

Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 24th September 2018 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

Present: Councillors Catherine Jones (Chair), Gaynor Wood-Tickle (Deputy Chair), Colin L Hughes, Roy Tickle, Alyn Ashworth, Guto Lloyd-Davies, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Glenn Swingler & Dyfrig Berry; Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk) and Carys Jones (Civic and Events Assistant)

Apologies: Cllrs: Marilyn Jones, Rhys Thomas, Rob Parkes & Philip Stevens.

Observing: County Councillor Mark Young.

The chair welcomed all to the September full council meeting.

65. Sergeant Peter Evans – North Wales Police.

Sgt Peter Evans gave an overview of the crime figure in Denbigh between July and September. There was a significant reduction to the same period last year.

Sgt Evans also advised that the details could be given in a map format showing the actual locations of incidents rather than figures. This would be advantageous for the town councillors to know what is happening on their ward. Sgt Evans also advised that he was happy to have site walks with the town councillors at locations on their wards. The town councillors have requested that future information is given in a map format and welcomed the opportunity to go for site walks.

There is a location at Pen Y Graig that is causing concern, an extension has been given to the current order until November and DCC are going to be applying for possession.

20 warrants have been executed since March.

Arson – the underground car park had a fire started within. The ones involved were asked to work with the arson reduction team which has had a positive effect.

Antisocial behaviour – There have been issues at the castle and the North Wales hospital. There should be a reduction in crime at the hospital after the 27th as the ownership of the building and grounds becomes the responsibility of DCC and CCTV and fencing will be put up.

Town Centre – local businesses have seen drugs being sold in the red telephone boxes on Vale Street. The Police are monitoring the situation.

There are 5 PCSO's covering Denbigh.

Cllr Catherine Jones thanked Sgt Evans for the overview and asked the town councillors if they had any questions to ask. Cllrs Roy Tickle, Gaynor Wood-Tickle, Dyfrig Berry, Gaynor Morgan Rees all thanked Sgt Evans for an excellent first overview and thanked him for attending.

Cllr Alyn Ashworth advised that there was a 30% reduction in the crime rate to the same period last year.

Cllr Colin Hughes advised that by Llys y Grawys, that it was very quiet. The work with Group Cynefin had obviously made a marked improvement.

Cllr Glenn Swingler – Phone box on Vale Street. Was anyone caught? No, but the issue has now gone.

Cllr Glenn Swingler requested more patrols at Myddleton Avenue, Bryn Garth and Maes Y Dre. Motorbikes are also an issue – Cllr Swingler to liaise with Sgt Evans.

Cllr Guto Lloyd-Davies – re item 14 on the agenda. Speed of traffic, lower Denbigh is an issue. Officers have been out patrolling with speed guns with more scheduled for the future. Sgt Evans invited Cllr Lloyd-Davies to join him in the future.

The town clerk was asked to circulate Sgt Evans' email address with the town councillors for them to make contact directly if they have any issues in their ward and to arrange site meeting/visits.

Cllr Catherine Jones asked about the drugs issues in town. It is not as bad as what it is perceived to be. Also issues at The Hand pub, this has now improved.

Cllr Glenn Swingler, noise at Devine/The Hand in the evenings. Again this is perception rather than actual.

Sgt Evans advised that no issues had been raised following the Denbigh Beer Festival Event.

Sgt Evans left the meeting at 6.50pm.

The full council meeting commenced at 7pm.

66. Urgent Matters: Cllr Catherine Jones advised that notification had been received from Gwawr Cordiner confirming her resignation. The County Council had been advised and the process for a new town councillor had started. If a request for an election is not received by the 27th then the process would then move onto Co-Option.

67. Declaration of Personal Interest:

Councillor	Item	Personal or Prejudicial
Gaynor Wood-Tickle	Part 2	Prejudicial
Gaynor Wood-Tickle	Item 13	Personal
Roy Tickle	Part 2	Prejudicial
Roy Tickle	Item 13	Personal
Catherine Jones	Item 13	Personal
Alyn Ashworth	Item 13	Personal

68. The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd July 2018 were agreed and noted.

69. The Minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th August were agreed and noted.

70. Matters arising – Cllr Marilyn Jones is unable to assist at the Open doors event. Cllr Dyfrig Berry will let the town clerk know if he is able to assist later in the week.

Notification received from Bodfari Environmental regarding the maintenance of the Dr Evan Pierce Memorial garden. The town councillors were pleased with the details given and with the quote. It was also nice to have a local firm complete the work and one who has a reputation for good workmanship. It was agreed to accept the details. The town clerk was requested to contact Bodfari Environmental to confirm this.

71. Mayor's Report: A copy of the Mayors appointments were circulated and noted. Cllr Catherine Jones is still enjoying her role having recently attended the Beer Festival & Denbigh and Flint show. A couple of events have been missed due to ill health. It is wonderful chatting to local people, and having children ask what begins a mayor is? Cllr Jones also advised that a

twinning association member from Germany had recently died and that a card had been sent to the family of Karen Steinmuller. Cllr Jones also advised that the Mayor's chain had been repaired and was now much more comfortable to wear.

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

- a) Community Health Council August Newsletter.
- b) Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm – Community Investment Update, July 18.
- c) LDP, Call for Candidate Sites. (Responses required by 26/11/18).
- d) Grwp Cynefin Annual Report 2017/18. (Copy available for viewing via the Town Clerk).
- e) Dementia Friendly – Denbigh.
- f) DCC – Christmas marketing for businesses.
- g) Denbigh in Bloom, updates. (Wales in Bloom in 2019 & National Lottery grant). The town clerk was requested to contact the Denbigh in Bloom group to congratulate them on behalf of the town council.
- h) DCC – Property Portfolio (Responses required by 30.09.18)
- i) Review of Community & Town Council Sector in Wales, August newsletter.
- j) Independent Review Panel on Community and Town Council in Wales. Outline Findings and Recommendations.
- k) Cllr Alyn Ashworth, email resigning from the Town Council – Future Financial planning working group. Cllr Glenn Swinger advised that he was happy to be on the group, this was agreed by the town councillors.
- l) DCC - Signage at the Vale Street Car Park. The town clerk was requested to contact James Parson of DCC for costings.
- m) Denbigh Town Council have been presented with a copy of the Denbigh Rugby Club 40th anniversary book. The town clerk was requested to send a note of thanks to the Rugby Club.

73. Planning – No objections were raised on the following application: None

74. Minutes / Reports of council sub committees.

The following were noted.

- a) Wireless in Wales Management Committee 11.05.18
- b) Eirianfa AGM 23.07.18
- c) Cllr Roy Tickle advise that he had recently attended a Walled Towns meeting. It was agreed that the 25th anniversary dinner would be at Denbigh sometime in the New Year. Cllr Tickle has requested the town councillors to support this event. Also the Car Rally is to be held this Sunday.

75. Reports by County Councillors on Matters Appertaining only to Denbigh:
Cllr Glenn Swinger

- a) The cross foundations are going well.
- b) Pennant flats, demolition has started but there will be a delay with the rebuild.
- c) Footpath at Pen y Graig and Accar y Forwyn is to be repaired.
- d) The hospital site will be taken over by DCC later this month.

76. Accounts:

(1) Payments.

- a) Catalyst, First payment of new contract with Zen
(Broadband and phone line) - £36.40
(Chq no 006564)

b) Catalyst, phones, line & installation (Chq no 006565)	-	£375.84
c) ASL, photocopies 16.08.18 – 31.08.18 (Chq no 006566)	-	£4.51

Total £416.75

(2) Any other financial matters.

The town clerk advised that we are waiting for the conclusion from the external auditor.

77. Cllr Catherine Jones spoke about the remembrance commemoration this November. The Freeman Evans Trust has paid for a remembrance bench at a cost of over £800 and the army cadets have raised £750 for a 'Tommy'. Cllr Jones asked if the town council would insure the two items. This was agreed by the town councillors. The Tommy will be reviewed early next year to decide how long it should be in situ. The Denbigh Events group would still own both items and would need to manage their maintenance. Also Denbighshire County Council are asking for £180 each for the items to be placed at Crown Square, however if the Town Council insure the items and contact the Council they could have permission under permitted development. This was agreed by the town councillors and the town clerk was requested to contact the county council to request this. The town clerk also advised that there may be a charge for amending the insurance policy mid-year. The town councillors agreed to amend the policy irrespective of any additional costs.
78. Cllr Guto Lloyd – Davies wanted to raise the issue of speeding traffic at the Myddleton roundabouts and see if any restrictions could be requested from Denbighshire County Council. Cllr Lloyd-Davies advised that local residents have concerns and has received a letter from Chris Ruane. Is it perception or actual that the cars are speeding? Ben Wilcox-Jones of DCC has been discussing this with Cllr Lloyd-Davies. Would it be possible to have rumble strips to slow the traffic? It is proving difficult to cross at the roundabouts with the speeding traffic and this will be compounded when the new Brookhouse development is started. The town clerk was requested to contact DCC for an update.
Active Travel – any update on the cycle path between Denbigh & Henllan? Cllr Glenn Swingler advised that there is an intention to extend the path to the golf club however no date for the works to be completed received. The town clerk was requested to contact highways for an update.
79. The town clerk advised that the current CCTV needs upgrading. There is a need for the cameras to be digital. A further update will be given at the November full council meeting.

Dr Ian Gardner arrived at 7.40pm.
80. **Heritage Lecture Programme 2019.**
The town clerk asked the town councillors if they were happy for another programme to be created for 2019. This was agreed by the town councillors. The town clerk also asked if any changes to the usual programme were required, no amendments were requested.

Cllrs Mark Young, Gaynor Wood-Tickle and Roy Tickle left the meeting at 7.52pm.

The chairman closed the meeting at 7.52pm to move onto part 2.

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....