

Minutes of a Denbigh Town Council meeting held on Wednesday, 23 March 2022 at 6.30pm via Zoom. (Meeting started at 6.30pm to allow all to join)

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

157 Apologies for absence. Cllrs Rob Parkes, Lara Pritchard

The chair welcomed all to the March full council meeting.

158 Declaration of Personal Interest - None

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

160 Matters arising:

160.1 The town clerk gave an update regarding the proposed dog walking area in Denbigh. The request is currently with the valuation and estates department of DCC who are looking into any covenants that may be at the location. Once confirmation has been received that there are no issues, local residents can be advised of the project and publicity can be made.

160.2 The town clerk gave an update regarding the proposed play gym. Denbighshire have confirmed that an area has been allocated at Cae Howell. The town clerk will apply for the land to be used by the town council from Denbighshire County council. A Commuted sums grant has been applied for – awaiting an update from Denbighshire. At the location there will be disability accessible equipment – an application will also be made to the Freeman Evans Trust.

18:36 pm – Cllr Pip Stevens joined the meeting

160.3 The town clerk gave an update regarding the grant received from Denbighshire in regards to the upgrade of the Town Hall café area as well as new chairs in the main hall. Currently waiting for a site meeting with Denbighshire to start the project.

160.4 The town clerk advised that Richards Moorhead and Laing are progressing well with the CMP. A draft copy should be available in the next couple of weeks. On target for the final document to be available at the end of April.

160.5 The town clerk confirmed that the drone video/photos of the Dr Evan Pierce Monument and the Angel was actioned that morning. A report will be received shortly outlining any issues raised during the inspection.

160.6 The town councillors discussed the street naming of the land off Park Street. The names agreed were Llys y Berllan or Lon Cae Muriog.

18:41 pm – Cllr Carla Hargraves joined the meeting

160.7 The town clerk advised that she attended an SLCC meeting recently and the hybrid meeting was one of the items discussed. Several councils had purchased equipment to allow for the Hybrid requirement. To date none of the council were very successful with the hybrid element. Will wait until confirmation is received of a successful package. The town council will review this at a later date.

161 Correspondence received.

161.1 Email from Ruth Menter laith re eisteddfod. Noted. Cllr Rhys Thomas and Town Clerk happy to discuss further with Ruth, Menter laith.

161.2 Email from Urdd re advert in the programme. Request to re-arrange advert: Town Tours, Fireworks, Christmas Lights, Heritage Lectures, St David's Day parade – Agreed.

161.3 Email from Y Ty Gwyrdd re Visit Denbigh website. The town councillors agreed for Ty Gwyrdd to have webmaster rights on the visit Denbigh website. The town clerk to contact the business group to make sure that they are happy with the arrangement.

161.4 Email from the business group re Visit Denbigh website. It was agreed that Y Ty Gwyrdd to liaise with Medwyn Williams to update website, moving forward.

161.5 Email from DCC regarding Electric Vehicle Public Charging points was noted.

161.6 Email from DCC re Final Site list – 2022 Wildflower Meadow Project was noted.

161.7 Email re Benthg Cymru, Wales' Library of Things. It was agreed to invite to address Denbigh Town Council, Summer 2022.

161.8 Email from DCC re TAN 15 and the LDP 2018 to 2033. Noted. Welsh Government has put approval of new flood maps on hold. This means that DCC has had to put the approval of candidate sites for the new LDP on hold.

161.9 Email from DCC re Queen's platinum Jubilee Beacons 02.06.2022. Need to register involvement by 20 May was noted.

162 Finance

162.1 Finance – Bank reconciliation reports – February 2022 were agreed and noted

162.2 List of payments made in February 2022. Received and agreed

162.3 List of receipts in February 2022. Agreed

162.4 The following payments were authorised:

162.4.1 Hampshire Flags	tri colour x 450m	£567.00
Cheque no 007491		
162.4.2 DCC	A55 Brown Sign	£10,000.00 (inv to follow)
Cheque no 007492		
162.4.3 RML Ltd	Dr EP Garden CMP	£6,576.00
(chq to be issued once the report has been received)		
Cheque no 007493		
162.4.4 Cllr Rhys Thomas	Allowance (det 48 & 42)	£580.00
Cheque no 007494		
162.4.5 Cllr Rhys Thomas	Travel claim	£44.10
Cheque no007495		
162.4.6 DCC	Additional contribution T/Hall	£10,000.00
Cheque no 007496		
162.4.7 DCC	Skate Park SLA	£5,290.42
Cheque no 007497		

162.4.8 DCC Cheque no 007498	Grass Cutting charge SLA	£1,579.44
162.4.9 DCC Cheque no 007499	Christmas lights up & down	£13,092.00
162.4.10 JTM Signs Cheque no 007500	Road Closure – St Davids day	£624.00

162.5 Grant Aid agreed by the town councillors:

- 162.5.1 Cynnig S137 £1,000.
Cheque no 007502
- 162.5.2 Menter Iaith S145 £1,650.
Cheque no 007501

162.6 Grant aid post 6 month update:

- 6.6.1 St Kentigern – noted.
- 6.6.2 Hope House – noted.

162.7 Quotations:

- 6.7.1 Bodfari Environmental – Dr EP Garden - Agreed

163 Planning.

- 163.1 01/2022/0008
The Gliding Field, Lleweni Parc, Mold Road, Denbigh
Lawful development certificate for the continued siting of a static caravan unit for use as an office, ancillary to the use of the land as a gliding club airfield.

The councillors were advised that a decision had already been made on the application.

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- 163.2 01/2022/0098
73 Trewen, Denbigh
Demolition of detached garage and conservatory to dwelling. Erection of single storey side and rear extensions and associated works - **no objections were raised**

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- 163.3 01/2022/0099
The Glyn, Lleweni Parc, Mold Road, Denbigh
Lawful development certificate for the proposed use of an existing lodge as a licensed wedding venue.

The councillors were advised that a decision had already been made on this application.

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- 163.4 01/2022/0122
Llys Y Coed, Ystrad Road, Denbigh
Removal of one Horse Chestnut and works to one Oak Tree subject to former Denbighshire County Council Tree Preservation Order no 9 (1950). Felling of one Horse

Chestnut and works to one Oak tree subject to Former Denbighshire County Council Tree preservation order no 9 1950.

No objections were raised

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163.5 01/2022/0125

Pen Y Bryn, 56 Henllan Street, Denbigh

Development of 0.11 Ha of land by the demolition of existing dwellings and the erection of 6 dwellings (outline application including assess, layout and scale)

The following objections were raised on this application:

Planning need to liaise with local residents concerns.

The location is too small for so many properties.

Insufficient parking at the location – will cause additional parking issues for local residents.

The planned build is on a flood risk zone.

NWP have raised concerns regarding the boundary – does not conform to crime prevention.

Gardens are very small for family homes.

With the removal of the Cycle shop – losing another local landmark.

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163.6 01/2022/0132

40 Vale Street, Denbigh

Replacement windows to dwelling.

No objections were raised

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163.7 01/2022/0133

40 Vale Street, Denbigh

Internal and external alterations to dwelling, including alterations to internal layout and replacement windows (listed building application). #

No objections were raised, however, the town councillors would like it noted: Very difficult to comment as the details displayed on the planning portal are not clear on the internal changes. Insufficient information to make an informed decision.

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163.8 01/2022/0135

Llys Y Coed, Ystrad Road, Denbigh

Internal alterations to existing dwelling (listed building application).

No objections were raised.

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163.9 01/2022/0202
26 Y Weirglodd, Denbigh
Erection of extension to side of dwelling.

No objections were raised.

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163.10 01/2022/0235
Goblin Farm, Ystrad Road, Denbigh
Conversion and extension of existing rural building to form a holiday accommodation unit,
installation of a package treatment plant and associated works.

No objections were raised, however the town councillors would like it noted that if the development goes ahead that traffic management needs to be at the location. It is already a very busy corner with traffic/pedestrians and farm vehicles. Safety is paramount.

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164 Mayor's update – see report. Noted.

165 Reports by County Councillors appertaining ONLY to Denbigh. Cllr Glenn Swingler advised that the developers of Lodge Farm and Ysgol Pendref will be taken to appeal. Cllr Rhys Thomas advised Poor quality housing being built in Denbigh. Development of the Quarry on hold. Street enforcement team are finding it difficult getting CCTV of dogs fouling. The Police and Arrive Alive will be in Denbigh and The Green over the next couple of weeks as a result of complaints by residents of speeding traffic.

166 Other Meetings attended by town councillors.

Cllr Rhys Thomas – Business Group Meeting
Cllr Roy Tickle – Walled Towns
Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle – Cynnig Activities
Cllr Pauline Edwards – Mair Jones/Mentoring Renew Wales

167 Remuneration allowance for Mayor/Deputy Mayor 2022/2023 & Cllr £500.

The town councillors agreed to the following remuneration payments for this financial year 2022/23:

Determination 50 – Mayors allowance, increased to £1,500
Determination 51 – Deputy Mayor's allowance, increased to £500
Determination 45 – Senior role – the town councillors agreed not to allocate this payment in the next financial year.

168 Approve Documents:

The quotation list was circulated and agreed by the town councillors

A 5 year plan needs to be created by the town councillors – deferred until another meeting.

169 Bethan – Civic and Events assistant – 6 month probation completed. A salary increment is due in April (to be authorised) The town clerk confirmed that Bethan Webber had completed her 6 month probation. Jenny welcomed Bethan to the team. Bethan is due a salary increment on passing her probation as of April 2022. This was agreed by the town councillors.

170 The National Association of Local Councils has been informed that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2021. (backdated) (to be authorised) The town clerk advised the town councillors that NALC had agreed a salary increase to staff, wef 01.04.2021.

The town councillors agreed to the backdated salary increase.

171 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Remuneration 49 – attendance. The town councillors agreed not to allow this payment to be made for the financial year 2022 -23.

Remuneration 46 – travel, this was agreed by the town councillors

The chairman closed the meeting at 20.18 pm.

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....