

Minutes of a meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Monday 25th July 2016 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

Present: Councillors Roy Tickle (Deputy Chairman), Raymond Bartley, Colin Hughes, Colin L Hughes, Mark Young, Gaynor Wood-Tickle, Catherine Jones, Marilyn Jones, Alyn Ashworth, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Brian Davies, Philip Stevens; and Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr Margaret Bowe (Chairman), Robert Parkes & Medwyn Williams.

The Deputy Chairman welcomed everyone to the July full council meeting.

44. Urgent Matters: There were none

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

- (1) Cllr Raymond Bartley – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council and any Planning matters - personal.
- (2) Cllr Colin Hughes – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (3) Cllr Mark Young – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.

46. The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 27rd June 2016 were received and approved.

47. The Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on the 12th July were received and approved.

48. Matters arising: None

49. Mayor's Report: A report was received from Cllr Margaret Bowe on her current appointments which were noted.

50. Letters, E-mails and Notices: 1. It was agreed that the following items of correspondence be noted and actioned accordingly:

- (1) E-mail – Education Fund for Denbigh and surrounding area event 12/09/16. Cllr Catherine Jones & Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk) will attend the event.
- (2) E-mail – Improving Services for our Communities.
- (3) E-mail – Tax forum – Welsh devolved taxes from April 2018.
- (4) E-mail – Consultation, supplementary planning guidance.
- (5) E-mail – reply from trading standards regarding traders at our Fireworks display.
- (6) E-mail – iBeacon Network Project.
- (7) E-mail – Community information, Breast test Wales.
- (8) E-mail – Ruthin Visionaires Social Club.
- (9) E-mail – Population assessment.
- (10) E-mail – Ruthin & Denbigh Youth Service May newsletter.
- (11) E-mail – Fairtrade Towns renewal action plan.
Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk) confirmed that she will liaise with Cannon Philip Williams on this matter.
- (12) E-mail – Fly a flag for the Commonwealth 13/03/17.

The Clerk was requested to contact Eleri Woolford at Denbighshire County Council to see if a spare Commonwealth flag was available for the authority, if one was not available, the clerk is to order a flag ready for the event.

- (13) E-mail- Grants newsletter June 2016.
- (14) E-mail- Dementia supportive communities 28/07/17.
- (15) E-mail – North Wales CHANTS update.
- (16) Letter received from G Lloyd Jones & Co – Deed of variation, lease of Denbigh Museum.
- (17) E-mail – Ben Wilcox-Jones in respect of the Lenten Pool roundabout.
- (18) Letter received – North & Mid Wales Association of Councils – Local Government re-organisation and Boundary Changes. Responses by 30/09/16. It was agreed to defer completing this assessment until the special meeting to be arranged in August.
- (19) E-mail – consent required for work to be completed 82 Vale Street – scaffold required in Dr E P gardens.
- (20) Letter of thanks received from The Denbigh Show.
- (21) E-mail of thanks from Denbigh gymnastics club.
- (22) E-mail – RED telephone open call poster

51. Planning:

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

- (1) **01/2016/0684** Beech Mews, 71 Vale Street, Denbigh – Change of use from 2 flats into 1 dwelling (partly retrospective).
- (2) **01/2016/0714** Goblin Farm, Ystrad Road, Denbigh – Change of use of agricultural buildings and land to form DIY livery yard and formation of menage / winter turn area and associated works.

- 52. Council Committee Minutes.** (1) The minutes of the Environment and Finance Committee held on the 18th July 2016 were noted.
(2) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 19th July 2016 were noted.

53. Minutes / Reports of council sub committees. None

54. Reports:

- (1) WW1 Commemoration Group. Meeting on the 14th July was cancelled due to lack of attendees. Next meeting to be held on Thursday 1st September.
- (2) Tour of Britain – Meeting held on 25th for local businesses. Denbighshire will be promoting the event at the Denbigh and Flint show 18/08/16. Cllr Raymond Bartley requested that the clerk contact Jamie Groves for details of activities/events taking place at the town hall and on top of town during the day.
- (3) Standing Orders Working Group – Cllr Alyn Ashworth gave an update. The revised details have been put on a working document that will be presented to full council once completed for approval. The town clerk has a copy of the document which can be viewed by the councillors at any time.
- (4). Councillor Gaynor Wood-Tickle advised that she and Councillor Roy Tickle attended the Ruthin Civic Sunday on the 17th July, a good day was had by all.
- (5) St Thomas Day & John Evans Charities – The clerk advised that she had attended a meeting with Cllr Raymond Bartley on Monday 11th July. The finances of both charities were

discussed at the meeting and a decision made for their future. Once the accounts have been updated with revised appointment of bankers, then the money can be distributed. There are terms of conditions dating back to 1926 which confirms the % that needs to be allocated to each organisation within the trust, any monies left over will be amalgamated with the Freeman Evans Trust. Cllr Raymond Bartley also confirmed the Chapel's within the trust are Brwcws, Llanrhaeadr and Fron.

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

Cllr Colin Hughes: Advised that there had been several complaints regarding the resurfacing of the Denbighshire county council car park at Caledfryn. The clerk advised that an email had been received on the 25th from Graham Boase with regard to previous FOI enquiries – the clerk will circulate the email to the councillors.

Cllr Mark Young: a) Advised that he had seen a presentation regarding the new redevelopment at the middle Lane site, Denbigh. b) Had received several issues concerning grass cutting at the Ystrad Road cemetery. c) Refurbishment works will start in October at the Denbigh Leisure Centre. d) An extra refuse bin has been requested on Whitchurch Road. e) Identification will be required by residents visiting the recycling centre starting 01/08/16.

Cllr Raymond Bartley: a) Middle Lane development – There is a Community Endowment fund. All buildings at the site will be demolished other than the tower. There will be open days scheduled to keep residents informed and updated. There is an issue with access, a decision has been made to gain access through the wall by Frongoch. Grwp Cynefin are also looking at relocating Popty from Ruthin to the new site at Denbigh. Planning will be applied for in the autumn with a start date for the works in the summer of 2017. There is a lot of investment in the project. Cllr Bartley suggested that Rhys Davis from Grwp Cynefin attend a special meeting of the town council where by a presentation can be given to the councillors. It was requested that the clerk contact Grwp Cynefin to make arrangements for the presentation. b) Update for last month, neighbourhood watch, there is still no list available regarding the volunteers. c) Cemetery – the grass cutting is now being completed in house by Denbighshire to a satisfactory level. It is a lot better than other locations. Any damage made to headstones are dealt with efficiently, they are doing their best and take pride in what they do. Denbighshire will look at new contractors in the new financial year. d) Peter Daniels of Denbighshire County Council transport department and team have worked miracles in restoring the no 66 bus route – the service is now nearly back to normal. Andy Clark will be taking over from Brian Evans on his retirement. e) Kwik Save development – some ground works have started. Liberty will start in September. f) Denbighshire have a list of hot spots for dog fouling. There is no hot spot for Ystrad or Brookhouse despite there being an issue. Everyone must contact the customer service department of Denbighshire county council to report dog fouling issues so that the issue is highlighted.

Cllr Philip Stevens expressed his dissatisfaction that the Frongoch site was being demolished despite a lot of hard work by our retired town clerk, Mr Medwyn Jones, to retain some buildings. Unfortunately they did not have listed building status. Cllr Raymond Bartley did advise that the stone removed from the building would be reused at the site.

56. Accounts:

(a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

1) G Lloyd Jones & Co – Deed of variation, Denbigh Museum (Cheque no 005948)	-	£720.00
2) Sion Aled Owen – Translation service 19/07/16 (Cheque no 005949)	-	£80.65

3) Mr E Martin, Locking & Litter picking Dr Evan Memorial garden 24/06/16 – 24/07/16 (Cheque no 005950)	-	£60.00
4) Zen International Ltd – Monthly charge (11/08/16 – 10/09/16) (Cheque no 005951)	-	£18.37
5) Walled Town Friendship Circle – Annual Contribution (Cheque no 005952)	-	£400.00
6) Sodexo – Grounds maintenance Dr EP 01/07/16 – 31/07/16 (Cheque no 005953)	-	£605.88
7) Grant aid – Denbigh plum Festival (Cheque no 005964)	-	£1,500.00

Total payments: **£3,384.90**

(b) Any other financial matter: Free parking has been granted for the Tour of Britain by Denbighshire County Council – this date is in addition to the 5 allocated dates received by the Town Council.

- 57. Parking in Denbigh** – Cllr Raymond Bartley advised that there is still no budget settlement from the Welsh Government for Denbighshire for the coming financial year. Denbighshire need to cut a further £5m, each year, for the next 3 financial years. It is good that Denbighshire have changed the status of the Factory Ward car park to long stay, with no parking permit holders permitted. However disabled permit holders can park. After much discussion it was agreed to request further information from Graham Boase relating to changing the Vale Street car park charge. £1 for 2 hours. As timescales to implement the changes are tight it was also unanimously decided that if the amount from 1st September to 31st March came back under £4K then the clerk could contact Graham Boase directly to accept the terms. Cllr Colin Hughes wanted to make sure that the Town Council's finances were not being reduced too drastically by making this additional payment as it has not been budgeted for. The clerk has been requested to find out what the lever in reserve should be by the September full council meeting.
- 58. Christmas Lighting** – The town clerk advised that it would prove very costly for a new electric box to be fitted at the Old Vaults, High Street, Denbigh for Christmas lights to be fitted. A quotation has been received for £250 for the installation of the electric box together with an additional £280 for traffic management fees. The Town council were advised by the clerk that each time the bunting and lights needed putting up or down there would be an additional fee of £280 for the traffic management due to the location of the catenary wire. The councillors unanimously agreed that it was far too costly for the electric box to be erected as well as the traffic management costs. It was agreed for the clerk to contact Craig Wilson with this information, however it was decided to continue with putting up the bolts & brackets at the locations where the catenary wire will not be erected incase they would be required at a later date.
- 59. Buntings** – Craig Wilson from Denbighshire County Council advised that the cost of putting up and taking down of the buntings would be increased next year. The charges reflect the fact that an electrician salary was being charged for this service. The councillors agreed that it would be more cost effective for another contractor to put up & down the buntings. Other towns have used the Fire Service, this will be something that needs looking into next year.
- 60. Denbigh Coach Park** – Cllr Raymond Bartley advised that the query regarding the Denbigh Coach Park was raised recently at the Denbighshire county council MAGS group. Denbigh

lost its coach park in 2007. There was a planning condition with Denbighshire for £100K at the time but the funds have since been absorbed into other projects. There is no other site available in Denbigh and also no money available. County Cllr Gwyneth Kensler is to discuss options available with Denbighshire which they will consider. Cllr Brian Davies highlighted a potential issue with the location, the car park's suitability for buses as the tarmac was for a playground and not to sustain the heavy weight of a bus. This need to be investigated. The Town Council are supportive however there will be no financial assistance.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.16 pm.

Signed:.....(chairman)

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