

Minutes of the Denbigh Town Council Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd October 2025

Present: Face to Face Councillor's: Sylvia Jennings, Sioned Garrod, Ruth Griffiths, Alyn Ashworth, Andrew Hine, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Gaynor Wood Tickle, Roy Tickle, Robbie Davies, Pauline Edwards.

Cllr Laura Pritchard attempted to join the meeting via Zoom, but the link did not work

84. Apologies for absence: Councillor Jan Tomlinson & Matthew Jones

85. Declaration of Personal Interest. None

86. Urgent matters. None

Standing Orders suspended.

*** 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.**

Margeurite arrived.

Standing orders suspended, Part 2 stopped, therefore Margeurite could participate in the discussion.

86.3.3 Christmas lights switch-on Sunday 30th November.

Much discussion had – but the overall conclusion was that it should go on, but will need input from many Councillors and others to ensure it is a success.

Father Christmas – only English speaking – will need to arrange that a Welsh speaker is present on the stage. Discussion around a Welsh speaking Elf being present. Cllr RG has agreed to be an Elf, but not for 4 hours.

Margeurite stated she had offered to help with the Traders. Happy to help. Will help with mailshot etc to send to Traders, but DTC has already done much of this. List of Traders to be checked to ensure not too many duplicates – e.g. candles etc. Workshops available, but may have to be reduced for this event. ? whether Shine could be invited? To be discussed when all Traders are sorted.

Email to go out soon to all Cllrs to request that they assist, before and definitely on the day.

Manage the queue, taking the money for Santa etc.

Day starts on 12pm, Traders set up by 12pm – to arrive by 10am.

John Sellers on stage also.

Santa from 2-6.

Lights switch on at 6pm.

Clear up of streets at the end.

Cllr GWT to ensure each Trader have a binbag to clear up their own mess.

Saturday, making the grotto.

Allocating spaces for all Traders - ? spreadsheet/plan?

Cllr PE stated that Rhuddlan use Bespoke Events to help arrange.

Does anyone know of someone local who has experience.

Working Denbighshire an option to gain volunteers. Trying to bring people back into employment. 12 week work experience.

Cllr PE to make enquiries.

Minimum of 16 hours and maximum of 25 hours.

Volunteer page on Facebook.

Also DVSC? Possible to contact them.

Santa will be work intensive with volunteers.

£3 per child.

Tina Gifts Galore wraps all the gifts.

Cllr GMR agreed to continue with her usual role – to deal with any issues on the door.

Will need a float of £400 – to discuss with Medwyn.

School choirs? Whether to check if they have responded. Maybe not required.

Query if local choirs have been asked – list to be checked.

Cllr SG suggested that it is stressful and Cllr's should look after their wellbeing. Does the event have to go ahead?

Cllr GWT suggested that if nothing had previously been arranged, e.g. road closures, then we could cancel more easily. Cllr GWT will be relieved when road closures are organised.

Lights are up and working.

Christmas trees on roundabouts – need to check if Peter Spencer has replied. Cllr PE will check for his phone number.

Cllr RG asked the question whether the event should go ahead. Discussion held, Cllr AH suggested that next year it should be considered again whether the event should be reviewed.

Cllr GWT to send emails to Town Clerks email address and they can be forwarded from there.

Cllr RT proposed that the event continues.

Cllr AH seconded.

Cllr GWT in agreement.

Unanimous agreement.

Honorarium discussed again – to be discussed after all the events have taken place.

Margeurite left the meeting.

Standing Orders suspended - Back into Part 2.

All Councillors reminded that most of this meeting was held in Part 2.

Full Council meeting for 27th October cancelled. Future date to be arranged.

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The Chair closed the meeting at 20.30

Signed.....

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