

Minutes of a Denbigh Town Council meeting held on Wednesday, 24 March 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom. (Meeting started at 6.31pm to allow all to join)

Present: Councillors Gaynor Wood-Tickle (Chair), Rhys Thomas, Roy Tickle, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Philip Stevens, Alyn Ashworth, Dyfrig Berry, Sylvia Jennings, Carla Hargraves & Ruth Griffiths; Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk); & Carys Jones (Civic and Events Assistant)

Apologies: Cllrs Catherine Jones, Rob Parkes & Glenn Swingler

Observing: Pauline Edwards, Peter & Menna Jones, Nest Horton, Ian Evans, Gwynn, Andy Lewis-Olding

The chair welcomed all to the March meeting

54 Guest speaker – Ben Wilcox-Jones, DCC re Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.

Cllr Gaynor Wood Tickle welcomed Ben to the meeting.

Ben Wilcox Jones gave a presentation with an overview of the Active Travel public consultation and asked for feedback from the Town Councillors.

Cllr Sylvia Jennings joined the meeting at 6.35pm.

Cllr Philip Stevens asked about having grass verges to connect towns for example Denbigh to St Asaph and Denbigh to Rhewl. He also asked about other projects including the funding Llangollen had received, Cycle route at Graig road and project around Ysgol Pendref.

Cllr Carla Hargraves joined the meeting at 6.39pm.

Ben advised that Welsh Government are looking at better value for money and currently looking at built up areas rather than between towns. This is higher usage levels, journeys under 3 miles.

Andrew Lewis-Olding joined the meeting at 6.41pm.

Ben advised that they will consider routes to rural areas for example where residents of a nearby village are isolated. The main objective is routes that get children to school, that has a bigger cultural impact but need to operate within the parameters given.

Regarding the other projects Ben advised the grant funding received for Llangollen will provide big enhancements to the Town centre.

Partial funding has currently been received for a cycle path from the magistrates' court to Home Bargains, Industrial estate and St Brigids and the widening of pavements among other adjustments around the Ysgol Pendref site.

If any Councillors have any further questions to email the Town Clerk who will liaise with Ben.

It was noted that the new Cycle Path on Ystrad Road had been a success and the Town Councillors thanked Ben.

Cllr Gaynor Wood Tickle thanked Ben for his overview.

Ben left the meeting at 6.52pm.

55 Declaration of Personal Interest:

Councillor	Item	Personal or Prejudicial
Cllr Rhys Thomas	8.7	Personal

56 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 24 February 2021 were agreed and noted. (Mayor to sign once face to face meetings resume)

Ian Evans, Gwynn & Andy Lewis-Olding left the meeting at 6.55pm.

57 Welcome Cllr Ruth Griffiths - Cllr Gaynor Morgan Rees and Gaynor Wood Tickle both advised they would be happy to support and offer advice.

58 Matters arising:

- 58.1 259** – Update by the town clerk re Zoom simultaneous interpretation – This was discussed and agreed to continue with the current package and review again in 3 months.
- 58.2 45.9** – Bank signatories, taking a little longer to collate all the information required. This will be completed in the coming days.
- 58.3 52.1** – Update from DCC Electoral Department re Election Denbigh Central Ward – Nominations are to be received by 4.00pm on 08.04.21 with the election taking place on 06.05.21. Details are on the DTC website and will also be displayed on the Noticeboard.

59 Correspondence received

59.1 Email from Steve Price re DCC Standards Committee – This was noted.

Pauline Edwards left the meeting at 7.22pm.

59.2 Email from Tim Wynne Evans DCC re Proposed control of dogs PSPO Denbighshire – The Town Councillors all agreed that this was greatly needed. Cllr Rhys Thomas wished to express his disappointment that DCC has allowed the previous PSPO to lapse and asked if the town clerk could question the point that dogs are prohibited from cemeteries.

59.3 Email from OVW re Litter & Fly Tipping Preventions Plan for Wales – This was noted, if any comments town councillors can go on the link and submit by 22.04.21

59.4 Email & letter received from The National Malaya & Bourneo Veteran's Association. This was discussed and it was agreed to support and to direct them to St Mary's Church.

Peter and Menna Jones left the meeting at 7.37pm

59.5 Letter received from Amy Selby DCC re Commuted sums application – unsuccessful. This was noted. The Town Clerk advised that other grants will be available

in May and she will have more detail regarding costings by then.

59.6 Email from Cllr Alyn Ashworth – update re New Rail Liaison Committee – This was noted.

59.7 Email from Cllr Alyn Ashworth re Denbighshire Tourism Partnership – Cllr Ashworth requested the Town Councillors think about how to encourage tourism once restrictions ease and to contact him with any ideas.

59.8 Email received from Clwyd Pensions re training course available – None of the town councillors wished to attend.

59.9 Email received from OVW – Summary of Key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. This was noted, there are key things that will need to be changed by May 2022. The Town Clerk will begin to look at the procedures.

59.10 Electoral Reform February Newsletter – This was noted.

59.11 Email from Lyndsey Tasker – Ownership of new planters purchased with Covid 19 grant – This was discussed and the town councillors decided to donate the planters to Denbigh in Bloom.

59.12 IRP for Wales Annual Report February 2021 – This was noted.

60 Finance

60.1 Finance reports – All Reports received for February were circulated, agreed and noted.

60.2 Payments made in February – The following were agreed and noted.

Jones & Graham (Feb Salary) (Chq no 007310)	£2,535.36
Jones & Graham (Feb HMRC) (Chq no 007311)	£693.68
Jones & Graham (Feb Pension) (Chq no 007312)	£789.76
Catalyst – Jan backup (Chq no 007313)	£4.98
Catalyst Dec telephony (Chq no 007314)	£58.78
Catalyst Feb broadband (Chq no 007315)	£38.00
SLCC, SLCC & OVW conference – J Barlow (Chq no 007316)	£54.00
SLCC, cyber training, J Barlow (Chq no 007317)	£58.80
Jones & Graham, admin fee Oct-Dec 2020 (Chq no 007318)	£66.60
J Barlow, Jan Zoom refund (Chq no 007319)	£14.39
ASL, Jan photocopying (Chq no 007320)	£17.66
Total	£4,332.01

60.3 Payments needing authorisation – The following were agreed

60.3.1 Denbighshire County Council – SLA Skate Park £5,290.42
(Chq no 007353)

60.3.2 Bodfari Environmental inv Jan – March 2021 £855.00
(Chq no 007354)

60.3.3 Amberol, planters
(Chq no 007355)

£4,473.52

60.4 Grant Aid. The following were discussed and agreed as follows

60.4.1 Theatr Bara Caws S137 £200.00
(Chq no 007356)

60.4.2 Denbigh Rugby Club S137 £2,000.00
(Chq no 007357)

60.4.3 Rhyl Silver Band S137 £100.00
(Chq no 007358)

60.4.4 Dial a Ride S137 £100.00
(Chq no 007359)

60.5 S137 report after 6 months – The following were noted.

60.5.1 Denbigh Buttermarket Project

60.5.2 Denbigh Carnival.

60.6 Confirmation of payment received – The following were noted.

60.6.1 St Kentigern £1,000.

60.6.2 Theatr Twm or Nant £1,746.52

60.7 Denbigh Archives Group – Monies from heritage budget re item 45.5.2. It was agreed to give the Archives group the remaining £600.00 from the heritage budget.

61 Planning:

61.1 01/2020/0589

17 Park Street, Denbigh

Variation of 2nd, 3rd and 4th schedule of S106 agreement dated 1st October 2015

Obtected

The development should stay within the original conditions contributing to Open Space payment as well as having affordable housing in the area

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61.2 01/2020/0980

Galch Hill, Lawnt, Denbigh

Installation of replacement boiler, radiators, flue and associated works (listed building consent)

No objections

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61.3 01/2021/0134

Hendre, Ruthin Road, Denbigh

Erection of two storey extension

No objections

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61.4 01/2021/0142

Denbigh Castle, Castle Hill, Denbigh

Various works to trees within the area W15 of the former Denbighshire County Council/
9 Tree preservation order.

Application has been withdrawn

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61.5 01/2021/0148

Denbigh Castle, Castle Hill, Denbigh

Various works to trees within Denbigh Conservation Area.

Application has been withdrawn

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61.6 01/2021/0155

Peacock House, Plas Castell, Bull Lane, Denbigh

Felling of 2 Silver Birch Trees within Denbigh Conservation Area.

No objections

The town councillors would like it noting that suitable replacement trees should be planted
– native species.

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61.7 01/2021/0167

Ysgol Twm Or Nant, Rhyl Road, Denbigh

Erection of a single storey building to provide a childcare facility and associated works.

No objections

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61.8 01/2021/0180

27 – 29 High Street, Denbigh

Variation of condition no 2 of planning permission code no 01/2020/0351 in order to
permit alterations to the layout.

No objections

The town councillors would like it noted that the staircase is of heritage importance and needs to be retained.

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61.9 01/2021/0181

27 – 29 High Street, Denbigh

Variation of condition no 2 of listed building consent code no 01/2020/0352 in order to permit alterations to the layout.

No objections

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61.10 01/2021/0188

Brondyffryn Hall, Ystrad Road, Denbigh

Lawful development certificate for the existing use of the property as a C3 dwelling house

No objections

The town councillors would like it noted that item 8 on the application form states that the property is not visual from the public road – it is visual

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62 Carys Appraisal – Completed 10.03.2021. This was noted. The Town Councillors agreed for the increment to be added to Carys’s salary from April. Cllr Alyn Ashworth thanked both the town clerk and civic and events officer for their hard work during the current restrictions.

63 Mayor’s update – No update

64 Reports by County Councillors appertaining ONLY to Denbigh – No update

65 Denbigh Toun Guides 2021/2022 – Carys gave an update from Dave Phillips from Safety Focus, The Town Councillors agreed that due to the current Covid restrictions that the Tours would be cancelled for 2021 in the hope they can resume in 2022. Carys will advise the Tour guides of the decision.

66 Drop Box – update by Cllr Dyfrig Berry – This item was deferred until the next meeting.

67 H M Stanley – update re public consultation by working group. This was discussed by the town Councillors and it was decided that due to the current restrictions the consultation process would be postponed until the Covid situation improves and it is safe to hold.

68 DTC Policies – Need to remove GDPR from all policies and update with Data Protection Act – This was agreed and noted.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.13pm.

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....