

**Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.**

**Present:** Councillors Raymond Bartley (chairman), Rob Parkes, Medwyn Williams, Colin L Hughes, Roy Tickle, Mark Young, Gaynor Wood, Shereen Devine, Catherine Jones, and Medwyn Jones (Town Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllrs Margaret Bowe, Gaynor Morgan Rees; Geraint Williams, Colin Hughes, Philip Stevens.

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

- 52. Presentation of an outline potential collaboration.** The chairman welcomed Lynne Wilson and invited her to address the meeting. Andrew Coomber, the artist that made the Crown for the 2013 Eisteddfod in Denbigh and will again be invited to make the Crown for the 2016 Urdd Eisteddfod in Flint, wanted to offer an exhibition to Denbigh on his approach to art, jewellery and in particular the Crown. The Carriageworks had been booked for five weeks in May 2016. The passion in which Andrew Coomber speaks of the Vale of Clwyd and Denbigh in particular – his work approach to this through events / exhibitions etc. is something that could happen in Denbigh over a period of time, using the Museum, Theatr Twm o'r Nant and Hwb Dinbych. Possibly the offer of a number of events over a period of time would keep Denbigh in the limelight. There would be cost implications and funding sourced. Lynn Wilson was seeking the thoughts and views of the town council. In time probably a small working group would be required.  
Lynn Wilson then responded to observation and question from the members on:  
(1) The project had many elements – the timing of the event, (2) Question of costs, shopping list requirements and the possibility of linking with Open Doors, (3) How would the events fit in with the social enterprise of the Carriageworks, (4) Planning and the expense involved, (5) Costs a big issue.  
All the members present were of the opinion that the project would be good for Denbigh in particular the children and young people and supported the project.  
The chairman thanked Lynn Wilson for her attendance and presentation and asked that the council be kept informed of developments
- 53. Gideon International.** Tom and Doris Williams on behalf of the Gideon Society presented the Mayor, Cllr Raymond Bartley with a copy of the Bible. Mr Williams gave a brief outline of the work of the Society. Mr Williams stated that this was a special occasion with Cllr Bartley's fifth term in office and to celebrate the occasion presented each member of the council with a copy of the New Testament and Psalms. The Mayor thanked Mr Williams for the personal presentation and the presentations to the council members.
- 54. Urgent Matters:** There were none
- 55. Declaration of Personal Interest:** The following declarations was received:  
(1) Cllr Raymond Bartley – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- 56. The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 were received and approved.**
- 57. Matters arising:** There were none
- 58. Mayor's Report:** The Mayor written report was received and noted. The Mayor elaborated on three events contained within the report, namely, (1) Denbighshire Music Co-operative concert, (2) Denbigh Brynbach Scouts AGM and (3) Denbigh Male Voice Choir concert.

- 59. Letters, E-mails and Notices:** 1. It was agreed that three items of correspondence be noted.
- 60. Planning:** Following discussion, it was agreed that no objection be raised in respect of the following application received for planning permission:
- North Wales Credit Union, Bridge Street
- 61. Council Committee Minutes.** (1) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 20th July 2015 were noted.  
(2) The minutes of the Environment and Finance Committee held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 were noted.
- 62. Minutes / Reports of council sub committees:** There were none
- 63. Reports:** (1) Fireworks. The town clerk's written report was considered and accepted.
- (2) WW1 Commemoration Group. The town clerk's written report on two meetings were considered and accepted. Cllr Colin L Hughes stated that a shop in Corwen provided authentic costumes or as an alternative WW1 vintage cloth be bought and costumes made.
- (3) Christmas Lighting. The town clerk's written report was considered and accepted. The town clerk reported that quotations had been received from Blachere regarding the hire of new features for Vale Street, replacement lights for the light curtain and the testing of the catenary wires. Each quotation was considered. It was agreed that each of the quotations received be accepted: (1) £2,289 & VAT for to replace faulty lights on the light curtain, (2) £1,100 & VAT to test 44 catenary anchorage points and (3) £6,126.05 & VAT hire of 21 new lighting displays for Vale Street.
- (4) NWATC. Cllr Raymond Bartley reported that he had been unable to attend a recent meeting.
- (5) NWWTEFC - car rally update. Cllr Colin L Hughes' written reported was considered and accepted.
- (6) 2015 Open Doors – 19/20 September. Cllr Medwyn Williams reported that funding for this year's event was less than in the past. Preparation of the leaflets in hand. One disappointment was that Cadw would be celebrating European / National Open Day the following weekend with free entry to the castle
- (7) Denbigh Show. Cllr Rob Parkes reported the preparations for this year's show were going well.

There were no other reports.

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

Cllr Raymond Bartley reported (1) Brookhouse development brief on the verge of being produced in draft form. Three months consultation period starting in September at two locations – Brookhouse Mill and Denbigh Library. A letter drop will take place in the area. (2) Frondeg site – number of concerns raised but not enough to oppose the planning application – application granted – developers on site within two months. (3) Dolwen – four homes in Denbighshire facing cut backs. Dolwen will become an EMI/EMH home run by a private company retaining the current staff. Extending the assessment period will be

subject of an 8 weeks consultation period. The staff and unions were happy. (4) Station Yard – Homebase received planning consent – the application by Aldi delayed. Cllr Bartley responded to questions by the members, mainly on Dolwen.

**65. Accounts** 1. The following accounts were approved for payment:

(1)	Ernest Martin – lock and open Dr E P Garden gate (Cheque no. 005681)	-	£60.00
(2)	Paul Liversidge – footpath clearing (June) (Cheque no. 005682)	-	£165.00
(3)	Zen Internet - ADSL provision (August) (Cheque no. 005683)	-	£18.37
(4)	Cllr Colin L Hughes – travelling expenses)(Conwy x 2) (Cheque no. 005684)	-	£50.50

Total payments: £293.87

2. Payment of accounts between 28th July and 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. It was agreed that the town clerk be given permission to pay any accounts received during this period and that a report be prepared for the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> September.

**66. DCC – Sports storage container and equipment.** The town clerk reminded the meeting that this matter had been deferred from the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May and 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Reference was made to the e-mail received from DCC suggesting the location as the Parc Nant Play area at Llys Gwydr. The suggestion was accepted.

**67. Tan y Marian Farm, Denbigh.** The town clerk referred to the letter received from DCC regarding the proposal to dispose of the property to the existing tenant. The proposal was accepted.

**68. Broomhill Lane.** The town clerk referred to the various e-mails received from DCC in response to the town council's concerns (Minute 44(3)). Cllr Parkes commented that this problem had been ongoing for a number of years. The e-mails were noted.

**69. Parking on Pavements in Denbigh.** The town clerk referred to the e-mails received from the Police and DCC in response to the town council's concerns (Minute 39(2)(1)) The chairman commented that no one was prepared to take the responsibility. Cllr Medwyn Williams commented that the situation had got worse. Comment was made that the situation had been ongoing for a number of years and similar problems occurred in other towns. The chairman stated that he would bring the matter up at the next MAGS meeting.

**70. Members' Register of Interests.** The town clerk reported that he had been advised by DCC's monitoring officer that members did not need to fill in the form giving full details of financial and other interests as in the past – this only applied to the principal authorities. However there was a requirement for the town council to publish on line a list of interests. The proposed form to be used was shown and accepted by members for use on line.

**71. Denbigh Community Archive team tent at the Denbigh Show.** The town clerk reported that stewards would be were required to man the tent and asked for volunteers from within the council. Cllrs Roy Tickle, Medwyn Williams, Gaynor Wood, Raymond Bartley and the town clerk volunteered their services. It was also agreed to provide a community archive pop-up for use by the group. It was also reported that the two town council pop-ups had been damaged at the recent carnival – it was agreed that new pop ups be obtained.

72. **EWT Symposium.** The town clerk reported that this would take place between 30<sup>th</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Ravenna in Italy and he had been invited to attend. The town clerk requested the council to consider moving the date of the Council meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> September to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October or to bring forward the Planning and Environment and Finance Committees meetings and the full council meeting forward to mid-September in order to allow the town clerk to fly to Italy on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. It was **Resolved** (unanimously) **to bring forward the planning committee meeting and the environment and finance Committee meeting from the 21<sup>st</sup> September to the 14<sup>th</sup> and to bring forward the full council meeting from the 28<sup>th</sup> September to the 21<sup>st</sup>.** In answer to a question the town clerk confirmed that he was not seeking any financial assistance from the town council to attend the symposium. In answer to a further question the town clerk confirmed that he would be carrying the town council's vote on the election of president, vice president and treasurer. It was suggested by some members that the town clerk should receive some financial support and it was **Resolved** (unanimously) **to provide the town clerk with a financial contribution of £100 to attend the symposium.**
73. **August Emergency Meeting.** As per the usual practice of this council it was agreed that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman of the Planning Committee, Chairman of the Environment and Finance Committee together with the town clerk meet when necessary during August to deal with any business that required attention.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....