

Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 22nd September 2014 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

Present: Councillors Rob Parkes, Cllr Raymond Bartley, Margaret Bowe, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Medwyn Williams, Geraint Williams, Colin Hughes, Colin L Hughes, Brian Davies, Mark Young, Roy Tickle, Shereen Lunt, Gaynor Wood, Catherine Jones and Medwyn Jones (Town Clerk).

Apologies: None

Observing: County Councillor Gwyneth Kensler

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting and in particular Cllr Catherine Jones to her first meeting.

88. Denbigh CCTV & North Wales Police. The chairman welcomed PC Les Jones, Graham Smith (DCC CCTV) and Wynn Noden (IVID) and invited all three to address the meeting. PC Jones opened by stating that his role was one of partnership officer and had been asked to look at CCTV in Denbigh. The current system owned by the town council was not perfect with two out of the four cameras at best not working properly. Discussions had been held with the town clerk. PC Jones' remit was to ensure that CCTV cameras combat crime in the town. DCC has installed a separate camera in Lenten Pool. The possibility of monitoring the cameras at Denbigh Police Station had been looked at but that option, whilst being accepted at first, was ruled out by senior officers. Graham Smith went on to state that he had worked for 20 years with CCTV in Denbighshire. The original proposal to move the CCTV to the police station was a positive one but the changes in personnel had changed this. Mr Smith had concerns over the quality of the images from the current system and also that the town council was not receiving the service it should be getting. Options available were (1) to change the monitoring over to IVID, (2) to install a new CCTV system or (3) Stay as at present. Wynn Noden then stated that IVID was a locally based service working with DCC and the North Wales Police. Denbigh's current system was old and the images poor. Two quotations had been prepared to replace the current system with a new HD system – warranty and maintenance inclusive. Wynn Noden then responded to questions and comments from members on (1) the need for the town council to go out to tender, (2) DCC reviewing CCTV countywide in October and possibly looking at installing systems in the smaller towns – Denbigh town council may be jumping the gun at the moment, (3) monitoring the system at the police station – why did different senior officers give different opinions.

The meeting then **Resolved to refer the issues to the council's ICT sub-committee and to invite Wynn Noden to meet with the sub-committee.**

The chairman thanked all three for their attendance and presentation.

89. Urgent Matters: There were none.

90. Declaration of Personal Interest: The following declarations were received:

- (1) Cllr Geraint Williams – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (2) Cllr Colin L Hughes – agenda item 9(1) – Grant Aid – Victim Support.

91. The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 28th July 2014 and the Minutes of the Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committees Meeting held on the 8th September 2014 were received.

92. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

93. Mayor's Report: The Mayor's written report was accepted. The Mayor elaborated on a couple of matters mentioned in the report



- 94. Letters, E-mails and Notices:** 1. It was agreed that four items of correspondence be noted.
2. It was further agreed that the following be noted and actioned accordingly:
- (1) Carers Rights Day – it was agreed that the town council offer the council chamber as a venue on the 28th November or alternatively Cae Dai.
- 95. Planning:** Following discussion, it was agreed that no objection be raised in respect of the following application for planning permission:
- (1) Arfon, Factory Place
2. Other planning matters: (1) The two planning certificates received were noted.
- (2) The response from Glyn Evans (Sustrans) was noted
- (3) The letter from DCC planning re notification of planning applications was noted.
- (4) Cllr Raymond Bartley reported that a request had been received for a delegation from the town council to meet with the agent for a potential American purchaser of Howell School on site to discuss informally the usage of the school as a Sports Academy. It was agreed that the site visit should take place and **Resolved that Cllrs Rob Parkes, Margaret Bowe, Mark Young, Gaynor Wood and the town clerk represent the council.**
- (5) Cllr Bartley reported that the planning application for the former Wool Factory was still in the hands of the planning inspector and no indication of a time scale had been received.
- 96. Minutes / Reports of council sub committees:** Grant Aid: The minutes of a recent meeting were considered. Each recommendation on applications received contained in the minutes was considered and approved as follows:
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| (1) | Victim Support | - | £100 (S.137)(cheque no.005456) |
| (2) | Shelter Cymru | - | £100 (S.137)(cheque no.005457) |
| (3) | Denbighshire CAB | - | £3,500 (S.142)(cheque no.005458) |
| (4) | Urdd Gobaith Cymru (county association) | - | £150 (S.145)(cheque no.005459) |
- 97. Reports:** (1) NWWTFC. At the request of the town clerk this matter was deferred to a future meeting
- (2) Ysgol Pendref Governors. Cllr Roy Tickle reported on a recent meeting – all was well at the school.
- (3) Stroke Club. Cllr Roy Tickle reported on the recent AGM – here again all was well.
- (4) Denbigh Youth Project. Cllr Mark Young reported that the new facilities at the Hwb were superb.

There were no other reports.

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

1. Cllr Colin Hughes: reported (1) Town council should arrange a visit to Hwb Dinbych. (2) Numerous reports on gangs of youths using Cae Howell late at night and causing anti-social behaviour. (3) Antisocial behaviour all around Upper Denbigh and spilling into the town centre. Members present expressed their concern as to the current number and level of policing in Denbigh. (4) Application submitted for the former Asia Restaurant in Lenten Pool for it to become a sports bar. The licensing committee had curtailed the hours requested.



1. Cllr Geraint Williams reported (1) Waiting the outcome of a meeting regarding the lead water pipes in Bryn Garth.
2. Cllr Raymond Bartley reported (1) Two companies on the Colomendy Industrial Estate relocating – BOCM to Newcastle and Tweedmill to Flint. (2) Myddleton Park resurfacing – realistic timescale now identified and work to begin in November. (3) 2018 Urdd Eisteddfod coming to Denbighshire (4) Discussions still ongoing regarding the former Kwik Save site.
3. County Councillor Gwyneth Kensler, at the request of the chairman, reported on the Central Ward: (1) Open Doors at the Museum proved to be successful with many attending and new volunteers. Looking at expanding partnerships with others. (2) Mount Wood – Interpretation Boards vandalised. (3) Broomhill Lane – still waiting response from Boots the Chemist.

99. Accounts 1. The following accounts were approved for payment:

(1)	Canda Copying – photocopier charges (cheque no. 005454)	-	£156.45
(2)	Town Clerk – travelling expenses (Conwy) (cheque no. 005455)	-	£24.90
(3)	E M Dowell (Uproar) – 2014 Fireworks display deposit (cheque no. 005460)	-	£3,150.00
(3)	Scottish Power – Dr E P Garden (cheque no. 005461)	-	£173.87
(4)	Zen Internet – ADSL provision (October) (cheque no. 005462)	-	£18.37
(5)	Paul Liversidge – Footpath clearing (August) (cheque no. 005463)	-	£165.00

Total payments: £3,688.59

- 2 Any other Financial Matters: (1) The receipt of £30 from the Wales Audit Office was noted. (2) The receipt of £61,488 from DCC being the 2nd precept payment, was noted. (3) The quotation received from Thomas Fattorini re the Myddleton Cup was considered. It was **Resolved** (unanimously) **to accept the quotation**. (4) The town clerk referred to an application submitted on behalf of the volunteer tour guides to Cadwyn Clwyd back in February 2012 for funding to obtain various items for the guides. The funding had now been approved and the town council's 20% match funding would be £446.11. The match funding would come from the council's heritage budget. The town clerk sought the consent of the council to confirm the match funding to Cadwyn Clwyd. Consent was given.

100. Dr Evan Pierce Memorial Garden. The town clerk reported (1) that he had discussed the locking and opening of the gate and litter picking with Mr E Martin. Mr Martin was willing to carry out the duties. The level of remuneration was left for the council to decide. Following a discussion it was **Resolved to accept Mr Martin's acceptance and that a weekly honorarium of £15 per week be paid to Mr Martin** – the method of payment to be agreed between Mr Martin and the town clerk.

(2) Litter bin – the town clerk referred to the information received from DCC as to the type of bin suggested. It was **Resolved that what was suggested was acceptable but with a proviso that the wording be bilingual in line with the council's bilingual policy**.

101. Restructuring / Modernisation of the town council. Cllr Colin Hughes as chairman of the working group referred to the report prepared by the group and guided members through the report and in particular the recommendations contained therein. The report was discussed at



length and questions asked and comments made: (1) how would the press and public know of the committee meetings; (2) chairman for each committee would be required; (3) Staffing – Human Resources would be involved; (3) would an assistant be full time or party time – how would an assistant be funded taking into account the possibility of the council taking on board devolved services from DCC; (4) town council not duty bound to take on every devolved service; (5) committees being quorate; (6) if the recommendations are accepted how would the town progress matters. It was finally **Resolved** (unanimously) **(1) that Recommendation 6.1 be accepted from the next civic year with the exception of 6.1(5) regarding the 6pm start; (2) Each committee to have a membership of seven; (3) A group of councillors to work with the town clerk on the impact on the council's bilingual policy and to look at and if necessary amend the council's standing orders; (4) that recommendation 6.2 be accepted and that the council's audit and personnel sub-committee undertake the task of looking further into the council's staffing situation.**

102. Council Civic Marshall. The town clerk referred to the vacancy. It was agreed that any names be submitted to the town clerk.

103. Frongoch School Community Governor. The town clerk reported that following the resignation of Rachael Tate as councillor there was now a need for the council to appoint a representative from the council to replace Miss Tate as a community governor. It was agreed to appoint Cllr Gaynor Wood.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.37pm.

Signed:  (chairman)

Date: 

