

Results of a Survey on the Timing and Location of Meetings

Question 1 – Would you prefer morning, afternoon or evening meetings?

Responses:

Morning = 26 Afternoon = 7 Evening = 6

Question 2 – Would you apply your preferences to all committees, only committees you are a member of, or only certain committees?

Responses:

All committees = 13
Only committees (the respondent) is a member of = 13
Only certain committees = 5

(The comments received were: satisfied with current arrangements = 2; should be flexible on timings = 2; too many meetings are held in Ruthin = 1; some evening meetings should be held = 1; committees which the public regularly attend e.g. Planning should be in the evening = 1; like to see a balanced mix of morning, afternoon and evening meetings for Planning, Licensing and some scrutiny meetings = 1; would not like to dictate to members of other committees on their timings = 1)

Question 3 – Would you prefer to see the timing of meetings rotate?

Responses:

Yes, for all committees = 7
Yes, for some committees = 4
No = 19

(Comments: satisfied with the current arrangements = 2; Meetings should rotate (except for Council & Planning which should be in Ruthin at 10 a.m.) = 1; Hold meetings at various times according to the wishes of members = 1; Full Council & Planning should remain the same but others could rotate = 1; Afternoon meetings could be easier to support / attend = 1; One committee could meet in the evening to allow members who prefer evening meetings to attend = 1; Rotating times (of specific) committees could cause difficulties for working members because of the irregular pattern when booking time off to attend = 1)

Question 4 – Are there particular times that would cause you difficulties?

Responses:

Yes = 20 No = 9

(Comments: the responses to this question clearly require clarification. Evening meetings were the most commonly cited difficulty mentioned by 15 respondents. Having too many meetings in a week was cited by 4 respondents as being a problem).

Question 5 – Do you have a preferred location(s) for meeting venues?

Responses:

Yes = 21 No = 9

(Comments: Ruthin = 11; Ruthin or Denbigh = 4; Rhyl = 2; Depends on locations of officers or committee members = 2; Rhyl or Prestatyn = 1; Rhyl, Prestatyn or Denbigh = 1; Rhyl, Prestatyn or Ruthin = 1; Rotate throughout the county = 1)