

Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 22nd June 2015 at 7pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

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

Apologies: Cllr Philip Stevens, Rob Parkes.

Observing: County Councillor Gwyneth Kensler.

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

- 34. Urgent Matters:** The chairman referred to the recent removal of banners in the town by DCC officers and the number of complaints received. Strong representations had been made to DCC officers – Denbighshire’s Chief Executive was concerned as to the action taken. Common sense should have prevailed and approaches made whereby agreements could have been reached. Steve Parker also wanted the whole matter sorted and friction was not wanted. It was agreed that the town council should write to DCC officers expressing concern as to the action taken by DCC over the last weekend. Cllr Roy Tickle reported that DCC’s Chief Executive Dr Mehmet had attended a Denbigh Carnival Committee earlier in the evening and apologised and stated that reimbursement would be made for any damage to banners.
- 35. Declaration of Personal Interest:** The following declarations were received:
- (1) Cllr Geraint Williams – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
 - (2) Cllr Raymond Bartley – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
 - (3) Cllr Colin Hughes – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
 - (4) Cllr Colin Hughes – agenda item 17 – Robert Arthur Jones Memorial Bench
 - (5) Cllr Catherine Jones - agenda item 17 – Robert Arthur Jones Memorial Bench
- 36. The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 18th May 2015 were received and approved.**
- 37. Matters arising:** (1) St Brigid’s School Governors: Cllr Geraint Williams confirmed that he would remain as a governor.
(2) Denbigh Infirmary. The town clerk referred to the e-mail response received in answer to the council’s letter regarding the Infirmary Archives which was noted.
- 38. Mayor’s Report:** The Mayor written report was received and noted
- 39. 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) Guide Dogs Cymru. Cllr Colin L Hughes drew attention to the letter referred to problems that associated with vehicles parked on pavements and causing obstruction. Following a short discussion it was agreed that the Police and DCC be contacted for their interpretation of vehicles parking on pavements causing obstruction.

40. **Planning:** Following discussion, it was agreed that no objection be raised in respect of the following application received for planning permission:

Visage Beauty, Rhyl Road

41. **Council Committee Minutes.** (1) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 15th June 2015 were noted.
(2) The minutes of the Environment and Finance Committee held on the 15th June 2015 were noted.
42. **Minutes / Reports of council sub committees:** There were none
43. **Reports:** (1) Denbigh Town Hall Management. The town clerk reported that the management of the hall was progressing smoothly. It was hopeful that the new security door at bottom of the main staircase would be fitted in the near future.
- (2) A55 signage. The town clerk reported on a recent meeting – no progress at the moment. Information from Cadw re Denbigh and Rhuddlan Castles was awaited. Once that information was available the precise application could be completed.
- (3) NWWTFC. The town clerk’s written brief note on a recent meeting was considered and accepted
- (4) Christmas Lighting. The town clerk’s written report on a recent meeting was considered and accepted.
- (5) Denbigh Carnival. Cllr Roy Tickle reported that the preparations were in full swing.

There were no other reports.

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

1. Cllr Raymond Bartley reported (1) Former Kwik Save site – plans to be submitted shortly. Home Bargains taking three acres and Aldi four acres. Three retail units to front Vale Street. One Pet Store on site. Aldi will engage 50 full and part time jobs – no zero hour contracts. (2) Former North Wales Hospital site – extreme concerns expressed by DCC – still awaiting results of both enquiries – strong representations being made to the Welsh Government and the Prince’s Regeneration Trust. (3) Former Police Station on Vale Street – lot of interest shown and two offers received. (4) Lower Park – container now obtained and on site. (5) Proposed housing development at Brookhouse – several meetings held between residents and DCC – draft briefing circulated.
2. Cllr Geraint Williams reported (1) Former Kwik Save site – two access feeder roads off Grove Road. The footpath access through Cae Fron to be looked at. (2) Parking study – DCC looking at increasing the parking time in the parking bays from thirty minutes to one hour, also to increase enforcement. Very little use was being made of the multi storey car park midweek and on Saturdays. Electronic signage for the bigger car parks being looked at on a county basis. Better signage from the car parks into the town also being looked at. The Crown Lane car park to be changed from long stay to short stay. (3) Howell School bought by the IQ Education group. (4) Bus stops in the town centre – no change – no statistics to show any accidents or injuries. (5) Gritting routes to change – some will be dropped. (6) Middle Lane - £750,000 obtained from the sale of the site – how the money was to be used by the trust to be looked at. DCC cabinet is the trust and working with Community Foundation Wales. Once up and running new trustees to be brought in. (7) Cycle path to be a permanent agenda item at MAGS meetings.

3. Cllr Colin Hughes reported (1) Grass cutting in Upper Denbigh. (2) Urban Explorers at the North Wales Hospital causing problems in the Cae Dai area. (3) Back of Bryn Seion now tidy. (4) Litter causing problems in some parts of Upper Denbigh.

Many aspects of the three reports were discussed and explanations given as appropriate. Comment was made regarding litter on Broomhill Lane – agreed that DCC be contacted to ask if there was any enforcement on people leaving rubbish. It was also agreed that litter be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Environment and Finance Committee.

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

(1)	DCC 1 st town hall contribution (Cheque no. 005656)	-	£9,250.00
(2)	Ernest Martin – lock and open Dr E P Garden gate and purchase two new locks (Cheque no. 005657)	-	£63.00
(3)	Town Clerk – travelling expenses (Conwy) (Cheque no. 005658)(to be shared with Cllr Roy Tickle as two cars were involved)	-	£21.60
(4)	Zen Internet – ADSL provision (July) (Cheque no. 005659)	-	£18.37
(6)	Clwyd Nash – reimburse cost of storage material for community Archives (Cheque no. 005660)	-	£37.92

Total payments: £9,390.89

- 46. DCC – Sports storage container and equipment.** The town clerk reminded the meeting that this matter had been deferred from the meeting on the 27th April and 18th May. Reference was made to the e-mail received from DCC and in particular to the part where it asks that the container be placed in a park. The town clerk confirmed that the container and some of the equipment had been received. It was agreed that location in a park would be difficult due to non-existence of supervision. It was agreed that Denbigh Leisure Centre be approached. Any other suggestions from members to be sent to the town clerk.
- 47. Denbigh Carnival.** Cllr Roy Tickle reported that the town council would have a presence on the filed on both days and sought assistance from members – a number of members expressed an interest.
- 48. Denbigh Open Doors.** Cllr Medwyn Williams reported that the Denbigh Civic Society could no longer organise this event in Denbigh. The grant of £1,000 made by the town council had been returned. A number of buildings had been registered and the museum will be open. Cllr Williams went on to suggest that a committee be formed containing members from the town council to arrange the event and was prepared to arrange a meeting of such a committee. Grŵp Cynefin had offered £250 towards the event. The main costs in the past had been the employment of a co-ordinator and publishing the open doors booklet. It would be possible to publish a simple booklet at less cost. There would be a need to extend the group to draw in those with an interest in the event. Cllrs Catherine Jones, Margaret Bowe, Raymond Bartley and Mark Young to represent the council. Cllr Medwyn Williams to arrange a meeting.

- 49. **Robert Arthur Jones Memorial Bench.** The town clerk reported that the licence for the bench had been received, duly signed by the town clerk and Gary Williams DCC. DCC had waived the licence fee. The town clerk also confirmed that the bench had been added to the council's insurance policy at no extra cost.
- 50. **Members' Register of Interests.** At the request of the town clerk this agenda item was deferred.
- 51. **Research report on the public awareness of town and community councils in Wales.** It was agreed that the town clerk supply the website link to members and also have a hard copy available

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.29pm

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....