

Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 24th November 2014 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

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

Apologies: Cllr Shereen Devine.

Observing: County Councillor Gwyneth Kensler.

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

139. Presentation by Lynn Wilson on Social Enterprise at the Carriage Works. The chairman welcomed Lynn Wilson Veronica The chairman invited Lynn Wilson to address the meeting.

Cllr Rob Parkes declared an interest as he was a director of the Enterprise.

Lynn Wilson opened the presentation by saying that she was seeking support for what was happening at the Carriage Works. The enterprise was a community interest company, and a not for profit company and of benefit for the community. It involved arts and crafts which had a role to play in the local economy. Having established a shop in Mount Pleasant Denbigh a response was found in the town for locally crafted goods and people coming into the shop for a chat. There were lively and dynamic artisans in the town. The premises in Mount Pleasant became too small and a germ of an idea developed for social enterprise and the need for larger premises – hence the Carriage Works in Love Lane. The building offers retail space on the ground floor with restaurant / eating facilities on the 1st floor. The enterprise is registered with benefit to the community. Discussions taking place with DCC Social Services, Age Connect, Stroke Association and Mind and was also working with Hwb Dinbych.

Lynn Wilson then responded to questions and comments from members on (1) Publicity for the venture, (2) Cost of refurbishment, funding and grants, (3) Timescale. All members present wished the venture every success.

The chairman thanked Lynn Wilson for her attendance and presentation and hoped that the scheme would be a success in Denbigh.

Arrangement to be made for members to visit the premises.

140. Urgent Matters: There were none.

141. Declaration of Personal Interest: The following declarations were received:

- (1) Cllr Raymond Bartley – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (2) Cllr Colin Hughes - all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (3) Cllr Geraint Williams – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (4) Cllr Medwyn Williams – agenda item 9(2) – Grant aid –Thomas Gee and Wireless in Wales.
- (5) Cllr Raymond Bartley – agenda item 9(2) - Grant aid – Cymdeithas Gymraeg and St. Kentigern.
- (6) Cllr Colin Hughes – agenda item 9(2) – Grant aid – St. Kentigern
- (7) Cllr Rob Parkes – agenda item 9(2) – Grant aid – North Wales Deaf Association.
- (8) Cllr Colin L Hughes – agenda item 9(2) – Grant aid – Wireless in Wales

142. The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 27th October 2014, the Minutes of the Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committees Meeting held on the 10th November 2014 and the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on the 17th November 2014 were received.

143 Matters Arising: 27.10.14: (1) Minute no 116(2) – Howell School. The town clerk in reply stated that he understood that the American based company was no longer interested in the site. **10.11.14:** (2) Minute 134 (1) – Brookhouse Hill on the Old Ruthin Road. Cllr Bartley reported that the pavement had been cleared.

144. Mayor's Report: The Mayor's written report was accepted.

145. Letters, E-mails and Notices: 1. It was agreed that two items of correspondence be noted.

2. It was further agreed that the following be noted and actioned accordingly:

(1) Castle Link Project – it was agreed that in addition to the Mayor, Cllr Gaynor Morgan Rees to represent the town council at the celebration of the completion of this project on Friday 28th November 2015.

(2) The correspondence from the Urdd was referred to the grant aid sub committee.

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

- (1) Pen y Cae, Lenten Pool
- (2) Bryn Hyfryd, Rhyl Road
- (3) 43, Crud y Castell

2. Other planning matters: (1) The four planning certificates received were noted.

147 Minutes / Reports of council sub committees: (1) ICT. The minutes of a recent meeting were received and considered. Cllr Geraint Williams reported that DCC was still looking at CCTV and that a task and finish group was looking at external funding. It was agreed that no decision be made at the moment. Comment was made as to the affordability of control costs and the need to ensure that the system being used was the best available. It was **Resolved** (unanimously) **that the council should write to Graham Boase at DCC asking that the council be updated on CCTV developments.**

(2) Grant Aid: The minutes of a recent meeting were considered. Each recommendation on applications received contained in the minutes was considered and approved as follows:

- (1) North Wales Deaf Association - £100 (S.137)(cheque no.005497)
- (2) Denbigh Rotary Club - £500 (S.137)(cheque no.005498)
- (3) Cymdeithas Gymraeg Dinbych - £250 (S.145)(cheque no.005499)
- (4) Denbighshire Care and Repair - £300 (S.137)(cheque no.005400)
- (5) Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2015 - £250 (S.145)(cheque no.005501)
- (6) Bobath Cymru - £100 (S.137)(cheque no.005502)
- (7) Llangollen International Eisteddfod - £100 (S.145)(cheque no.005503)
- (8) Cadwyn Clwyd - £500 (S.137)(cheque no.005504)
- (9) St Kentigern - £1,200 (S.137)(cheque no.005506)
- (10) Pwyllgor Dathlu Geni Thomas Gee - £500 (S.137)(cheque no.005507)
- (11) Theatr Bara Caws - £200 (S.145)(cheque no. 005508)
- (12) The application received from Denbigh Round Table was deferred pending receipt of further information and balance sheet / accounts.
- (13) The application from Wireless in Wales was deferred for other quotations for the work outlined to be submitted.

148. Reports: (1) NWWTFC. The town gave a short verbal report on a recent meeting which included the AGM. Cllrs Colin Hughes and Geraint Williams also added to the report. It was



agreed that the minutes of both the AGM and the quarterly meeting be circulated to members for information. It was agreed that the link marketing group should look at ways of promoting the link at events.

(2) Thomas Gee. The town clerk gave a short verbal report on the plans for a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Gee. A weekend of celebration between 23rd and 25th January 2015. A lecture on Friday evening 23rd. An exhibition at the Museum on Saturday 24th and a Special service at Capel Mawr on Sunday 25th at 10am followed by a Gymanfa Ganu in the evening at 6pm. The exhibition to be opened by Dr Dorothy Gee from Vancouver.

(3) A55 Signage. The town clerk gave a brief verbal report on a recent meeting. The Minister, Ken Skates AM, was supportive in principle. Further discussions to take place with Welsh Government officials. Possibly some degree of rewording of the original application would be required. There was movement in the right direction. A ball park figure of £80,000 for two signs. Further direction signs would be required once off the A55. Some funding was available from Welsh Government. Visit Wales to be invited to meet with the group.

At this stage Cllr Philip Stevens left the meeting at 7.40pm

(4) Ysgol Pendref. Cllr Roy Tickle reported on a recent meeting of the Governors. The annual report was discussed – everything was on the up and up and favourable at the school.

(5) Ysgol Twm o'r Nant. Cllr Medwyn Williams reported that the Governors had undertaken training on Finance formula for schools which was of benefit to the governors.

(6) Denbigh Museum. Cllr Mark Young reported that all was well at the museum and moving forward slowly.

(7) St Brigid's School. Cllr Geraint Williams reported that the school was celebrating its 75th anniversary. New pre-owned porta cabins obtained to replace the existing ones. More classroom space had been made available as a result of removing the residential facilities.

(8) Ysgol y Parc. Cllr Rob Parkes reported that a new chairman of Governors had been appointed.

(9) Cllr Rob Parkes reported that he had attended the recent public meeting held in the town on the 13th November. The meeting was an interesting one chaired by Cllr Gwyneth Kensler. Those attending were reasonably behaved. The meeting had come to the conclusion that the police could only do what was within its remit. The Local MP to be contacted regarding a change in the law.

There were no other reports.

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

1. Cllr Geraint Williams reported that the Middle Lane site was on the market and up for sale as residential. Following short discussion it was agreed that the town council should approach the trustees emphasising the need for affordable housing on the site.
2. Cllr Raymond Bartley reported: (1) The renovation of the High School wall in Clwyd Avenue was on hold whilst sewage problems were being sorted. (2) Speeding in the Green was a problem. Speed checks taking place and camera signs to be erected.



3. Cllr Colin Hughes reported: (1) Speeding upper end of Henllan Street a problem and also on Lôn Llewelyn. (2) The recent tragic accident at Pen Cae Du Crossroads – a campaign had been launched – the town council should also be involved.
4. Cllr Gwyneth Kensler (1) Sought the support of the town council to have the weather vane located on the former Grammar School building in Middle Lane to be removed for safe keeping. The town council agreed and that the trust be written to. (2) Requested the town council to look at signage in Mold town centre referring to St Asaph but not Denbigh.

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

(1)	Sandra Williams – translation service 13/10 & 27/10 (Cheque no. 005490)	-	£260.40
(2)	Cadwyn Clwyd – match funding re tour guides (Minute 99(2)(4) refers) (Cheque no. 005491)	-	£445.00
(3)	BT – phone bill (Cheque no. 005492)	-	£172.21
(4)	Catalyst Systems – off site secure data storage (October) (Cheque no. 005493)	-	£8.22
(5)	Town Clerk - travelling expenses (Caernarfon)(to be shared with Cllr Colin Hughes as two cars were involved) (Cheque no. 005494)	-	£41.94
(6)	Zen Internet – ADSL provision (December) (Cheque no. 005495)	-	£18.37
(7)	Dŵr Cymru – Dr E P Garden (Cheque no. 005496)	-	£417.00
(8)	E Martin – locking and opening Dr E P Garden gate (Cheque no. 005509)	-	£60.00


Total payments: £1,423.14

- 2 Any other Financial Matters: (1) The receipt of £575 from Lidl re sponsorship of a litter bin at the Dr Evan Pierce Memorial Garden was noted.
(2) SLCC the 2015 local government pay agreement was noted and agreed that the agreement be implemented.
(3) It was agreed that the town clerk's confidential report regarding possible savings on the council budget be dealt with under Part 2.

151. DCC Budget Proposals. The meeting considered the draft response as prepared by the town clerk following the meeting on the 10th November. Comment was made that the draft was complete and that it be submitted to DCC. It was **Resolved that the response be approved and submitted.**

At this stage the meeting moved to Part 2

Following the completion of the business under Part 2 and there being no further business the meeting closed at 8.42pm.

Signed: (chairman)

Date: 