



A NORTH Wales coastal town lit up the night sky to mark a special centenary.

Organised by Rhyl Town Council and supported by Denbighshire County Council and the Pavilion Theatre, Rhyl turned into a sea of white, green, and purple to mark 100 years of women being given the right to vote.

Women under 30 had to wait another 10 years to get the same rights but February 6 1918 was a turning point for women in the UK with the introduction of The Representation of People Act.

Rhyl's Pont y Ddraig bridge, sky tower, and promenade shelters were lit in the suffragette colours, marking the sacrifices made by the women who campaigned for the right to vote.

The idea was the brainchild of Rhyl town councillor Diane King.

She said: "The centenary is an important one – it marked a turning point for women. Much has changed since then and increasingly we are seeing more and more women in the world of politics. But the sacrifices made by those who fought for the right to vote should be remembered and recognised. We all enjoy freedoms because of the battle fought by our ancestors so behind this fabulous lighting is a powerful message about the importance of democracy."



Cllr King's sentiments were echoed by Rhyl mayor Cllr Alan James.

“We're the only town in North Wales to mark the event in this way but we felt it important the centenary should not go unnoticed. And, hopefully, the lights will serve as a reminder to people fighting their own battles that anything can be achieved,” added Cllr James.

The lighting is just one of the first of a series of events and activities planned by the town council this year with more information on www.rhyltowncouncil.org.uk

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