

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts (Mayor)

Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Miss E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, Ms J. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, S.H. Ratcliffe, Miss R. Siddall, D. Simmons, W. N. Tasker, T. Thomas, Rev. S. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels - Town Clerk  
Miss H. J. Windus – Deputy Town Clerk

### **45. OPENING OF MEETING**

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. Andy Grimwood, commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer.

### **46. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors I. W. Armstrong (indisposed), B. Blakeley (other commitment), B. F. Moylan (indisposed) and A. J. Rutherford (other commitment).

### **47. MINUTES**

The minutes of the following meetings of Council and Committees were submitted for approval as a correct record:

Meeting of Council - 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 - Min. Nos. 30-44

Proposed by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 - Min. Nos. 11-13

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor Ms J. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - Min. Nos. 14-18

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor Ms J. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

**To Confirm or otherwise:**

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - Min. Nos. 38-55

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

#### **48. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor referred to the list of engagements she and the Deputy Mayor had attended over the last month and in particular to the Chernobyl Children's Life Line's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert, St. Ann's Church's Strawberry Tea, St. Thomas' Church's Summer Fete and to Jason Donovan's performance at the Events Arena.

The Deputy Mayor commented on Seaside Soul at the Events Arena and the Air Show.

Both mentioned the Town Council's own 'Wild Weekend' event and congratulated Gunsmoke Communications on another successful programme of events.

#### **49. EXTERNAL AUDITORS OPINION ON THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL RETURN 2015/16**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above (circulated with agenda), a clean bill of health with just three minor advisory matters identified, these being:

- i) That in 2015/16 only two reports on budget performance were submitted for approval by Members, when there should have been four (quarterly).
- ii) That the date of a meeting underneath the Chair's signature on the Council's Annual Return was omitted.
- iii) That according to the Welsh Practitioners Guide monies deposited in the Public Sector Loan Fund are regarded as investment in shares and the Council has recorded these monies as simply an investment. It is understood that such monies will in future be regarded as an investment as is the case in the English Practitioners Guide, but as the Council no longer invests in the fund, the issue becomes a moot point.

**RESOLVED** that report be received and noted.

#### **50. PRESENTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER**

Further to Minute No.28 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016, the Mayor advised that unfortunately Ms Bensley had not arrived.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to contact Ms Bensley and reschedule the presentation.

#### **51. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – OPEN SPACE AUDIT**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above (circulated with agenda) asking for Ward Members' comments and confirmation of the types of open space in their individual Town Wards, as identified by the County Council.

The Town Clerk advised that this was essentially an audit of all open space in Rhyl and would be an important document to enable the County Council's Planning department to secure the appropriate levels of commuted sums from developers.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to submit the responses received.

**52. MEMBERS ITEM: REQUEST FROM '4 THE COMMUNITY'**

Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts advised that she had been approached by Mr R. Walsh of the above organisation who had asked her to seek Members' support for receiving a presentation from '4 The Community' who are based in St. Mary's Church on Wellington Road.

**RESOLVED** that the request be approved.

**53. INFORMATION ITEMS**

The Mayor advised that no urgent matters had been raised for Members' information.

**54. QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present.

**55. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, on the grounds of confidentiality.

**56. STRATEGIC & OPERATIONAL PLANNING (SOP) MINUTES**

The Town Clerk presented the confidential minutes of the last SOP Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (circulated at meeting) for Members' information.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be received and the recommendations approved.

**57. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further items of business the Mayor declared the meeting of Council closed.

Mayor: .....

Date: .....