

**Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.**

**Present:** Councillors Roy Tickle (Chairman), Catherine Jones (Deputy Chairman), Colin L Hughes, Marilyn Jones, Alyn Ashworth, Gaynor Wood-Tickle, Gwawr Cordiner, Rhys Thomas, Glenn Swingler & Guto Lloyd-Davies; and Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllrs Gaynor Morgan Rees, Philip Stevens, Lara Pritchard, Dyfrig Berry & Rob Parkes.

**Observing:** Councillor Gwyneth Kensler.

The chairman welcomed all to the March full council meeting.

**185. Urgent Matters: None.**

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

**187. The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were agreed and noted.** Cllr Gwawr Cordiner advised on item 180.2 that One Voice Wales would be invited to a meeting later in the year. The town clerk will arrange this.

**188. Matters arising – None.**

**189. Mayor's Report:** A copy of the Mayors appointments were circulated and noted. Cllr Roy Tickle advised that the snow had caused attendance issues. Cllr Tickle has thoroughly enjoyed the events attended and is sad that his mayoral year is coming to an end. Cllr Tickle also advised the councillors that his last charity event would be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March, a quiz at the White Lion – a warm welcome to all to attend.

**190. Letters, E-mails and Notices:** It was agreed that the following items of correspondence to be noted and actioned accordingly:

- a) Menter Iaith – St David's Day competition, details were circulated.
- b) Clocaenog Forest wind Farm – update.
- c) Email received from Jacob Jones – closure of Llandrillo College. (see item xxx)

**191. Planning:** No objections were raised on the following application.

- a) 01/2018/0238  
Bryn Euryn, Ruthin Road, Denbigh  
Erection of extension to dwelling and insertion of Juliette balcony to rear elevation.
- c) 01/2018/0242  
Opposite Graig Farm, Graig Road, Denbigh  
Retention of overhead electricity line.
- c) 01/2018/0155  
17 Bryn Onnen, Denbigh  
Erection of extension to dwelling.

## **192. Minutes / Reports of council sub committees.**

The following were noted.

a) Welsh internal communication working group.

The town councillors discussed the findings of the working group. The discussions became heated and no resolution was found. Cllr Rhys Thomas proposed the working group met up again to discuss further and then discuss with the town clerk before bringing the final update back to full council.

b) IT working group.

Cllr Alyn Ashworth advised that he now had full access to the website. Cllr Rhys Thomas thanked the working group for their hard work.

c) Fairtrade.

The Town Clerk advised the Councillors that the event at Ysgol y Parc was a wonderful success and put Denbigh on the map.

d) Denbigh Tour Guides.

## **193. Reports by County Councillors on Matters Appertaining only to Denbigh:**

**Cllr Rhys Thomas** advised that everything he wished to update the Town Councillor on was already on the agenda for discussion.

**Cllr Glenn Swingler** advised that there will be a meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> with Barclays Bank's region manager to discuss the closure. Nathan Hughes is still evading Police capture. There is a lot of Police presence in the town.

Cllr Gwawr Cordiner advised that there were a lot of local people upset due to all the crime currently in Denbigh.

## **194. Accounts:**

### **(1) Payments.**

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|---|---------|
| a) EON, Christmas lighting 2017<br>(Chq no 006410)            | - | £213.77 |
| b) Zen, internet 04/04/18 – 03/05/18<br>(Chq no 006411)       | - | £18.37  |
| c) M Lloyd, Fairtrade hamper, Ysgol y Parc<br>(Chq no 006412) | - | £22.84  |
| d) Gwyn Jones, Heritage Lecture fee<br>(Chq no 006413)        | - | £30.00  |

### **(2) Any other financial matters – None.**

**195. Data protection act and General data Protection Regulations** – The Town Clerk advised that further details guidance are due from the SLCC.

## **196. Remuneration Panel – Determination 44,46,48,49,50,51,52 & 53 for 2017/18.**

### **Payment through payroll.**

Determinations 44,46,48,49,50,51,52 & 53 were all accepted by the Town Councillors. The Town Clerk issued each councillor with an application form for determination 44. The

Councillors agreed that Cllr Roy Tickle should be awarded determination 47 and the town clerk will issue an application form in due course.

Payment through payroll. The Town Clerk advised that she had been in touch with the Welsh Assembly and had received confirmation that for the financial year 17/18 that the payments would not need to go through payroll.

- 197. Car Parks** – An update received from Mike Jones was circulated. No further action was required from the details received. The Councillors wished the details to be discussed with the Denbigh Business group to see what their thoughts were on the Free Parking day's and charges. The Town Councillors discussed the possibility of having the free parking days in December rather than for events. The Town Clerk will contact the groups who currently request free parking days to advise of this. Cllr Gwawr Cordiner will also discuss this with the business group. Car parks will be added to the May agenda for discussion and agreement.

**198. Llandrillo College, Denbigh – closing Sept 18.**

Discussions took place regarding the announcement of the closure of Denbigh College. Many students are being affected with many different issues being raised.

Cllr Gwyneth Kensler who was in attendance was asked to give the Town councillors an update. Meeting have taken place at the College by senior staff, AM, MP. & County Councillors.

The Town Clerk was requested to write to Mr Dafydd Evans expressing the Town Councils concerns about the closure - no consultation, lack of communication following the announcement, the effects it will have on students/attendees, effect on staff, Café staff/business implications, effect on the economy and another empty building in Denbigh. Mr Dafydd Evans will also be invited to attend the next full council meeting to give an update to the Town Councillors as well as answer any questions following the update.

**199. Denbigh Infirmary – implications of fire report.**

Cllr Rhys Thomas gave an overview of the fire report which was circulated to the County Councillors and was not noted as confidential. Cllr Thomas was concerned about the negative tone of the report's conclusion. Even after the works have been completed it advises, not fit for purpose which is scaremongering. Also the health care provision in Denbighshire, provision in both the North and South, may be targeting Denbigh. We need to be aware of this. The Town Clerk will circulate a copy of the report once confirmation has been received that it is not confidential by Betsi Cadwaladr.

Cllr Rhys Thomas and Gwyneth Kensler both left the meeting at 8.45pm.

- 200. AGM** – The town Clerk advised the councillors that this year's AGM was scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> May. Also the Mayor's Civic Sunday will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**201. Walled Towns Friendship Circle – Ireland/Wales trip proposal.**

Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle advised the councillors of the trip and wanted to know if there was anyone, other than the group members, wishing to attend. Cllr Gwawr Cordiner asked if anyone was attending from Denbigh could feedback be given.

**202. Fireworks update.**

The Town Clerk advised that everything was in order but wanted to know if the town councillors wanted insurance cover in case the event was cancelled eg bad weather. Potentially £4000 would be lost if that was the case. The Town Councillors requested the Town Clerk to have quotations for cancellation of the event in case of need.

- 203. Meeting attendance.** Details were circulated with the councillors.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....