

Minutes of a Denbigh Town Council meeting held on Wednesday, 27 April 2022 at 6.30pm via Zoom. (Meeting started at 6.35pm to allow all to join)

Present: Councillors Rhys Thomas (Chair), Dyfrig Berry, Alyn Ashworth, Ruth Griffiths, Gaynor Morgan-Rees, Pauline Edwards, Sylvia Jennings, Philip Stevens, Carla Hargraves. Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk); Bethan Webber (Civic and Events Assistant)

The chair welcomed all to the April full council meeting.

172 Apologies for absence. Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle, Cllr Roy Tickle

The chair wanted to thank both Cllrs Gaynor Wood-Tickle and Roy Tickle for their exemplary attendance record. This is the first apology received in many years.

173 Declaration of Personal Interest - None

174 The minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 23 March 2022 were agreed and noted. (Mayor to sign once face to face meetings resume).

175 Matters arising:

175.1. DCC re commuted sums, Play Gym – Town Clerk advised that the application had been unsuccessful but had been advised to re-apply when more funding available. Town Clerk to look at other grants for the project.

175.2 Street naming – Howells Site LL16 3DD – Llys Y Berllan was the agreed name confirmed by Denbighshire County Council.

176 Correspondence received.

176.1 Urdd Eisteddfod – how to apply for tickets. Apply on website for free entry. DTC have 8 x one-week tickets available with Sponsors event Tuesday 1pm Cllrs to advise town clerk if interested. Mayor to be invited.

176.2 DCC – Update LDP 2018 – 2033. To be shared if required.

176.3 Email from Lesley Powell advising of her retirement. Chair was saddened to hear of Lesley's retirement. Councillors agreed to acknowledge her retirement. Lesley to be invited to the Mayor's Civic Sunday.

176.4 Email from Jane Hodgson DCC re climate change. Agreed to wait for DCC officer is back in post.

176.5 Email from Catherine Jones re 3 benches (Rainbow, Arthur & 100 year bench). For information, noted.

176.6 Email from Group Cynefin re Friendship Bench request. Discussed in item 177.5.3 and agreed.

177 Finance

177.1 Finance – Bank reconciliation reports – March 2022 – deferred to accommodate end of year.

177.2 List of payments made in March 2022. Noted.

177.3 List of receipts in March 2022.- deferred to accommodate end of year. Noted.

177.4 The following payments were authorised:

177.4.1 Denbigh in Bloom – authorised payment S137 Cheque no 007582	£4,000.
177.4.2 DCC – First contribution Denbigh Town Hall Cheque no 007583	£9,250.00
177.4.3 Safety Focus Ltd – First staged payment Cheque no 007584	£500.00
177.4.4 One Voice Wales Annual Membership Cheque no 007585	£1455.00
177.4.5 PR Signs – Vale Street Banners Cheque no 007586	£921.60
177.4.6 Earth Anchors – Noticeboards Cheque no 007587	£2684.40
177.4.7 Validus Property Consultants Ltd Cheque no 007588	£900.00
177.4.8 Zurich – annual insurance Cheque no 007589	£5513.29
177.4.9 PWLB – half yearly payment Cheque no 007590	£6747.20
177.4.10 Scribe annual charge Cheque no 007591	£877.20
177.4.11 Uproar – 1st Fireworks payment Cheque no 007592	£3,112.52
177.4.12 Thomas Fattorini Ltd – Civic badges & pendant Cheque no 007593	£1,660.07

177.5 Grant Aid agreed by the Town Councillors.

- 177.5.1 Kids Cancer Charity, S137 £100.00
Chq no 007596
- 177.5.2 Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Sir Ddinbych 2022. S145 £2,000.00
Chq no 007597
- 177.5.3 Grwp Cynefin – Friendship Bench Project. S137 £1,000.00.
Chq no 007598

177.6 Quotations agreed by the town councillors:

- 177.6.1 Uproar – Fireworks.
- 177.6.2 DCC – Vale Street Banners.
- 177.6.3 DCC – Bunting.

177.7 Change of bank signatories & payments after 5th May. Town Councillors agreed on the following councillors as signatories on the bank account: Cllrs Alyn Ashworth, Pauline Edwards, Ruth Griffiths, Gaynor Wood-Tickle. Cllr Roy Tickle to remain as authorised signatory. The town clerk advised that she had been in touch with all the town councils creditors to advise of the change of signatory issue. All were happy to wait for the amendment to be applied to the bank account. The town clerk also highlighted the issue of salary payment – the town councillors agreed for town clerk to arrange cheques for payroll purposes for next 6 months.

177.8 Confirmation received of cheque payment – Menter laith S145 £1,650.00.

177.9 Audit – External 2020/2021 & internal 6 month – No replies received to date.

178 Planning

178.1 01/2022/0268

Unit 10A, Colomendy Industrial Estate, Denbigh

Change of use of General Industrial building (Use Class B2) to Delivery Office (Use Class B8), including the erection of outbuildings, installation of attenuation tank, vehicular wash, alterations to elevations, formation of parking, landscaping and associated works.

No objections were raised; however, the town councillors would like it noted that Mr T Pritchard (Vet) has advised that his address is 10A – the above application details may need to be amended

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178.2 01/2022/0269

Unit 10A, Colomendy Industrial Estate, Denbigh

Display of signage in connection with delivery office.

No objections were raised. However, the town councillors would like it noted that Mr T Pritchard (Vet) has advised that his address is 10A – the above application details may need to be amended.

Also the signage is in English only – a bilingual sign would be more appropriate to accommodate bilingual policy.

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178.3 01/2022/0270

Land adjoining 10A Erw Las, Colomendy Industrial Estate, Denbigh

Formation of off road parking and associated works.

No objections were raised. The town councillors would like it noted that Mr T Pritchard (Vet) has advised that his address is 10A – the above application details may need to be amended.

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178.4 01/2022/0273

Lle Braf, Abrahams Lane, Denbigh

Removal of existing covered yard area and erection of single storey rear kitchen extension.

no objections were raised

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178.5 01/2022/0279

44 Vale Street, Denbigh

Reduction in height and width of Leylandii tree within Denbigh Conservation Area.

Details were circulated with the town councillors and responded to DCC on the 1st April – no comments received.

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178.6 01/2022/0284

32 Lon Tywysog, Denbigh

Demolition of existing porch and garage, erection of a single storey side extension and associated works.

no objections were raised

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178.7 01/2022/0299

37 Trewen, Denbigh

Erection of a two storey extension to side of dwelling.

No objections were raised. Kindly note that the ground floor plan is not displayed on the website. The first floor plan is there twice.

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179 Mayor's update – see report. Noted.

180 Reports by County Councillors appertaining ONLY to Denbigh. No update provided due to pre-election period.

181 Other Meetings attended by town councillors. Cllr Pip Stevens attended an AGM with Hwb Dinbych. Funding continues by Welsh Government and Brenig Windfarm. Pressures dealing with social issues and require support. Hwb partnership with Fareshare on-going.

182 Free Parking Days agreed by the town councillors :

Denbigh Carnival – 25.06.2022

Open Doors – 24.09.2022

Denbigh Plum Festival – 01.10.2022

Christmas Lights Switch on – 25.11.2022

One spare day – to be allocated at a later date.

Urdd Eisteddfod – the town councillors requested the town clerk to contact Denbighshire County Council with a view of having free parking during the week long Urdd event. This is in support of local businesses and tourism.

183 Mayor and deputy Mayor 2022/2023

Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle advised the clerk that she is unable to be Mayor for 2022/2023 therefore a new Mayor will need to be appointed.

Mayor 2022/2023:

Cllr Ruth Griffiths proposed Cllr Alyn Ashworth as Mayor.

Cllr Pauline Edwards seconded the proposal.

Cllr Alyn Ashworth accepted the position.

Deputy Mayor 2022/2023

Cllr Alyn Ashworth proposed Cllr Gaynor Wood Tickle as deputy Mayor.

Cllr Gaynor Morgan Rees seconded the proposal.

Cllr Gaynor Wood Tickle had advised the Town Clerk that she was happy to be the deputy Mayor as she was unable to attend the meeting.

184 Annual Meeting, Friday 20th May via Zoom - Noted.

185 Dr Evan Pierce Memorial Garden – Conservation Management Plan. Noted. Working Group to be set up later in the year.

186 Reinstatement assessment of the Denbigh Museum building for insurance purposes. Noted.

187 Cyber Security Policy – to follow. Deferred.

The town clerk thanked all councillors for their work over the last 5 years.

The Chair thanked Jenny, Bethan, Carys and all councillors.

Cllr Pip Stevens thanked Cllr Rhys Thomas for chairing.

The chairman closed the meeting at 19:48 pm.

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....