

Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 25th November 2019 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

Present: Councillors Gaynor Wood-Tickle (Chair), Rhys Thomas (Deputy), Catherine Jones, Roy Tickle, Colin L Hughes, Lara Pritchard, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Guto Lloyd-Davies, Alyn Ashworth, Dyfrig Berry & Irene Williams; & Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk);

Apologies: Cllrs Rob Parkes, Philip Stevens & Glenn Swingler.

The chair welcomed all to the November full council meeting.

89. Mair Edwards, Grŵp Cynefin. Mair gave a financial update on the Urdd Eisteddfod 2020 fund raising. Locally £60k needs to be raised. Currently the figure raised is approx £41k with a further £8k expected from the sale of Denbigh pictures. There are also some large scale events planned which are expected to raise significant funds. All the town councillors were given a copy of the fund raising events held to date. Mair was also grateful of the donation made by Denbigh Town Council totalling £12k to date. Mair also circulated some Christmas cards that the Urdd had for sale. Cllr Catherine Jones asked if Mair would like to have a stall at the Christmas Lights switch on event to sell the picture and cards as well as promote the Eisteddfod. Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle thanked Mair for attending and giving the overview.

Mair left the meeting at 6.40pm.

90. Sgt Jason Osborne, NWP.

Jason gave an overview of the crime figures for Aug – Oct for both 2018 & 2019. The crime rate are low in comparison to other locations. Current crime includes break ins at sheds, garages and stealing quad bikes.

Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle thanked Jason and the team for their attendance at the fireworks display. Jason advised that he was grateful for the feedback and felt that Denbigh had true community spirit. Cllr Catherine Jones enquired about a resident who had recently been released from prison. To date no crime has been reported by that individual. Also could some PCSO's be in attendance at the Christmas lights switch on event.

Jason confirmed that PCSO's would be in attendance on Friday.

Cllr Rhys Thomas enquired about the crime figure for Denbigh in comparison to other locations in Denbighshire.

Jason advised that he will look into this and feedback at a later date.

Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle thanked Jason for attending.

Jason left the meeting at 6.47pm.

Town Council meeting started at 7pm.

91. Urgent Matters: None

92. Declaration of Personal Interest:

Councillor	Item	Personal or Prejudicial
Gaynor Wood-Tickle	13 a & b	Prejudicial
Roy Tickle	13 a & b	Prejudicial

93. The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 28th October 2019 were agreed and noted.

94. Matters arising:

- a) Item 83.b – update re Denbigh in Bloom signage was noted.
- b) Item 83.d – Community Asset Transfer Research – Cllr Catherine Jones advised that she will look at this item and feedback accordingly, ongoing.
- c) Item 83.g – Planning Consultations – the scrutiny group advised that they will look at this ready for the next full council meeting.
- d) Item 83.h – Environment Wales Act 2016 Duty under section 6 – the scrutiny group had met and discussed this item. Cllr Rhys Thomas had actioned a report for the town council to consider. This will be added to the December full council meeting for consideration.

95. Mayor's Report:

A copy of the Mayors appointments were circulated and noted. Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle advised that she has been invited to many lovely events and had enjoyed the Remembrance service & Caerwys Civic Sunday. There is an advent service at St Marcellas Church, Sunday 1st December at 4pm. A warm welcome to all.

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

- a) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, Draft Annual Report Feb 2020. This was discussed by the town councillors, no comments or objections made. The Town Clerk will write to confirm this.
- b) Proposed extension to 40mph Graig Road Denbigh – no objections or comments made.
- c) Free Parking Days – 1 left – the town councillors agreed to have the last free parking day on Saturday 21st December. The Town Clerk asked if anyone would be able to take down the signs on the Saturday afternoon as she was unavailable. Cllr Alyn Ashworth agreed to take down the signs.
- d) OVW – confirmation of actions re Asset Transfer Business Case were discussed and noted. Denbigh Town council are compliant with the asset transfer process of the Town Hall.
- e) Retention Policy – Clwyd Pension Scheme was agreed and adopted.
- f) DTC – Clwyd Pension Policies was agreed and adopted.
- g) DTC - Clwyd Pension Fund Actuarial Valuation Results 2019 was discussed. The town councillors agreed to pay the 3 years payment due in one go. The town clerk will advise Clwyd Pension of this.
- h) Christmas Lights changes. The town clerk advised that the light curtain cannot be used this year due to the uncertainty relating to the gable end of the Crown Hotel. Denbighshire County Council have reduced the light curtain to accommodate the non-use of the catenary wire. The town clerk also advised that Lock Stock had been in touch and have agreed to make a donation to the town council for the cost of the trees at Denbigh roundabouts as well as the costs of putting up and taking down of the lights. The town councillors were very pleased with this very kind donation. The town clerk will send a letter of thanks to Lock Stock.

97. Planning:

No objections were raised on the following applications:

- 1) 01/2019/0941
5 Ffordd Caledfryn, Denbigh
Erection of first floor extension to rear of dwelling.
- 2) 01/2019/0947

Unit 3, Denbigh Retail Park, Station Road, Denbigh
Change of use from Class A1 (Shops) to Class B8 (Storage and Distribution) with ancillary trade counter and associated works.

3) 01/2019/0961

Cae Glas 82 – 84 Vale Street, Denbigh

Installation of replacement windows and external repairs to the building (Listed Building application).

98. Minutes / Reports of council sub committees.

The following were noted.

a) Fireworks event. The town clerk advised that the post fireworks meeting took place on Thursday 21st November. The minutes were noted. Also a letter had been received from Denbigh High School. This had already been discussed at the Fireworks meeting and was noted in the full council minutes.

b) Cllr Catherine Jones advised that the Christmas lights switch on event was this Friday. Cllr Jones asked if anyone would be willing to assist at the event between 5 & 8pm. Cllrs Catherine Jones, Roy Tickle, Gaynor Wood-Tickle, Dyfrig Berry, Lara Pritchard and Rhys Thomas agreed to assist.

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

Cllr Rhys Thomas advised that there are currently 4 pre planning applications in Denbigh. The Graig Quarry is having an extension of time and an extension to the actual site. There is a site meeting due shortly. The town clerk advised that no details of the site meeting had been received. The town clerk to contact the planning department of Denbighshire County council for further details. Also the planning application for the old and New Ruthin Road has been received by the clerk and will be discussed at the full council meeting in December. The clerk advised that the information received was vast and will circulate the details with the town councillors once the minutes have been completed. Councillors can also come to the office to view if required.

100. Accounts:

1. Payments: The following payment was agreed.

a) Catalyst, October telephony (Chq no 006922)	-	£29.98
b) ASL, 07.10.19 – 31.10.19 photocopying (Chq no 006923)	-	£47.08
c) Cambrian Woodland Services, trimming trees Dr EP garden (Chq no 006924) (Quote received)	-	£288.00
d) Dŵr Cymru, Dr EP garden (Chq no 006925)	-	£14.93

Total £379.99

2. Any other financial matters:

a) Financial Half yearly report & cash book to be signed and agreed. The town clerk requested that this items was deferred until the December meeting. This was agreed by the town councillors.

- 101. Co-Option.** One application was received from Sylvia Jennings. The town councillors agreed unanimously to co-opt Sylvia as a Town Councillor in Denbigh. The town clerk will make arrangements for the declaration of office to be signed and an induction to be completed.

Cllrs Gaynor Wood-Tickle and Roy Tickle left the meeting at 7.58pm.

Cllr Rhys Thomas took over as chair due to Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle's interest in item 13 on the agenda.

102. *Denbigh Town Hall

An update was received regarding the future of the town hall.

* 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.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.17 pm.

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....