

Minutes of the Denbigh Town Council Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd June 2025, 6.30pm via Hybrid.

Present: Face to Face Councillor's: Jan Tomlinson, Pauline Edwards, Alyn Ashworth, Philip Stevens, Sylvia Jennings, Sioned Garrod, Matthew Jones, Simon Harding, Rob Davies and Ruth Griffiths. Jo Davies (Interim Office Manager)

Zoom: Cllr Lara Pritchard

Members of the Public: None

30 Apologies for absence: Cllrs, Gaynor Wood-Tickle, Roy Tickle and Andrew Hine

31 Declaration of Personal/Prejudicial Interest

Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at this meeting:

Name	Item No	Personal/Prejudicial
P E	26.2	Personal

32 Confirmation of Minutes (Part 1 only)

32.1 Full Council - Wednesday 21st May 2025 (part 1.) – Confirmed & Accepted

33 Urgent business under Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972: Noted

Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 allows for the consideration of urgent business at meetings of a council or its committees. This can happen when the meeting's chair believes the item is urgent due to special circumstances. The reason for the urgency must be recorded in the meeting's minutes. – To be discussed in Part 2

34 Matters Arising

24.1 Civic Allowance – It was discussed in great detail that the Civic allowance had been reduced over a long period of time and was no longer viable as the cost of goods increases. JD gave a breakdown of expenditure for 2024 and so far for 2025. On this basis it was proposed by Cllr SH to increase the budget for Civic events for the entire Mayoral year to £1500.00. This was seconded by Cllr MJ and was accepted and agreed by full council.

Cllr PE left the room at 18:38

Cllr LP joined via Zoom at 18:39

34.2 Deputy Mayors Chain – It was proposed by Cllr JT and seconded by Cllr MJ that JD should contact Fattorini's to look into costings for either a new Deputy Mayors chain, or adaptations that can be made to the Deputy Mayoress Chain that would better suit. This was

due to current issues with the current Deputy Mayors Chain of office. This was agreed and accepted by all.

Cllr PE re-entered the room at 18:44

34.3 Destination Denbighshire Tourism Partnership – It was agreed and accepted that Cllr Alyn Ashworth would touch base with the group and update Town Council as he is currently on the committee.

35 Environment & Finance Meeting update

35.1 Payments authorised on 16.06.2025 – **Agreed & Accepted**

35.2 Grant Aids authorised on 16.06.2025 – **Agreed & Accepted**

35.3 Denbigh uniform Exchange Grant Aid – **Deferred**

35.4 It was discussed by all Councillors that Standing Orders must be reviewed in order to scrutinise information regarding the Environment and Finance meeting and what decisions should be made with regards to finance – **Agreed & Accepted**

A discussion took place regarding the grant aid application from Denbigh Uniform Exchange, as the requested documentation—namely bank statements or transaction records—had not yet been received. Councillor S.G. raised strongly her belief that the decisions made were personal against CEJ and was vexed about it.

Members of the Council reiterated their full support for the aims and work of the Uniform Exchange; however, in the absence of the necessary financial information, it was agreed that the grant could not be awarded at this time. The matter will be deferred until the requested documentation has been submitted.

Councillor S.G. stated that she would like to withdraw her outburst and understood why due diligence was needed for all applicants, Cllr SG also requested that her apology for the manner in which she expressed her concerns be formally noted.

It was further suggested by Councillors J.T. and P.S. that the recent Denbigh Show grant application be used as a model for future submissions, outlining both the content expected on the application form and any supporting documentation that may aid the success of an application.

36 Future meeting dates – Meeting Dates for July 2025 have been agreed and published. Further meeting dates will be agreed for August. – **Noted**

37 Correspondence received:

37.1 Email from KH - Darganfod Dinbych – It was agreed that Jo Davies would find out the host of the Visit Denbigh Website and liaise with Town Council regarding the best form of action. Once decided, JD will inform KH regarding this.

37.2 Letter from RM - Twinning Association – **Noted with thanks**

37.3 Email from MJ - Denbigh Community Archive – **Noted**

37.4 Email from (DCC) - Public Toilets – **Noted**

37.5 Email from LW - Denbigh Men's shed – **Retracted**

38 Mayor's update –

- 38.1** The Mayor, is still incredibly busy but noted that with an amazing team of Councillors and staff that we have and are making headway and showcasing the Council as it should be, the strong united council that we are for the benefit of our much loved town and citizens.
- 38.2** The Mayors Civic Sunday has been arranged for the 12th October at St Mary's Church. Denbigh Male Voice choir will be performing and catering is in hand. The order of service will be complete on the return of JD
- 38.3** The Mayor continued to state that Thank you didn't seem to suffice but wanted to thank all of the Town council for all they do to make our Council great.

39 Other Meetings attended by town councillors –

- 39.1** Cllr PE attended and assisted with the greeting card competition by Dementia Awareness. It was a wonderful day and everyone worked so hard. Cllr PE assisted in choosing the winners and handed out competition prizes. The winning pictures will now be turned into greetings cards to raise money for the "Forget me not" charity.
- 39.2** Cllr PE Attended the Bowls match here in Denbigh between Denbigh & Cumbria, showcasing how well Denbigh Bowls team, have done in the sport. This was a great achievement for Denbigh Bowls Club and Denbigh.

40 Update from County Councillor PE–

- 41.1 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme** - will result in some Denbigh roads having work done during 25/26. Some of the work will be funded by Welsh Government, some by DCC.Town Centre, Ruthin Road, Smithfield Road, and Bottom of Vale Street.
- 41.2 Quarry appeal** - is going ahead first week in August – appeal will take place in Town Hall.
- 41.3 The old Cinema** – Cllr P.E believes this has been sold – unsure of the plans.

- *42 Confirm part 2 minutes –21st May 2025 Full Council Meeting – Agreed & Accepted**
- *43 Museum Update – Noted**
- *44 Town Hall – Noted**

*** Due to the confidential nature of the business of this agenda item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) it is proposed to put forward a motion to exclude members of the public during discussion of this agenda item.**

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The Chair closed the meeting at 19:53

Signed.....

Date.....