CYNGOR TREF RHUTHUN
RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held
on Monday, 7 February 2022 at 7:30pm as a Hybrid meeting
(in The Old Courthouse and via Zoom.)

PRESENT: Councillors Menna Jones (Chair), Anne Roberts, Mike van der Eijk, Jim Bryan, Heather Williams, Christine Ellis, Rachel Lewington and Gavin Harris

Also in attendance: Siân Clark – Town Clerk, Kate Harcus – Deputy Town Clerk and Marian Rees - Translator

Councillor Menna Jones welcomed all to the first hybrid meeting of the Amenities Committee.

91. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Councillor Stephen Beach.

92. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

93. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
RESOLVED*: that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 10 January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.*

94. MATTERS ARISING
None

95. PUBLIC BENCHES

Members were advised that a proposal for a memorial bench located in an appropriate position close to the bridge on the Northern Link Road was forthcoming. The bench, to be gifted by Jones Bros, would be dedicated to the late Mr Mike Roberts, a resident of Ruthin and an employee of Jones Bros for many years, who had worked on the construction of the Link Road. Members were advised that, given that the issuing of the benches license from Denbighshire County Council was outstanding, and subject to the agreement of the Committee, the request for the memorial bench could be added to the license details. The final location of the memorial bench would need to be agreed through the appropriate channels. It was confirmed that once the memorial bench was in place it would be maintained by the Town Council and added to the asset register.
RESOLVED*: to support the placement of a memorial bench at an appropriately agreed location alongside the Northern Link Road.*

96. TENDERING PROCESS
An update was provided on the tendering process for grass maintenance, hanging baskets and watering. The Chairman and the Clerk had considered the formal documentation and updated as appropriate. The tendering documents would be sent to appropriate companies seeking quotes for the works to be undertaken.
RESOLVED*: the update on the tendering process was noted.*

97. TIDY TOWN

Members considered and agreed a monthly timetable for litter picking in the town. A relaunch event would be held on Saturday 27 February 2022 with litter picking events taking place on the last Saturday of the month. Events supported by other organisations, such as Incredible Edible's plant swop and Friends of the Earth events could also link into the litter picking dates. Members were keen to increase the involvement of the town's schools and young people in the events.
RESOLVED*: that a relaunch Tidy Town event be held on Saturday 27 February 2022 with litter picking events taking place on the last Saturday of the month.*

98. PATHWAY ALONG THE A525 – RUTHIN TO LLANFAIR

A response from Tony Ward Head of Highways and Environmental Services at Denbighshire County Council regarding the pathway along the A525 from Ruthin to Llanfair DC had been received and circulated to Members. It was noted from Mr Ward's response that a potential Active Travel Scheme had been ruled out, at least for the medium term and that works to deal with the overgrown parts of the footway, which would widen the path, would be delivered within six weeks. Following the works, the footway would be inspected and further repairs may be required.

Whilst noting the response, Committee Members expressed their desire that connections between the town and neighbouring villages were improved, not least as many outlying areas were growing communities. It was agreed that the Clerk send a response to Denbighshire County Council (copied to Llanfair DC Community Council) expressing the Town Council's disappointment

RESOLVED*: that the response from Denbighshire County Council be noted and a letter expressing the disappointment of the town Council be sent by the Clerk to Denbighshire County Council (copied to Llanfair DC Community Council).*

99. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED*: that the date of the next meeting will be Monday 7 March 2022 at 7:30pm.*