated works.

No objections were raised on the above application, however the town councillors wanted their concerns noted.

The hedge and trees have already been removed from the location and issues/concerns from Adrian Walls of Denbighshire County Council were raised in regards to the public footpath next to the boundary of the property.

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48.4 01/2021/0517

Bower Yard, Lenten pool, Denbigh

Conversion of existing car sales building to form one dwelling including replacement of roof, erection of boundary walls, installation of solar panels, ground source heat pump and associated works.

No objections were raised on the above application.

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48.5 01/2021/0671

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 (resubmission)

Objections were raised on the above application.

- a) Traffic issues – the location of the new proposed entrance/road access will further compound issues at the corner of Grove Road and congestion on Vale Street. The area is already experiencing a much higher level of traffic due to the retail park and the near completion of the Gŵrp Cynefin assisted Housing project in Middle Lane. The location is an accident waiting to happen with lots of several near misses already

recorded. The area is already dangerous for lorries to go to the industrial park, additional lorries going to the new site will only make matters worse.

- 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 are set in a populated housing area. Normally these type of units are located/better suited to industrial estates. There is a nursing home close by as well as the nearly completed Grŵp Cynefin assisted housing on Middle Lane.
- d) Environmental issues – smells and noise again could have an impact to the local residents. The increased waste at the location could also attract vermin which could lead to health issues. Concerns were also raised as to the proposed long opening hours (8 – 11)
- e) Antisocial behaviour – the long opening hours and the possibility of people loitering at the location could increase antisocial behaviour in Denbigh.
- f) Wellbeing & Future generations act - Having fast food outlet so close to schools go against the wellbeing act. Planning department need to be compliant with the act.

48.6 01/2021/0709

Kilford Farm, Whitchurch Road, Denbigh
Construction of new farm entrance and field entrance.

No objections were raised on the above applicaton.

49 The town councillors agreed for the August meeting to take place on the 18th August at 10am with the town councillors in attendance having decision making powers on behalf of the council. The Standing Orders were suspended to accommodate the meeting. The town councillors also agreed for a decision regarding the fireworks event to be made at the August meeting.

50 Mayor's update – The town Clerk had circulated a list of events attended by the Mayor. This was noted.

51 Reports by County Councillors appertaining ONLY to Denbigh – Cllr Glenn Swingler advised the town councillors that Graham Boase had been appointed as the new chief executive for Denbighshire County Council.

52 Meeting attended by town councillors:

52.1 Cllr Dyfrig Berry – Conwy & Denbighshire Area Committee OVW 07.07.2021.

52.2 Cllr Alyn Ashworth – Local places of Nature 22.07.2021.

Both were noted.

53 Town Council Vacancy – Cllr Rhys Thomas confirmed that no names had been handed in calling for an election by Denbighshire County Council. A Co-Option notification will be

issued at the end of August with a closing date of Noon 21.09.2021. Details of any application received will be discussed at the September Full Council meeting of the 23rd.

54 Fireworks and Christmas Lights Switch on Events

The town councillors agreed for a decision to be made at the August Special Town council meeting regarding the fireworks display. The clerk read out an email from the Fireworks contractor Uproar with updated information – this was noted.

It was decided to have a working group to arrange the Christmas Lights Switch on event – Cllrs Roy Tickle, Gaynor Wood-Tickle, Catherine Jones, Alyn Ashworth, Carla Hargraves and Lara Pritchard agreed to be on the working group. The group can then work with Bethan once she has started her new role in September.

55 CCTV – The town clerk advised that the current CCTV is of age and will at some point need replacing. The town clerk will contact Ian Millington of Denbighshire County Council to see if he is available to attend the October town council meeting to give his view on systems available and any update regarding the current partnership.

The chairman closed the meeting at 20.21 pm.

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....