

LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 15th APRIL 2014

Present: Councillors: R. Lube (Chair), M. Adams, T. Baker, S. Burrell, J. Haddy, M. Mile, P. Thane, and L. Slater. Youth Representatives Ms J. Stallard.

Town Clerk Mr. G. Thomas.

There were 5 members of the public present.

C170/14. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs J. Palombella, M Pugh, C. Tobin, Ms A. Gonzales

C171/14. Declarations of interests.

None.

C172/14. Presentation.

There were no presentations received.

C173/14. Mayors Announcements.

The Town Mayor had attended Denbighshire County Councils Chairman's Charity Dinner at St Asaph, a Civic Dinner at the invitation of the Mayor of Oswestry Chris Schofield and a presentation by the Aqueducts in Trevor. He had also welcomed a party of European children and their Teachers on an exchange visit at Ysgol Y Gwernant and in a separate visit to the two primary schools had presented Archie Bather and Rebecca Smales with named commemorative plates to acknowledge their involvement in the Christmas Festival. On the 27th March the Town Mayor officiated at the Annual Town Meeting. The meeting was followed by presentations from Cllr Sheena Burrell on Cittaslow Llangollen and by Andrea Mearns of Cittaslow Mold on the benefits of Cittaslow membership and its importance in terms of supporting the local economy, environment and social fabric of communities across the world.

C174/14. To receive statements from the public.

There were no statements received from the public.

C175/14. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th March 2014.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the on 18th March 2014, were approved. Proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr P. Thane. All agreed.

C176/14. Minutes of the Planning Committee.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18th February 2014 were received, proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr M. Adams. All agreed.

C177/14. Minutes of the General Purposes Committee.

The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 18th February 2014 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr L. Slater. All agreed

C178/14. Financial Matters.

C178/14/1. Financial Statement.

The financial statement for March were received and noted. Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr. M Pugh. All agreed

C178/14/2. Town Clerks Salary 2014/15

Members agreed to award an incremental salary increase in line with the Town Clerk's Contract of Employment. Proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr. M Mile. All agreed.

C178/14/3 Payments.

The payments detailed below were presented to the meeting.

Town Hall Expenditure

Denbighshire County Council	Cheque 100045	£456.34
Otis	Cheque 100046	£1,185.03
Mr C West	Cheque 100047	£2,741.00
E-on	Direct Debit	£768.14
E-on	Direct Debit	£14.37
E-on	Direct Debit	£252.41
E-on	Direct Debit	£60.33
Arrow County Supplies	Bill Payment	£98.90
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£301.76
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£75.40

Town Council Expenditure

Blachere	Cheque 102541	£1,897.05
DVSC	Cheque 102542	£15.00
Honey Pots	Cheque 102543	£50.00
One Voice Wales	Cheque 102544	£491.00
Scottish Power	Cheque 102545	£87.19
Watkins and Williams	Cheque 102546	£29.97
Sea Jays Restaurant	Cheque 102547	£130.00
Llangollen Kebab & Pizza	Cheque 102548	£130.00
Martin Williams	Cheque 102549	£130.00
CIT Vendor Finance	Direct Debit	£98.40
Denbighshire County Council	Direct Debit	£794.75
Siemens Financial Services	Direct Debit	£644.17
Bates Office Supplies	Bill Payment	£37.80
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£1,143.78
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£545.47

Chain Bridge Project

Ramboll UK Ltd	Cheque 102550	£2,754.00
L Jenner	Cheque 102551	£100.00
Mr D Saunders	Cheque 102552	£260.70
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£66.30

It was proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr P. Thane that the payments be approved. All agreed.

C179/14/3. Donations.

Members consider two requests for support for funding, to cover core operating costs, from Llangollen Citizens Advice Bureau and the Llangollen International Musical Festival. After due consideration of the budget, and the contribution that both organisations make to the community, it was agreed to provide a donation of £1,250.00 to each organisation. The increase in the donation on previous years to Llangollen International Musical Festival was on the proviso that more activities were held in the town centre and that the street decorations remain in place until the food festival latter in the year. Proposed by Cllr P. Thane and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed.

C180/14. Members Reports.

Ms J. Stallard provided a report on a recent visit to the by a number of students from Dinas Bran School to the European Parliament through the Eurosola completion, which included both herself and Ms A. Gonzales. Members receive the report and Cllr S. Burrell congratulated the two Youth Representatives on being successful in the competition. She was impressed with the information provided by Ms Stallard and for the enthusiasm and commitment shown by her, and her fellow students.

C181/14. Notices of Motion.

Cllr R Lube raised concerns that he had received form residents regarding the pedestrian access to the new health centre in response to representations from members of the public. Members discussed the suggested solutions at length. Cllr P. Thane commented that these issues had been raised during consultation on the planning application and the only way an adequate solution could be achieved would involve the compulsory purchase of properties, however this was very unlikely to happen. Cllr T. Baker confirmed that this issue had been raised at the open meeting arranged by Betsi Cadwalader University Health Board (BCUHB) but was dismiss by representatives of the Health Board. Cllr S. Burrell was uncertain that the option to provide two crossing was workable and felt that the introduction of a town "hopper bus" should be a future consideration to ease the problems. Cllr M. Adams was of the opinion that assurances on the site access and moving the speed limit should be sought form BCUHB. Having considered the issues, and given the concerns of Members, it was proposed that officers from BCUHB be invited to address the Town Council with their proposals to resolve the issue of pedestrian access to the new health centre. Proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr T. Baker. All agreed.

C167/14. County Councillors Report.

There were no reports received from County Councillors.

C168/14. Clerks Report.

Having considered a report on the Chain Bridge Project Members agreed to note the work done to date on the project and the new free structure from Ramboll UK. It was further agreed to peruse additional funding opportunities and to place the additional funds secured from Denbighshire County Council in a specific Chain Bridge reserve. Progress on the project would be reviewed upon receipt of the new tenders. Proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr M. Adams. All agreed.

C169/14. Correspondence

A list of correspondence received during the past month was circulated and considered by Members, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 8.00 pm

LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 20th MAY 2014

Present: Councillors: R. Lube (Chair), M. Adams, T. Baker, S. Burrell, J. Haddy, M. Mile, J. Palombella, M Pugh P. Thane, and. Youth Representatives Ms J. Stallard and Ms A. Gonzales

Town Clerk Mr. G. Thomas.

There were eight members of the public present.

C11/15. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs L. Slater and C. Tobin.

C12/15 Declarations of interests.

None.

C13/15. Presentation.

There were no presentations received.

C12/15. Mayors Announcements.

The Town Mayor had attended a performance of the Mikado by the Operatic Society and a hustings event at Dinas Bran School as part of their mock European elections. He had also attended a meeting with the Tidy Towns team and other interested parties to discuss the Tower Road canal bridge project. The Town Mayor reminded Members of the Charity Concert that was being held on the 23rd May in the Town Hall.

C13/15. To receive statements from the public.

A representative of the "Poppy's in the Park" project, which had received funding under the Council's participatory budgeting scheme, explained some of the difficulties that the group had encountered in respect of the garden they had established at the Riverside Park. The group wished to secure the support of the Town Council to expedite the project.

Mr Barnes a resident of Tan Y Plas, Berwyn Street expressed his concern over the speed of vehicles on the stretch of road from the Old Brewery to the traffic lights. He asked if the Town Council could make representations on behalf of the residents to the appropriate authority on this matter.

C14/15. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th April 2014.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the on 15th April 2014, were approved subject to a minor amendment. Proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr J. Haddy. All agreed.

C16/15. Minutes of the Planning Committee.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18th March 2014 were received, proposed by Cllr P. Thane and seconded by Cllr M. Adams. All agreed.

C17/15. Minutes of the General Purposes Committee.

The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 18th March 2014 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr S. Burrell. All agreed

C18/15. Financial Matters.

C18/15/1. Financial Statement.

The financial statement for March were received and noted. Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr. J. Palombella. All agreed

C18/15/2. Payments.

The payments detailed below were presented to the meeting.

Town Hall Expenditure		
E-on	Direct Debit	£574.00
E-on	Direct Debit	£127.06
E-on	Direct Debit	£232.78
E-on	Direct Debit	£66.58
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£416.64
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£104.20
Town Council Expenditure		
Zurich Municipal	Cheque 102555	£2,967.09
Bates Office Supplies	Bill Payment	£78.86
Midshire	Bill Payment	£189.18
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£1,143.58
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£22.97
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£545.67
British Telecom	Direct Debit	£113.40
Denbighshire County Council	Direct Debit	£792.00
Public Works Loan Board	Direct Debit	£6,243.77
Chain Bridge Project		
Ramboll UK Ltd	Cheque 102556	£2,754.00
RDW Exhibitions	Cheque 102557	£512.40
Cymdeithas y Cwm	Cheque 102558	£25.00

It was proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr P. Thane that the payments be approved. All agreed.

C18/15/3 Allocation of reserves 2014/15.

Members consider a report on the allocation of reserves for the 2014/15 financial year which recommended that:-

- a) £15,000 is transferred from Town Council General Account to the Chain Bridge reserve in line with the previous resolution of the Council
- b) £10,000 is transferred from Town Council General Account to the General reserve.
- c) £5,000 is transferred from Town Hall Account to the Town Hall reserve.

It was proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr M. Adams that the report and recommendations be accepted. All agreed.

C19/15/3. Members and Youth Representatives Reports.

Ms J. Stallard provided a report on a recent visit to the school by Mr Ken Skates A.M. with regarding the Welsh Baccalaureate. Ms Stallard reported that his intervention had been productive.

C20/15. County Councillors Report.

County Councillor Stuart Davies provided an update on the situation regarding pedestrian access to the new health centre. Being aware of the local concerns Cllr Davies had asked county highways officers to a site meeting to discuss the safety issues. As a result of this meeting a number of solutions have been identified to improve the pedestrian route. These include a number of locations that have been identified where pedestrians will be able to cross

the road in order to avoid the section of Mill Street with no pavement. Each crossing point will consist of dropped kerbs, tactile paving and a 'build-out' created by extending the pavement out to the centre line of the road thereby reducing the distance that pedestrians will need to cross. The "Build-outs" would also create a traffic calming effect, which will reduce speeds and thus further improve pedestrian safety. Surveys would be undertaken to assess the traffic flows on this stretch of road to see if the calming effect would cause any serious congestion problems. Cllr M. Adams suggested that if the results proved that there could be an issue then it may be appropriate to re-run the data assuming a 20 mph speed limit.

In addition Cllr Davies advised the Town Council that there are currently four buses an hour operating between the town centre and the hospital site. Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board has also agreed to provide shelters for passengers using the bus and that the road was sufficiently wide at that point to create a central refuge for pedestrians."

Cllr Davies outlined the situation regarding the bus services to Pengwern. He confirmed that a service had now been safeguarded albeit with the loss of some services mid morning. However, this was due to the funding cuts in Wrexham County Bough Council over which Denbighshire had no control.

Cllr Davies had also contacted Mr Adrian Walls the County Council's Highways Information Manager regarding the obstruction on Ty Brethin lane. Mr Walls had confirmed that the County Council were now confident we had ample evidence that the lane was a public highway, albeit the type of highway designation would still have to be pursued through a legal process. Therefore the County Council needed to resolve the issue of the obstruction of the route by gates. A meeting had been held with the landowner, and the person who erected the gates, where it was proposed that if the locks were removed and the gates kept open the County Council would not pursue their removal unless they were legally challenged for not doing so. This course of action was agreed by all parties. However should the gates become obstruction again, the County Council will have no choice but to remove them.

C21/15. Notices of Motion.

None received.

C22/15. Consultation on new draft Statutory Guidance under Sections 55 to 58 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 concerning access to information about Community and Town Councils.

Members were asked to formulate any response on the consultation document and to forward them to the Town Clerk for incorporation into a response.

C23/15. Clerks Report.

Having considered a report on the replacement of the Chamber furniture, Cllr Adams proposed that a more in depth report on the refurbishment of the Chamber be presented to a future meeting. This proposal was seconded by Cllr J. Haddy. All agreed.

C24/15 Correspondence

A list of correspondence received during the past month was circulated and considered by Members, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 8.25 pm

LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 17th JUNE 2014

Present: Councillors: R. Lube (Chair), M. Adams, T. Baker, S. Burrell, , M. Mile, J. Palombella, M Pugh P. Thane, C. Tobin and. L. Slater.

Town Clerk Mr. G. Thomas.

There were five members of the public present.

C25/15. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs J. Haddy, Ms J. Stallard and Ms A. Gonzales.

C26/15 Declarations of interests.

None.

C27/15. Presentation.

Mr James Dean, Denbighshire County Council, Dee Valley Coordinator, South Denbighshire advised Members on his responsibilities. He explained that the former areas of work know as public realm and highways were now combined under the term Street Scene and operated as one unit. He had 14 staff who covered work such as ground maintenance, street cleansing and reactive highway maintenance. The highway issues were these that could be resolved within two days, otherwise long jobs would be out out to tender. The types of included minor flooding and pot holes. Mr Dean also carried out highways inspections and acted as a Town Monitor which involved liaison with local chambers of trade and businesses and he was responsible for pricing works under £10,000 in value. Members raised a number of questions ranging from street cleaning issues, the condition of a number of local roads and the limitation of pedestrians flow in the town due to obstacles on the pavements. Mr Dean assured Members that he was keeping an eye on the situation on the pavement and was speaking with a number of traders in relation to use of the highway to display goods. He invited comment from the Town Council as to a preferred strategy on this matter. He advised Members to make full use of the Denbighshire County Council's CRM system for inform the County Council of any street scene issues.

C28/15. Mayors Announcements.

The Town Mayors second term of offices started with a visit to the skate park to the unveiling of the Graffiti artwork that the youngsters have done in collaboration with a local artist. The Town Mayors charity concert had be an enjoyable evening and the Town Mayor thanked all the performers and all the people front of house and back stage who were involved for making it such a great evening and everyone who came along to support the event. This had been followed by the Fringe launch evening, a garden party at Nightingale House in Wrexham, a performance of Jekyll and Hyde by Limelight productions in the town hall, the annual fete at Plas Newydd at the invitation of the local Rotarians, and the Inner Wheel and the Civic Service of the new Mayor of Oswestry.

C29/15. To receive statements from the public.

A resident form Ger y Ddol, Abbey Road addressed the meeting. She expressed her concern over the recent application for the development of 6 social housing units with associated access and parking provision on the site of the former Llangollen Community Hospital car park on Abbey Road.

Her main concern was the loss of parking in what was an area of town that had very few off street car parking spaces. The construction of the flats housing units, even though they would

have their own car parking allocation, would make this situation worse. She also expressed concern of the fact that supported accommodation was no longer provided to the residents at Ger y Ddol.

C30/15. Minutes of the Annual meeting held on 20th May 2014.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the on 20th May 2014, were approved subject to a minor amendment. Proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr J. Palombella. All agreed.

C31/15. Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 20th May 2014.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the on 20th May 2014, were approved subject to a minor amendment. Proposed by Cllr M. Pugh and seconded by Cllr J. Palombella. All agreed.

C32/15. Minutes of the Planning Committee.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 15th April 2014 were received, proposed by Cllr J. Palombella and seconded by Cllr C. Tobin. All agreed.

C33/15. Minutes of the General Purposes Committee.

The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 15th April 2014 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr S. Burrell. All agreed

C34/15. Financial Matters.

C34/15/1. Internal Auditors report.

Members consider a report from the internal auditors for 201/14 and noted the comments contained therein. It was proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr J. Palombella that the report and recommendations be accepted and implemented. All agreed.

C34/15/2. Annual return.

Members considered the Annual return for the year ended 31st March 2014. . It was proposed by Cllr J. Palombella and seconded by Cllr M. Adams that Chairman be authorised to sign the statement. All agreed.

C34/15/3. Financial Statement.

The financial statement for June were received and noted. Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr. J. Palombella. All agreed

C34/15/4. Payments.

The payments detailed below were presented to the meeting.

Town Hall Expenditure

E-on	Direct Debit	£353.01
E-on	Direct Debit	£255.05
E-on	Direct Debit	£127.80
Arrow County Supplies	Bill Payment	£141.77
Dyke Engineering	Bill Payment	£180.00
Evans Maintenance	Bill Payment	£252.00
Gillhams	Bill Payment	£103.56
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£323.30
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£80.80
PRS for music	Bill Payment	£439.93

Town Council Expenditure

JDH Business Services Ltd	Cheque 102559	£388.80
P Sweetman (Corwen Garden Services)	Cheque 102560	£100.00
Watkins and Williams	Bill Payment	£50.50
Ivid	Bill Payment	£4,557.60

Midshire	Bill Payment	£47.04
Midshire	Bill Payment	£323.12
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£1,143.58
LTC Staff Expenses	Bill Payment	£62.72
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£545.67
CIT Vendor Finance	Direct Debit	£98.40
Denbighshire County Council	Direct Debit	£792.00
<u>Chain Bridge Project</u>		
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£500.40

It was proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr P. Thane that the payments be approved. All agreed.

C34/15/3. Members and Youth Representatives Reports.

There were no matters consider under this agenda item.

C35/15. County Councillors Report.

County Councillor Stuart Davies provided a further update on the development. He confirmed that Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board would be covering the cost moving the 30 mph limit, street lighting and pedestrian crossings. He reiterated that the site did have the appropriate planning permission but, as in all large development, a number of issues were reserved matters and would be addressed as the project developed.

In addition Cllr Davies advised the Town Council that Denbighshire County Council Road Safety

Officer and North Wales Police were proposing a 40 mph speed limit on the Horseshoe Pass because of the number of accidents in the past. Cllr Davies sought the views of Councillors on the proposal. It was generally felt that 40 mph was too slow and 50 mph would be more appropriate. Members felt that any limit would only be effective if enforcement action was taken to ensure compliance. Cllr Davies noted the comments.

Cllr T. Baker raised a concern of a local resident on Abbey Road in relation to the external appearance of the Dobson's Crowther factory, under construction at Cilmedw. The complaint was that the powder coat coverings were very white and were causing a considerable amount of glare in certain light conditions. The resident wished the colour to be changed. Cllr Davies explained that the County Council were aware of the residents' concerns and had given a full and detailed explanation of the decision making process. As far as the County Council were concerned the matter was closed.

C36/15. Notices of Motion.

None received.

C37/15. Clerks Report.

Members considered the report outlining the recommendations from both the Town Hall Management Group and the Friends of Llangollen Town Hall on the Llangollen Town Hall in respect of a number of issues. After a full and frank discussion of the issues raised Members resolved to;

- a) Contribute £1,253 towards the cost of the electrical works being carried out by the Friends of Llangollen Town Hall.
- b) Not to support any change in the charging policy in respect of lighting and sound hire charges to reflect the previous commitment of the groups who had originally purchased equipment by offering a graduated payment scheme.

- c) That a compensatory payment scheme be introduced whereby the Chamber would be free for use as a changing room on the night of performances but should this affect the use by other organisations then a compensatory fee, equivalent to the charge that would have been received by the Town Council, would be charged to the user.
- d) To remove all unauthorised works from the front of the building, wiring and brackets, and to look at agreeing suitable signage and the tidying up the facade to be compliant with the building listed status.
- e) The policy suggested from both the Town Hall Management Group and the Friends of Llangollen Town Hall on the display of posters in the notice board.

Proposed by Cllr M. Adams and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed.

The Town Clerk provided a verbal update on the Chain bridge project. The second round tenders for the physical restoration work of the Chain Bridge were opened on the 13th June 2014, and yet again a range of prices had been submitted. As in the last round a number of tenders were considerably above the available budget but fortunately there were some companies that provided acceptable tenders. Rambolls the consulting engineers were assessing the methodology of those companies within budget, to gauge their overall competence and a report will be presented to a joint Meeting of Llangollen Town Council and Llantysilio Community Council on the 15th July to consider the appointment of a contractor.

C38/15. Correspondence

A list of correspondence received during the past month was circulated and considered by Members, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 8.10 p.m.

LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 15th JULY 2014

Present: Councillors: R. Lube (Chair), M. Adams, T. Baker, S. Burrell J. Haddy, , M. Mile, M Pugh P. Thane, C. Tobin and. L. Slater.

Town Clerk Mr. G. Thomas.

There were four members of the public present.

C39/15. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr J. Palombella, Ms J. Stallard and Ms A. Gonzales.

C40/15 Declarations of interests.

None.

C41/15. Clerks Report.

C41/15/1. Chain Bridge Project.

Members consider a report regarding the appointing a suitable contractor to undertake the capital works associated with the Chain Bridge Restoration Project and the associated project costs. In order to progress with the Chain Bridge project, Members agreed to accept the Ramboll UK's tender appraisal report and appoint Shemec Ltd as the contractor for the Chain Bridge project, subject to the caveats identified in the tender appraisal report, and the additional costs as detailed in the report.. Proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed

C41/15/2. Funding.

Members consider a report on the establishment of a funding formula for the ongoing maintenance, and associated cost, of the joint owned asset, the Chain Bridge, Llantysilio The formula would be based on the respective council tax base rate for Llangollen and Llantysilio Community. On this basis it was proposed that the contribution towards costs associated with the Chain Bridge would be on the basis of an 85% contribution from Llangollen Town Council and a 15% for Llantysilio Community Council. . Proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed.

C42/15. Mayors Announcements.

The Town Mayor had attended a number of functions since the last meeting which had included a fashion, he had also welcomed the Air Ambulance walkers, who were led by the opera singer Rhys Meirion, to Llangollen and several events over the Eisteddfod week of note was the launch of a book about the chain bridge which had been commissioned by Sam Jones the Chain Bridge Heritage Officer. D2 storytelling had been appointed to work with Ysgol Bryn Collen and Ysgol Y Gwernant over the last few months. They worked with pupils to get them to think of subject areas they were interested in, to do research and write up what they found to form the content of the book. At the launch event the children performed a play, based on their research, all about the history of the chain bridge. The Town Mayor, advised Members that it had been a fantastic event and congratulations all the Children involved and to their teachers. The Town Mayor also wished to congratulations the Eisteddfod staff and all the volunteers who worked so hard to put on such a fantastic event.

C43/15. To receive statements from the public.

Mrs Hart provided Members with an update in respect of Allt y Badi. Unfortunately to date many of the actions promised by the County Council had not been undertaken despite

reassurances from the Chief Executive Officer. Mrs Hart sought the Councils support to raise the inadequacies of the County Council with the appropriate officers.

C44/15. Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 20th May 2014.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 20th May 2014, were approved subject to a minor amendment. Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr M Adams. All agreed.

C45/15. Minutes of the Planning Committee.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 15th April 2014 were received, proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr P. Thane. All agreed.

C46/15. Minutes of the General Purposes Committee.

The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 15th April 2014 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed

C47/15. Financial Matters.

C47/15/1. Annual return.

Members considered the Annual return for the year ended 31st March 2014, that had been returned from the external auditor, without qualification. It was proposed by Cllr M. Adams and seconded by Cllr S. Burrell that Chairman be authorised to sign the statement. All agreed.

C47/15/2. Financial Statement.

The financial statement for June were received and noted. Proposed by Cllr L. Slater and seconded by Cllr. S. Burrell. All agreed

C47/15/3. Payments.

The payments detailed below were presented to the meeting.

Town Hall Expenditure		
Border Janitorial Supplies	Bill Payment	£56.16
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£362.89
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£90.60
Denbighshire County Council	Cheque 100048	£331.26
E-on	Direct Debit	£13.89
E-on	Direct Debit	£219.25
E-on	Direct Debit	£86.59
E-on	Direct Debit	£78.01
Town Council Expenditure		
Bates Office Supplies	Bill Payment	£61.19
Derwen College	Bill Payment	£3,090.84
Charity Account	Transfer	£1,560.00
Midshire	Bill Payment	£323.12
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£1,143.58
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£103.28
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£545.67
P Sweetman (Corwen Garden Services)	Bill Payment	£305.00
British Telecom	Cheque 102564	£269.85
Denbighshire County Council	Direct Debit	£792.00
Chain Bridge Project		
Ramboll UK Ltd	Cheque 102562	£5,508.00
Gwen Evans	Cheque 102563	£12.76

It was proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr J. Haddy that the payments be approved. All agreed.

C48/15. Members and Youth Representatives Reports.

Cllr P. Thane update Members on the activities of the Llangollen Chamber of Trade and Tourism. Membership was increasing but the Chamber were still keen on encouraging more local traders to join. The Main issues facing the Chamber were the continuing dialogue with Sainsbury's relating to access and the cafe. They had also been involved in providing feedback to the Eisteddfod on the importance of the week to the town.

C49/15. County Councillors Report.

There were no matters consider under this agenda item.

C50/15. Notices of Motion.

None received.

C51/15. Correspondence.

C51/15/1. Members considered the White Paper – Reforming Local Government. Cllr M Adams highlighted a number offered comments which were supported by Members. It was agreed that a response should be prepared by the Town Clerk, in line with the discussion. Proposed by Cllr M. Adams and seconded by Cllr P Thane. Agreed with one abstention.

C51/15/2. Members consider a letter from Mr Collinge, in relation to the external appearance of the Dobson and Crowther factory, under construction at Cilmedw. The complaint was that the powder coat coverings were very white and were causing a considerable amount of glare in certain light conditions visible from his first floor window. Mr Collinge sought the Town Council's support for his complaint against the County Council on this matter. Members had considered the resident's concerns at the last meeting of the Town Council and in their view the external materials were as stated in the original submitted plans. The Town Council had not made any objections on the external appearance of the building, at that time, and they were not minded to support any proposals to replace or paint the external sheets in a different colour.

The Members were also aware of the content of the Landscape Strategy Drawing which had been modified to incorporate the following key changes:

- a) The extent of planting along the edge of the A5 has been increased, with the inclusion of additional native buffer planting in order to aid the screening of views into the site
- b) The landscape scheme reflects the addition of the turning head with the provision of additional native trees along the boundary, to aid the screening of views.
- c) The western boundary of the site has been extended, to provide an increased width of planting along the back of the works yard. This additional width of dense coniferous and deciduous planting will provide an effective screen to views from the west.

Members were of the opinion that this additional planting would, over time, alleviate the problems that had been identified by Mr Collinge. As far as the Town Council were concerned they had discharged their responsibilities, as planning consultees, and the matter was now closed. Proposed by Cllr M. Adams and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 7.15 p.m.

LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 19th AUGUST 2014

Present: Councillors: R. Lube (Chair), M. Adams, T. Baker, S. Burrell J. Haddy, M. Mile, J. Palombella, M Pugh and P. Thane.

Town Clerk Mr. G. Thomas.

There were five members of the public present.

C52/15. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr L. Slater. C. Tobin and Ms J. Stallard.

C53/15 Declarations of interests.

None.

C54/15. Mayors Announcements.

The Town Mayor had attended a number of official engagements the opening the Fringe Festival, and the Denbighshire County Council Chairman's Civic Service. The Town Mayor accompanied by Mayoress the Deputy Mayor and the Deputy Mayoress, attended two services commemorating the anniversary of the start of the first world war. The first one in the morning started in St Collen's Church after which the official party proceeded with the Military Association Standards to the Cenotaph. This was followed in the evening, at 11:00, by a candlelit vigil. Both of these services were well attended by the townspeople of Llangollen which again shows how high the community spirit is in Llangollen. The Town Mayor expressed his thanks to John Lawton of the British Legion for his excellent organisation of these events and also thanked the Vicar the Reverend Andrew Sully for his contribution to the services and Iestyn Watkin from the Silver Band who very ably played and last post.

C54/15/1 The Town Mayor also felt it appropriate to advise Members as to why Ms Stallard had sent here apologies to the meeting. This was due to the fact that she was travelling to Cardiff to attend an early morning meeting with the British Youth Council to campaign on behalf of the Welsh Youth Parliament as that institution was facing permanent closure due to a cessation in funding from the Welsh Government. This would mean that Wales would be the only country under article 12 of the United Nations that would not have a youth-led forum. It was proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr. S. Burrell that a letter of support should be forwarded to Ms Stallard on this issue. All agreed.

C55/15. To receive statements from the public.

Mrs Hart provided Members with an update in respect of Allt y Badi. The Town Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to County Council, from the Town Council, raising the concerns that Mrs Hart had alluded to in the previous meeting. The letter had been addressed to Chief Executive, but as he was on leave until September the letter had been passed to Mr Steve Parker, Head of Highways and Environmental Services and asking him to reply. To date no reply had been forthcoming.

C56/15. Minutes of the Town Council meeting.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the on 15th July 2014. Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr M Pugh. All agreed.

C57/15. Minutes of the Planning Committee.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17th June 2014 were received, proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr P. Thane. All agreed.

C58/15. Minutes of the General Purposes Committee.

The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 17th June 2014 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr M Pugh. All agreed

C59/15. Financial Matters.

C59/15/1. Financial Statement.

The financial statement for August was received and noted. Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr. S. Burrell. All agreed

C59/15/2. Payments.

The payments detailed below were presented to the meeting.

Town Hall Expenditure		
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£445.36
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£111.40
Smiths of Derby	Bill Payment	£228.00
Denbighshire County Council	Direct Debit	£36.00
E-on	Direct Debit	£12.36
E-on	Direct Debit	£219.25
E-on	Direct Debit	£81.42
E-on	Direct Debit	£9.42
Town Council Expenditure		
Bates Office Supplies	Bill Payment	£67.00
Bates Office Supplies	Bill Payment	£29.39
Midshire	Bill Payment	£47.04
Midshire	Bill Payment	£158.06
One Voice Wales	Bill Payment	£30.00
P Sweetman (Corwen Garden Services)	Bill Payment	£480.00
Watkin and Williams	Bill Payment	£149.97
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£1,143.58
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£69.12
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£545.67
UHY Hacker Young	Cheque 102565	£498.00
British Telecom	Cheque 102566	£77.17
Denbighshire County Council	Direct Debit	£792.00
Chain Bridge Project		
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£57.00
E Robinson	Cheque 102567	£350.00
Gwen Evans	Cheque 102568	£55.00
David Saunders	Cheque 102569	£85.20
W Smuts	Cheque 102570	£300.00

It was proposed by Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr. S. Burrell that the payments be approved. All agreed.

C60/15. Members and Youth Representatives Reports.

There were no matters consider under this agenda item.

C61/15. County Councillors Report.

There were no matters consider under this agenda item.

C62/15. Notices of Motion.

None received.

C63/15. Policy and Finance Working Group reports.

Members consider three reports from the Policy and Finance Working Group. Two reports were new policy documents in relation to Complaints and Concerns and Document retention and the third report was regarding the Town Hall Supervisors Contract. After due consideration, documents, it was proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr M. Mile that the reports be approved. All agreed.

C64/15. Clerks Report.

The Town Clerk informed Members that Ysgol y Gwernant were seeking a nomination of a Governor, from the Town Council. The Town Clerk advised Members that Cllr L. Slater had expressed an interest in this position albeit that she was unable to attend the meeting due to being on holiday. It was proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr J. Haddy that Cllr L. Slater be nominated as the Town Council representative on the Governing Body of Ysgol y Gwernant . All agreed.

C65/15. Correspondence.

A letter had been received from Save our Paths Llangollen Lobby Group regarding a public meeting that was to be held in the Town Hall on Thursday 2nd October. There was a general invitation to all Members to attend and also a request to support to the group by offering the facility at a reduced rate. Members had some concerns on varying the level of assistance offered to local groups and did not wish to set a president. Members noted that rates were already reduced for not for profit organisations and therefore these rates should apply. It was proposed by Cllr J Haddy and seconded by Cllr M. Mile that the approved charges applicable to not for profit organisations apply . All agreed.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 7.20 p.m.

LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2014

Present: Councillors: R. Lube (Chair), T. Baker, J. Haddy, M. Mile, M Pugh, P. Thane. L. Slater. C. Tobin and Ms J Stallard.

Town Clerk Mr. G. Thomas.

There were five members of the public present.

C66/15. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr M. Adams, J. Palombella, S. Burrell and Ms. A Gonzales.

C67/15 Declarations of interests.

Cllr T. Baker declared a personal interest in item 12a, on the agenda.

C68/15. Mayors Announcements.

The Town Mayor had attended a number of official engagements; at the beginning of the month he had greeted Cllr Phil Thomas, of Mold Town Council, who had completed a sponsored walk from Mold to Llangollen to raise money for the Bailey Hill restoration. This was followed by a visit to Mold itself, to further support the Bailey Hill project at a “slow breakfast”, part of the Taste of Flintshire Food Month. The Mayor had also visited Rhuddlan for the Mayor’s Civic Service and the Dee Valley Lions Charter Dinner in Chirk.

C69/15. To receive statements from the public.

Mrs Hart confirmed the arrangements for the Save Paths Llangollen Lobby Group public meeting to be held in the Town Hall on Thursday 2nd October. There was a general invitation to all Members to attend. Mrs Hart thanked the Town Council for its continued support.

C70/15. Minutes of the Town Council meeting.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the on 16th August 2014. Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr M Pugh. All agreed.

C71/15. Minutes of the Planning Committee.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 15th July 2014 were received, proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed.

C72/15. Minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee.

The Minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 15th July 2014 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr L. Slater and seconded by Cllr P. Thane. All agreed

C73/15. Financial Matters.

C73/15/1. Financial Statement.

The financial statement for September was received and noted. Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr P. Thane All agreed

C73/15/2. Payments.

The payments detailed below were presented to the meeting.

Town Hall Expenditure		
Border Janitorial Supplies	Bill Payment	£114.04
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£366.14
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£77.20
Denbighshire County Council	Direct Debit	£36.00
E-on	Direct Debit	£12.36
E-on	Direct Debit	£219.25
E-on	Direct Debit	£81.42
E-on	Direct Debit	£9.42
Town Council Expenditure		
Bates Office Supplies	Bill Payment	£39.11
Midshire	Bill Payment	£469.50
P Sweetman (Corwen Garden Services)	Bill Payment	£460.00
Watkin and Williams	Bill Payment	£19.29
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£1,143.78
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£12.72
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£545.47
CIT Vendor Finance	Direct Debit	£98.40
British Telecom	Direct Debit	£74.34
Denbighshire County Council	Direct Debit	£792.00
Chain Bridge Project		
Gwen Evans	Cheque 102571	£261.31
Ramboll UK Ltd	Cheque 102572	£4,296.00

It was proposed by Proposed by Cllr C. Tobin and seconded by Cllr M. Mile that the payments be approved. All agreed.

C74/15. Members and Youth Representatives Reports.

Ms Stallard updated Members on her lobbying with the British Youth Council to campaign on behalf of the Welsh Youth Parliament which was facing permanent closure due to a cessation in funding from the Welsh Government. Ms Stallard thanked the Town Council for the letter of support on this matter.

C75/15. County Councillors Report.

County Councillor S. Davies updated Members on the progress being made in the building of Llangollen's new health centre. He had met with Ken Skates AM, who had confirmed that Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board were applying for European money to fund the building of a footbridge over the River Dee to connect the town with the former River Lodge Hotel site. Mr Skates had also asked the Welsh Government to examine the feasibility of a road bridge over the Dee to further enhance access to the site. Cllr Davies also informed members of the implication of Welsh Government's announcement that Denbighshire County Council will need to find a further £18 million of cuts over the next two years. The County Council had, over recent years, found savings with little or no impact on frontline services and had a commitment to protect services and jobs wherever possible. However, with the significant financial savings to be made over the coming years, this would now inevitably mean there will be an impact on services. Other issues raised related to the refusal of the Welsh Office to allow double yellow lines on the A5 opposite Stan's Supermarket and the possible extension of the speed limit to beyond the entrance to the new development at Cilmedw.

C76/15. Notices of Motion.

None received.

C77/15. Clerks Report.

Members consider the report outlining proposal for the ongoing management of the Chain Bridge project and the recommendations that new contracts should be offered to the Chain

Bridge Heritage Officer and the Chain Bridge Coordinator for 7 hours per week until the 28th February 2015. Having declared an interest in this matter Cllr T Baker took no part in the debate and did not vote on the recommendations. It was proposed by Proposed by Cllr. J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr M. Mile that the payments be approved. Agreed.

Members consider the report outlining the new criteria for the operation of the Community Support Grants for the Voluntary and Community Sector. Having considered the report Members supported the amendments to the grant criteria. It was proposed by Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr. S. Burrell that the payments be approved. Agreed.

C78/15. Correspondence.

A list of correspondence received during the past month was circulated and considered by Members, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 7.45 p.m.

LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2014

Present: Councillors: R. Lube (Chair), M. Adams, T. Baker, S. Burrell, J. Haddy, M. Mile, J. Palombella, M Pugh, P. Thane. L. Slater. C. Tobin and Ms J Stallard.

Town Clerk Mr. G. Thomas.

There were four members of the public present.

C79/15. Apologies for Absence.

None

C80/15 Declarations of interests.

None

C81/15. Mayors Announcements.

C81/15/1. The Town Mayor wished to place, on record, the thanks of the Town Council to Ms. A Gonzales for her work as a youth representative. Ms Gonzales was now a student at Leeds University and therefore there was a vacancy for a youth representative on the Town Council. The Town Mayor asked if Members wished to fill the vacancy, or were they content to have just the one representative; Ms J. Stallard. Cllr M. Mile thought it would be appropriate to seek the views of Ms Stallard who in turn felt that the vacancy should be filled. It was therefore proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr M. Adams that the vacancy be advertised. All agreed.

C81/15/2. The Town Mayor civic duties had included an invitation from Limelight productions to attend their production of Billy Liar, Prestatyn Civic Service for the inauguration their new Mayor, followed by the Denbighshire Community Sports Awards, at the Pavilion. The Town Mayor advised Members that Mr Alastair Pingram, from Llangollen, won the Disability Sport Award and was named overall winner of all the categories becoming Denbighshire Sport Ambassador 2014. Alastair was a medal winner in the recent Invictus games and has worked very hard to overcome his disabilities to achieve a great deal of success in his chosen sport, Wheelchair Basketball. The month ended with a lunch at Derwen College, in support the student's celebrations of their Work Experience Programme.

C82/15. To receive statements from the public.

Mrs Hart provided details of the Save Paths Llangollen Lobby Group public meeting held in the Town Hall and thanked the Town Council for their continued support. Mrs Hart was aware of a future meeting of the County Council with interested user groups but the resident appeared to be excluded from that meeting. She had raised this matter as she wished the Town Council to be aware of the situation.

C83/15. Minutes of the Town Council meeting.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the on 16th September 2014. Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr J Haddy. All agreed.

C84/15. Minutes of the Planning Committee.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19th August 2014 were received, proposed by Cllr C. Tobin and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed.

C85/15. Minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee.

The Minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 19th August 2014 were adopted. Proposed by C. Tobin and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed.

C86/15. Financial Matters.**C86/15/1. Financial Statement.**

The financial statement for October was received and noted. Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr J Haddy. Thane All agreed

C86/15/2. Payments.

The payments detailed below were presented to the meeting.

Town Hall Expenditure

LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£502.80
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£125.80
GLE Plumbing and Heating	Bill Payment	£439.00
Dyke Engineering	Bill Payment	£42.00
Denbighshire County Council	Cheque 100049	£230.60
E-on	Direct Debit	£257.53
E-on	Direct Debit	£237.12
E-on	Direct Debit	£12.10
E-on	Direct Debit	£104.21

Town Council Expenditure

Bates Office Supplies	Bill Payment	£61.19
Green Valley Solutions Ltd	Bill Payment	£1,260.00
HCI Data Ltd	Bill Payment	£83.40
Midshire	Bill Payment	£39.20
P Sweetman (Corwen Garden Services)	Bill Payment	£750.00
LITE	Bill Payment	£1,500.00
Watkin and Williams	Bill Payment	£7.98
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£1,143.58
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£52.32
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£545.67
SLCC	Cheque 102573	£250.00
British Telecom	Direct Debit	£72.92
Denbighshire County Council	Direct Debit	£792.00

Chain Bridge Project

Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£416.00
Govannon	Cheque 102574	£102.80
Ramboll UK Ltd	Cheque 102576	£11,346.00

The Town Clerk highlighted the payment to Green Valley Solutions Ltd for work health and safety works that were urgently required at Pen y Bryn Cemetery. The original price was expected to be within a limit of £1,000 of expenditure that the Town Clerk was able to incur expenditure on behalf of the Town Council. However, the works had proved to be more extensive than expected and had risen above that ceiling in the financial regulations. Members noted that the Town Clerk had commissioned the works in good faith and they were of an emergency nature. It was proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr. S. Burrell that the payments be approved. All agreed.

C87/15. Members and Youth Representatives Reports.

Ms Stallard recently had an opportunity to discuss the Town Council letter on the cessation of funding to Funky Dragon with Mr. Keith Towler the Children's Commissioner for Wales.

C88/15. Notices of Motion.

Cllr P Thane had been in liaison with Mr Warren Davies who had created the Town Council website following a request from the Town Clerk. The recent work Mr Davies had been carrying out on revisions to the site were design two years ago, so were becoming already out of date. Cllr Thane had concerns as to what the Town Council were going to do about updating the content, and changing the design and functionality. Mr Davies had transferred the site to the new URL, but working on the site would be very time-consuming. After discussion it was agreed that the site should be more user friendly and engaging to all users and also be easier and quicker for the administrators to edit and be less restrictive with design. It was further agreed that WordPress open source web software should be used. Members also considered the merits of using volunteer designer or a commercial company and it was resolved be more user friendly be more engaging to all users, be easier and quicker for the administrators to edit and be less restrictive with design. It was therefore proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr. S. Burrell that the Town Council go out to tender for the development of a new Town Council website. All agreed.

C89/15. Clerks Report.

C89/15/1. Members consider report on the budget setting process for the financial year 2015/16. It was proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr. S. Burrell that the process be approved. All agreed.

C89/15/2. Members consider the Draft Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for 2015/16. It was proposed by Cllr P. Thane and seconded by Cllr M. Adams that:

- I. The Town Council accept determinations 42 to 47 as set out in the Independent Remuneration Panel in the Draft Annual Report 2015/16.
- II. Individual Member may make a personal decision to elect to forgo part or all of the entitlement by giving notice in writing to the Town Clerk by the 28th November 2014. All agreed.

C89/15/3. Members consider the stage one questions of the consultation document into the Review of Designated Landscapes in Wales, commissioned by the Welsh Government. In respect of the question raised, Members felt that purposes of designated landscapes and the statutory duties of management bodies were not capable of addressing the present and future challenges facing designated areas. Members felt that the designations stifled development and were a restriction that prevented dynamic growth and wealth generation. Members also disagree with the suggestion that there should be a single designation of protected landscape in Wales. It was proposed by Cllr M. Adams and seconded by Cllr M. Mile that this should form the basis of the Town Councils response to the consultation. Agreed. With one abstention.

C90/15. Correspondence.

A list of correspondence received during the past month was circulated and considered by Members, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

C91/15. Future Agenda items.

Cllr M. Mile asked for a future agenda item to consider the issues of parking on Bridge Street.

C92/15. The meeting was adjourned at 7.40 pm. to allow members of the public and the press to remain in the Chamber to receive the Planning and Regeneration and General Purposes Committee's business.

The Town Council meeting was reconvened at 8.21 pm, in private session, as it was resolved to exclude the press and public from discussions on the following item on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed

Members consider a request to an amendment of the lease of Shop1, Town Hall. It was resolved that the Town Council were minded to support the amendment of the lease subject to the following caveats:

- I. The tenants first obtain planning permission for the change of use;
- II. The tenants agrees to a review of the rent of the premises to reflect the market rent for the type of business the tenant is proposing.

Proposed by Cllr M. Adams and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 8.35 p.m.

LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2014

Present: Councillors: R. Lube (Chair), M. Adams, T. Baker, S. Burrell, J. Haddy, M. Mile, , M Pugh, P. Thane. L. Slater. C. Tobin and Ms J Stallard.

Town Clerk Mr. G. Thomas.

There were two members of the public present.

C93/15. Apologies for Absence.

Councillor J. Palombella

C94/15 Declarations of interests.

None

C95/14. Presentation.

Inspector Gareth Jones of North Wales Police addressed the Town Council. Insp. Jones confirmed that he had recently been appointed as the Inspector for the Conway and Denbighshire Rural Division He reported that over the summer there had been little crime and disorder which was a welcome trend. This was largely down to local licensees working with the Police am the Licensing authority to ensure drink related incidents were minimised. There had unfortunately been a spate of burglaries in July and August, but individuals had been arrested and the burglaries had stopped. Insp. Jones took the opportunity to reminded individuals that when storing garden equipment over winter months they should ensure that they are concealed and locked away out of sight. Insp. Jones confirmed that he had attended the recently convened Save our Paths meeting and that officers were actively pursuing the illegal use of roads and illegal vehicles. He confirmed that the Police Station would be opened ahead of schedule probably towards the end of February and that an open day would be held to allow local residents to see the work that had been carried out during the refurbishment.

Cllr J. Haddy asked if the Inspector felt that proactive policing was important, as had been implemented by Sgt Hughes in the past. Insp Jones agreed with this approach. Cllr M. Adams advised Insp. Jones that an issue that had been raised by a number of local people at the recent World Cafe Event had been rowdiness, noise and threatening activity between 11.00 pm and 2.00 am. Insp. Jones said the local officers were aware of specific issues and would be taking action to reduce the levels of disturbance to local residents. Cllr L. Slater and Cllr S. Burrell raised a number of traffic related issues including obstruction on the highway and speeding in residential areas. Insp Jones agreed to look into these issues. The Town Clerk asked the Inspector if North Wales Police encouraged Community Speed Watch initiatives, that were common in other parts of the country. Insp. Jones said he was unaware of such initiatives in the area, but would again seek further guidance on these schemes. The Town Mayor thanked Insp. Jones for attending the meeting.

C96/15. Mayors Announcements.

The Town Mayor had accepted an invitation from the Mayor of Wrexham to attend his dinner dance at Brymbo cricket club, and had the privilege of opening the Hamper Festival at the Pavilion, and the opening of the new Salvation Army shop off Market Street car park. Later in the month the Town Mayor attending a curry night organised by the Prince's Trust students from Ysgol Dinas Bran to raise money for the Air Ambulance and Diabetes UK. The Town Mayor had laid the first wreath at the town's Remembrance Sunday and wished to thank Mr Graham Patton the parade Marshall, Mr Trevor Williams the bands conductor, Mr John Lawton from the British Legion who co-organised the ceremony and the Clergy in attendance for what was a very memorable event. On the following Tuesday, the actual anniversary of the

Armistice, there was a smaller event but just as moving. After the ceremony the Town Mayor visited the Memorial Hall where a coffee morning was being held to raise funds for Pam Williams Hughes' history project. With the Christmas Festival approaching the Town Mayor took the opportunity to publicly thank Rebecca Brereton, Karen Edwards, Charlie Jones and Shirley Mottram on behalf of the Town Council for all their selfless hard work over the last twelve months raising over £4,000 to purchase more Christmas lights, which should make this year's display something special.

C97/15. To receive statements from the public.

There were no statements received.

C98/15. Minutes of the Town Council meeting.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the on 21st October 2014. Proposed by Cllr J Haddy and seconded by Cllr T. Baker. All agreed.

C99/15. Minutes of the Planning Committee.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16th September 2014 were received Proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr T. Baker. All agreed.

C100/15. Minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee.

The Minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 16th September 2014 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr C. Tobin and seconded by Cllr S. Burrell. All agreed.

C101/15. Financial Matters.

C101/15/1. Financial Statement.

The financial statement for October was received and noted. Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr M. Adams. All agreed

C110/15/2. Payments.

The payments detailed below were presented to the meeting. The Town Clerk highlighted the payment to M. Crow for work health and safety works that were urgently required at the Recreation Ground due to wind damage to trees. Cllr J Haddy expressed his concerned over the status of the Trust and the current numbers of Trustees. Cllr Haddy sought an assurance that new Trustees had been appointed as he felt there had been some delays in this process, he also suggested that the Trustees should be asked if the Town Mayor could become a Trustee. The Town Clerk indicated that the issue of the relationship with the Trustees of The Recreation Ground and the Town Council had been highlighted in the recent consideration of the Council's Risk Assessment during the budget process and this needed clarification. The Town Clerk agreed to bring back a report on this issue to the Town Council. Proposed by Cllr J Haddy and seconded by seconded by Cllr. S. Burrell. All agreed.

Town Hall Expenditure

LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£402.48
Border Janitorial Supplies	Bill Payment	£47.34
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£100.40
Denbighshire C.C.	Direct Debit	£149.76
E-on	Direct Debit	£546.98
E-on	Direct Debit	£182.92
E-on	Direct Debit	£15.27
E-on	Direct Debit	£70.99

Town Council Expenditure

Bates Office Supplies	Bill Payment	£16.10
M Crow	Bill Payment	£250.00
G Poole	Bill Payment	£30.00

Midshire	Bill Payment	£118.82
LITE	Bill Payment	£4,909.20
Watkin and Williams	Bill Payment	£31.76
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£1,143.58
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£73.75
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£545.67
P W Hale	Cheque 102577	£225.00
North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils	Cheque 102581	£30.00
British Telecom	Direct Debit	£73.70
Denbighshire County Council	Direct Debit	£0.00
<u>Chain Bridge Project</u>		
S Jones	Bill Payment	£416.00
S Shakespeare Associates	Bill Payment	£1,590.00
L. Mainelli	Cheque 102578	£295.80
W. Smutts	Cheque 102579	£210.00
Ramboll UK Ltd	Cheque 102580	£4,296.00

It was proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr. S. Burrell that the payments be approved. All agreed.

C102/15. Members and Youth Representatives Reports.

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Friends of the Town Hall	£500.00
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The Old Lock Up	£500.00
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C106/15. Correspondence.

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C107/15 Future Agenda items.

Members wished an item on the introduction of 20 mph speed limits on residential streets throughout the town, to be brought to a future meeting of the Town Council.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 7.47 p.m.

LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2014

Present: Councillors: R. Lube (Chair), M. Adams, T. Baker, S. Burrell, J. Haddy, M. Mile, , M Pugh, P. Thane. L. Slater. C. Tobin and Ms J Stallard.

Town Clerk Mr. G. Thomas.

There were two members of the public present.

C93/15. Apologies for Absence.

Councillor J. Palombella

C94/15 Declarations of interests.

None

C95/14. Presentation.

Inspector Gareth Jones of North Wales Police addressed the Town Council. Insp. Jones confirmed that he had recently been appointed as the Inspector for the Conway and Denbighshire Rural Division He reported that over the summer there had been little crime and disorder which was a welcome trend. This was largely down to local licensees working with the Police am the Licensing authority to ensure drink related incidents were minimised. There had unfortunately been a spate of burglaries in July and August, but individuals had been arrested and the burglaries had stopped. Insp. Jones took the opportunity to reminded individuals that when storing garden equipment over winter months they should ensure that they are concealed and locked away out of sight. Insp. Jones confirmed that he had attended the recently convened Save our Paths meeting and that officers were actively pursuing the illegal use of roads and illegal vehicles. He confirmed that the Police Station would be opened ahead of schedule probably towards the end of February and that an open day would be held to allow local residents to see the work that had been carried out during the refurbishment.

Cllr J. Haddy asked if the Inspector felt that proactive policing was important, as had been implemented by Sgt Hughes in the past. Insp Jones agreed with this approach. Cllr M. Adams advised Insp. Jones that an issue that had been raised by a number of local people at the recent World Cafe Event had been rowdiness, noise and threatening activity between 11.00 pm and 2.00 am. Insp. Jones said the local officers were aware of specific issues and would be taking action to reduce the levels of disturbance to local residents. Cllr L. Slater and Cllr S. Burrell raised a number of traffic related issues including obstruction on the highway and speeding in residential areas. Insp Jones agreed to look into these issues. The Town Clerk asked the Inspector if North Wales Police encouraged Community Speed Watch initiatives, that were common in other parts of the country. Insp. Jones said he was unaware of such initiatives in the area, but would again seek further guidance on these schemes. The Town Mayor thanked Insp. Jones for attending the meeting.

C96/15. Mayors Announcements.

The Town Mayor had accepted an invitation from the Mayor of Wrexham to attend his dinner dance at Brymbo cricket club, and had the privilege of opening the Hamper Festival at the Pavilion, and the opening of the new Salvation Army shop off Market Street car park. Later in the month the Town Mayor attending a curry night organised by the Prince's Trust students from Ysgol Dinas Bran to raise money for the Air Ambulance and Diabetes UK. The Town Mayor had laid the first wreath at the town's Remembrance Sunday and wished to thank Mr Graham Patton the parade Marshall, Mr Trevor Williams the bands conductor, Mr John Lawton from the British Legion who co-organised the ceremony and the Clergy in attendance for what was a very memorable event. On the following Tuesday, the actual anniversary of the

Armistice, there was a smaller event but just as moving. After the ceremony the Town Mayor visited the Memorial Hall where a coffee morning was being held to raise funds for Pam Williams Hughes' history project. With the Christmas Festival approaching the Town Mayor took the opportunity to publicly thank Rebecca Brereton, Karen Edwards, Charlie Jones and Shirley Mottram on behalf of the Town Council for all their selfless hard work over the last twelve months raising over £4,000 to purchase more Christmas lights, which should make this year's display something special.

C97/15. To receive statements from the public.

There were no statements received.

C98/15. Minutes of the Town Council meeting.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the on 21st October 2014. Proposed by Cllr J Haddy and seconded by Cllr T. Baker. All agreed.

C99/15. Minutes of the Planning Committee.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16th September 2014 were received Proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr T. Baker. All agreed.

C100/15. Minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee.

The Minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 16th September 2014 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr C. Tobin and seconded by Cllr S. Burrell. All agreed.

C101/15. Financial Matters.

C101/15/1. Financial Statement.

The financial statement for October was received and noted. Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr M. Adams. All agreed

C110/15/2. Payments.

The payments detailed below were presented to the meeting. The Town Clerk highlighted the payment to M. Crow for work health and safety works that were urgently required at the Recreation Ground due to wind damage to trees. Cllr J Haddy expressed his concerned over the status of the Trust and the current numbers of Trustees. Cllr Haddy sought an assurance that new Trustees had been appointed as he felt there had been some delays in this process, he also suggested that the Trustees should be asked if the Town Mayor could become a Trustee. The Town Clerk indicated that the issue of the relationship with the Trustees of The Recreation Ground and the Town Council had been highlighted in the recent consideration of the Council's Risk Assessment during the budget process and this needed clarification. The Town Clerk agreed to bring back a report on this issue to the Town Council. Proposed by Cllr J Haddy and seconded by seconded by Cllr. S. Burrell. All agreed.

Town Hall Expenditure

LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£402.48
Border Janitorial Supplies	Bill Payment	£47.34
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£100.40
Denbighshire C.C.	Direct Debit	£149.76
E-on	Direct Debit	£546.98
E-on	Direct Debit	£182.92
E-on	Direct Debit	£15.27
E-on	Direct Debit	£70.99

Town Council Expenditure

Bates Office Supplies	Bill Payment	£16.10
M Crow	Bill Payment	£250.00
G Poole	Bill Payment	£30.00

Midshire	Bill Payment	£118.82
LITE	Bill Payment	£4,909.20
Watkin and Williams	Bill Payment	£31.76
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£1,143.58
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£73.75
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£545.67
P W Hale	Cheque 102577	£225.00
North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils	Cheque 102581	£30.00
British Telecom	Direct Debit	£73.70
Denbighshire County Council	Direct Debit	£0.00
<u>Chain Bridge Project</u>		
S Jones	Bill Payment	£416.00
S Shakespeare Associates	Bill Payment	£1,590.00
L. Mainelli	Cheque 102578	£295.80
W. Smutts	Cheque 102579	£210.00
Ramboll UK Ltd	Cheque 102580	£4,296.00

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LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 20th JANUARY 2015

Present: Councillors: B. Lube, (Chair), M. Adams, J. Haddy, M. Mile, M Pugh, L. Slater P. Thane, and Ms J Stallard.

Town Clerk Mr. G. Thomas.

There were two members of the public present.

C118/15. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors: J. Palombella. T. Baker, S. Burrell and C. Tobin

C119/15 Declarations of interests.

None

C120/15. To receive statements from the public.

Mrs Hart of the Save Our Paths Llangollen Lobby Group provided an update on the work of the group. The local off-roaders appear to be staying away from areas of housing, and also asking Club members to respect the weekends. However off-roaders from further afield , particularly bikers, have not been acting with any restraint. Serious trespass and damage has been a weekly occurrence in both the Denbighshire and Wrexham areas. The group were keen to discourage all off-roaders who damage the rights of way and were looking to keep the numbers down. Reclassification would give some rights of way protection from damage and pollution. Who wants to take a country walk in clouds of diesel fumes. Since the October community meeting Save Our Paths has been in touch with Susan Elan Jones MP, Ken Skates AM, Cllr Stuart Davies, North Wales Police, Mabon-ap-Gwynfor and Diana Mallinson rights of way researcher for the Peak District Green Lanes Association and Arfon Hughes Natural Resources Wales.

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Thursday 19th February at 7 pm in Llangollen Town Hall, where the politicians and officers mentioned above plus others will be present to update the group on how they have taken forward all the points raised at the previous Meetings. In the meantime Mrs Hart asked the Council if they could continue to support the work of the group and lobby Denbighshire County Council and the AONB Partnership who the group believed were doing little to protect precious landscape and wildlife.

C121/15. Mayors Announcements.

The closing weeks of December, and the start of the New Year, had been relatively quiet compared to the build up to Christmas however, The Town Mayor had been invited to Abbeyfields, a Carol concert in St Collens Church, hosted by the pupils of Ysgol Y Gwernant. The Town Mayor also took part in St Collens Carol service, by reading the eighth lesson and on Christmas Day, together with the Mayoress had visited Janet and Don at their facilities in the car park. They were providing a Christmas meal for their regular customers, people who were on their own and homeless individuals, a very generous gesture which truly reflects the spirit of Christmas, especially as they provide this meal out of their own pockets. At the beginning of January the Town Mayor had the privilege of travelling to Welshpool Airport with Ian Parry, some of the Christmas Festival Committee and "Father Christmas" to present a Cheque for £1,000 to the Wales Air Ambulance charity. This was the surplus sum raised during the Christmas Festival.

C122/15. Minutes of the Town Council meeting.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the on 16th December 2014 Proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr M Adams. All agreed.

C123/15. Minutes of the Planning Committee.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18th November 2014 were received Proposed by Cllr L. Slater and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed.

C124/15. Minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee.

The minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 18th November 2014 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr L. Slater and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed.

C125/15. Financial Matters.

C125/15/1. Financial Statement.

The financial statement for January was received and noted. Proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed.

C125/15/2. 2014 – 2016 National Salary Award.

Members consider a report on the details of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) 2014 - 2016 National Salary Award and the implications for the Town Council staff budgets. It was proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr M. Mile that the Town Council adopt and implement the 2014 - 2016 National Salary Award. All agreed.

C125/15/3. Payments.

The payments detailed below were presented to the meeting.

Town Hall Expenditure

Border Janitorial Supplies	Bill Payment	£38.16
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£584.45
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£169.13
Dee Valley Water	Cheque	£677.27
E-on	Direct Debit	£1,427.15
E-on	Direct Debit	£250.58
E-on	Direct Debit	£119.15
E-on	Direct Debit	£20.60

Town Council Expenditure

Bates Office supplies	Bill Payment	£39.11
Derwen College	Bill Payment	£187.51
IT Pro	Bill Payment	£60.00
Midshire	Bill Payment	£47.04
Llangollen Christmas Festival	Bill Payment	£60.00
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£1,236.09
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£607.96
Staples	Bill Payment	£149.99
Watkin and Williams	Bill Payment	£8.95
Lelo Skip Hire Ltd	Cheque	£156.00
CIT Vendor Finance	Direct Debit	£98.40
British Telecom	Direct Debit	£71.76

Denbighshire County Council	Direct Debit	£792.00
Seimens Financial Services	Direct Debit	£644.17
<u>Chain Bridge Project</u>		
S Jones	Bill Payment	£416.00
G Evans	Cheque	£27.68
L Mainelli	Cheque	£700.00
Shemec	Cheque	£37,020.13
Ramboll UK Ltd	Cheque	£4,296.00

It was proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr M. Mile, that the payments be approved. All agreed.

C126/15. Members and Youth Representatives Reports.

Ms Stallard, Youth Representative, informed Members she had recently attended a meeting of the Denbighshire Youth Forum.

C127/15. Clerks Report.

C116/15/1. Chain Bridge

The Town Clerk outlined the progress on the Chain Bridge Project following the most recent monthly site visits. Members noted the progress of the project.

C128/15. Correspondence.

A list of correspondence received during the past month was circulated and considered by Members, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 7.20 p.m.

LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2015

Present: Councillors: B. Lube, (Chair), T. Baker, S. Burrell J. Haddy, M. Mile, M Pugh, L. Slater P. Thane and C. Tobin

Town Clerk Mr. G. Thomas.

There were three members of the public present.

C129/15. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors: M. Adams J. Palombella and Ms J Stallard.

C130/15 Declarations of interests.

None

C131/15. Mayors Announcements.

The Town Mayor had attended performances of Old King Cole and Half A Sixpence by the Llangollen Pantomime Group and the Young Un's, respectively. The Town Mayor reminded Members that the Annual Town Meeting would be held on Tuesday March 10th at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall.

C132/15. To receive statements from the public.

The Town Clerk advised Members that notification had been received from the Save our Paths Group of a meeting to held in the Town Hall on the 19th February 2015

C133/15. Minutes of the Town Council meeting.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the on 20th January 2015 were approved. Proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr S. Burrell. All agreed.

C134/15. Minutes of the Planning Committee.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16th December 2014 were received Proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr S. Burrell. All agreed.

C135/15. Minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee.

The minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 16th December 2014 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr L. Slater. All agreed.

C136/15. Financial Matters.

C136/15/1. Financial Statement.

The financial statement for January was received and noted. Proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr S. Burrell. All agreed.

C136/15/2 Authorised payments.

The payments detailed below were presented to the meeting.

Town Hall Expenditure

LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£411.28
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£102.80
Watkin and Williams	Bill Payment	£17.30
GLEN Plumbing	Bill Payment	£45.00

Dee Valley Water	Direct Debit	£94.43
E-on	Direct Debit	£649.54
E-on	Direct Debit	£547.55
E-on	Direct Debit	£41.22
E-on	Direct Debit	£5.29
Direct Blinds	Cheque	£300.00
<u>Town Council Expenditure</u>		
Bates Office supplies	Bill Payment	£25.20
Bates Office supplies	Bill Payment	£23.40
Bates Office supplies	Bill Payment	£37.80
Davies Brothers	Bill Payment	£2,160.00
D A Hughes Electrical	Bill Payment	£807.60
Midshire	Bill Payment	£190.18
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£1,168.29
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£561.96
Llangollen Silver Band	Bill Payment	£500.00
Llangollen Christmas Lights Group	Bill Payment	£500.00
The Old Lock Up	Bill Payment	£500.00
Llangollen Scouts	Cheque	£500.00
Llangollen Guides	Cheque	£500.00
Friends of the Earth Llangollen	Cheque	£500.00
St Collens Church	Cheque	£250.00
British Telecom	Direct Debit	£73.47
Denbighshire County Council	Direct Debit	£0.00
<u>Chain Bridge Project</u>		
S Jones	Bill Payment	£416.00
APEC Environmental	Bill Payment	£372.00
P Alexander	Cheque	£22.10
S Smith	Cheque	£13.00
Ben Davies	Cheque	£1,550.00
Ramboll UK Ltd	Cheque	£4,500.00

It was proposed by proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr J. Haddy, that the payments be approved. All agreed.

C136/15/2 Open Space Commuted Sum Scheme Contract.

It was proposed by proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr L. Slater, that the Chairman be authorise the to sign signing of the Open Space Commuted Sum Scheme Contract. All agreed.

C137/15. Members and Youth Representatives Reports.

None received .

C138/15. County Councillors Report.

None received .

C139/15. Notice of motion.

Cllr R Lube sought the agreement of the Town Council to contact the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency to have the seasonal element of the waiting restrictions along the A5 form the Health Centre to Craig-y-Don, Queen Street removed. In doing so the restriction all year between the hours of 8.00 am and 7.00 pm. Cllr Lube had received several representations on this matter and on visiting the area and haven spoken with local shopkeepers there was a feeling that the current regulations was adding to congestion even in the quieter periods of the year and provided no direct benefit to local shops. It was proposed by proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr S. Burrell that the Town Clerk

write to the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency to have the seasonal element of the waiting restrictions along the A5 from the Health Centre to Craig-y-Don, Queen Street removed. All agreed.

C140/15 Clerks Reports.

C140/15/1. Chain Bridge.

The Town Clerk outlined the progress on the Chain Bridge Project following the most recent monthly site visits. Members noted the progress of the project.

C140/15/2. *Llangollen* First World War Centenary Project.

Members considered the report outlining progress on the First World War Centenary Project and the financial implications for the Town Council in supporting an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Parks for People programme. It was proposed by Cllr S. Burrell and seconded by Cllr L. Slater that the Town Council continues to support the First World War Centenary Project and approve the budget contributions as detailed paragraph 4.2 of the report. All agreed.

C140/15/3. V. E. Day Commemoration Gala 2015.

Members considered a report requesting the Town Council to support the V E Day Commemoration Gala by assisting with the closure of Oak Street. It was proposed by Cllr M. Mile and seconded by Cllr L. Slater, that the Town Council supports the V E Day Commemoration Gala 2015 through the use of powers under Section 21 of the Town and Police Clauses Act. All agreed.

C141/15. Correspondence.

A list of correspondence received during the past month was circulated and considered by Members, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. The content of the letter received from Mr J Palmer, Cyflymen, Brook Street regarding the twenty mph speed restriction on Brook Street and Pengwern were noted. No further action was proposed, as the twenty mph speed restriction was on a trial basis and the effectiveness of the restrictions would be examined by Denbighshire County Council at the end of the trial period.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 7.36 p.m.

LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 17th MARCH 2015

Present: Councillors: M. Adams (Chair), T. Baker, J. Haddy, M. Mile, M Pugh, L. Slater, P. Thane C. Tobin and Ms J Stallard.

Town Clerk Mr. G. Thomas.

There were three members of the public present.

C142/15. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors: S. Burrell, B. Lube and J. Palombella. In the absence of the Town Mayor, the Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr M Adams chaired the meeting.

C143/15 Declarations of interests.

None

C144/15. Mayors Announcements.

In the absence of the Town Mayor there were no announcements.

C145/15. To receive statements from the public.

None

C146/15. Minutes of the Town Council meeting.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the on 17th February 2015 were approved. Proposed by Cllr M. Pugh and seconded by Cllr L. Slater. All agreed.

C147/15. Minutes of the Planning Committee.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17th February 2015 were received. Proposed by Cllr P. Thane and seconded by Cllr L. Slater. All agreed.

C148/15. Minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee.

The minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 17th February 2015 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr J. Haddy and seconded by Cllr L. Slater. All agreed.

C149/15. Casual Vacancy.

The Town Clerk notified Members that Cllr Jane Palombella had indicated her wish to resign from the Town Council. This was due to her ever increasing work commitments which have entailed travelling to London and Manchester, on a regular basis. Councillors felt that her resignation was a loss to the Town Council, but accepted her reasons for standing down. It was proposed by Cllr M. Mile and Seconded by Cllr J. Haddy that the necessary statutory notices required to fill the casual vacancy be put in train. All agreed.

C150/15. Annual Town Meeting.

Members considered matters arising from the Annual Town Meeting was held on the 10th March 2015. In terms of operational aspect, the Town Mayor had provided an overview of the Council's work in respect of the **community assets** it maintains most notably the Town Hall, **community safety, community funding and support for Community Projects**, its role in **improving the environment of the town, the maintenance of open spaces and support for community events.**

During the question and answers session that followed the Town Mayors address the following key points were raised; praise for Cittaslow for organising the latest traffic study, but with some concerns that this would be the third traffic study done on the town centre in recent years

and what would be the difference in this scheme; criticism that there had been little consultation on the last County Council commissioned traffic survey; the Town Council's plans for the Royal Gardens and the adjacent war memorial; concerns over the pedestrian access to the new health centre; the development of former Dobson and Crowther site; dog fouling and the traffic lights on the A5 at the bottom of Birch Hill. Members felt that the Town Mayor, and other Councillors, had provided adequate replies to each of the issues raised and had reassured all present that the Town Council had, and would continue to make, representations to the appropriate agencies on issues not under its direct control. He had also given assurances that the Town Council would provide every opportunity for the community and other interested parties to comment on any ongoing proposals. Members felt that there were no matters that needed further consideration but were concerned about the relatively low attendance. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr P. Thane and seconded by Cllr M. Mile that the Town Council should prepare a communication strategy. All agreed.

C151/15. White paper on Local Government reform.

Members considered the White Paper and it was agreed that Members should forward any comments on the document to the Town Clerk, in order to prepare a response for consideration at the next meeting of the Town Council. Proposed by Cllr M. Adams and seconded by Cllr P Thane.

C152/15. Financial Matters.

C152/15/1. Financial Statement.

The financial statement for January was received and noted. Proposed by Cllr M. Pugh and seconded by Cllr M. Mile. All agreed.

C152/15/2 Authorised payments.

The payments detailed below were presented to the meeting.

<u>Town Hall</u>		
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£411.28
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£102.80
Cathedral Leasing Ltd	Bill Payment	£124.85
Dee Valley Water	Direct Debit	£229.37
E-on	Direct Debit	£1,393.79
E-on	Direct Debit	£369.58
E-on	Direct Debit	£124.33
E-on	Direct Debit	£15.05
Denbighshire County Council	Cheque	£34.06
<u>Town Council</u>		
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£1,168.09
PAYE and NI	Bill Payment	£562.16
LTC Staff Costs	Bill Payment	£33.56
Bates Office supplies	Bill Payment	£43.79
Bates Office supplies	Bill Payment	£153.37
Llangollen Silver Band	Bill Payment	£10.00
Midshire	Bill Payment	£203.15
Scottish Power	Bill Payment	£87.19
British Telecom	Direct Debit	£73.47
Denbighshire County Council	Direct Debit	£0.00
Cllr J Haddy	Cheque	£100.00
<u>Chain Bridge Project</u>		
S Jones	Bill Payment	£416.00
G Evans	Cheque	£42.07
K Young	Cheque	£300.00

