

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 20th April 2016 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor B. Mellor (Mayor)

Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, Ms J. McAlpine, P. Prendergast, S.H. Ratcliffe, Miss S. L. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, 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

145. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Charles Ramsay, commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer.

146. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors I. W. Armstrong (indisposed), B. Blakeley, (indisposed), Mrs E. M. Chard (indisposed), Mrs P. M. Jones (indisposed), B. F. Moylan (indisposed), Mrs W. M. Mullen James (indisposed), Miss R. Siddall (work commitment) and D. Simmons (other commitment).

147. MINUTES

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

Meeting of Council - 17th February 2016 - Min. Nos. 112 - 125

Proposed by Councillor B. Mellor and seconded by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts and **RESOLVED** *as a correct record.*

Meeting of Council - 16th March 2016 - Min. Nos. 126 – 140

Proposed by Councillor B. Mellor and seconded by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts and **RESOLVED** *as a correct record.*

Special Meeting of Council - 16th March 2016 - Min. Nos. 141 – 144

Proposed by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** *as a correct record.*

Planning Committee - 16th March 2016 - Min. Nos. 57 - 60

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

Planning Committee - 6th April 2016 - Min. Nos. 61 - 63

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Finance & General - 6th April 2016 - Min. Nos. 97-105
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

148. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to the list of engagements he and the Deputy Mayor had attended over the last month and thanked Councillors P. Prendergast, S. H. Ratcliffe and W. N. Tasker for attending events in his absence.

149. PRESENTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Mayor advised that unfortunately the Denbighshire officer was unable to attend and that the presentation had been deferred to a future meeting.

Members expressed their disappointment that the presentation was not to proceed for the third time.

The Town Clerk advised that he would raise the matter at a forthcoming meeting with the County Council's Community Liaison Officer. Members felt that given the importance of the issue a formal letter should also be sent.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to raise the matter with the Liaison Officer and write to the County Council.

150. DENBIGHSHIRE STANDARDS COMMITTEE – REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

The Town Clerk reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Denbighshire Standards Committee to request that the dispensation previously granted to Town Councillors in respect of declarations relating to the Rhyl in Bloom committee, be renewed (minute no.128 of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 1st April 2015 refers).

The Town Clerk advised that the Standards Committee had agreed to the request which would require Members to continue to declare an interest when any matter relating to Rhyl in Bloom was about to be discussed, but to also state they were relying on the special dispensation to enable them to remain in the Chamber and take full part in discussions and voting.

The Town Clerk further advised that the dispensation would remain in force until the next scheduled elections in May 2017 for all existing Members, but should any new Councillors be elected/co-opted to the Council, a further request would need to be submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

151. GUNSMOKE COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk referred to the programme of planned events to be organised by Gunsmoke Communications on the Town Council's behalf and drew Members' attention to the front page of that week's Journal newspaper, which was the result of efforts made by the company.

RESOLVED that the programme be received.

152. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT – MARCH 2016

The Chair referred to the Town Clerk's report (circulated with agenda) and to the schedule of payments.

Voucher No.	Creditor	Amount Total (£)	Description
168	HMRC	2,215.05	February 2016 Tax & NI
169	Flintshire CC Pension Scheme	3,540.58	Pension Contributions February 2016
176	HSBC	11.67	Bank Charges 17th January to 16th February 2016
177	BT	107.10	Internet Services February to April 2016
178	HSBC	200.00	Petty Cash Top-Up
179	RTC Staff	6,622.50	Staff Salaries March 2016
180	Sioned-Graham Cameron	217.62	Translation Fees
181	Sunray Pictures	100.00	Pictures for Website
040	Sage & Co	30.00	Monthly Payroll Fee - March 2016
182	Denbighshire CC	133.49	Lift Servicing Wellington Road
183	Denbighshire CC	68.94	Lift Repair Call out
184	Gunsmoke Communications	320.00	Events Programme Work - February 2016
185	WPS insurance	36.26	Increased Premium - Employee Fidelity
186	BT	115.68	Telephone Charges and Line Rental
187	Delwedd	2,998.20	Website Costs - Set-up, Design and Hosting
188	Denbighshire CC	2,865.88	Cost of By Election Bryn Tirion Ward 17/03/16
189	Flintshire CC	42,000.00	Additional Payment off Pension Scheme Deficit
190	Denbighshire CC	121,073.88	Parade Shelters, Drift Park, Resurgam & Cycle Track
191	BT	304.93	Calls and Rental Charges
192	BT	44.24	Calls and Rental Charges
	Total Payments	183,006.02	
	Denbighshire CC	14.00	2 x tickets for Mayor's Gala
	HSBC	44.30	Interest on Money Market Deposits
	HSBC	33.77	Interest on Balances January to March 2016
	Santander	1.70	Interest on Investment Account March 2016
	Public Sector Deposit Scheme	34.12	Dividends for January to March 2016
	Total Receipts	127.89	

RESOLVED that the report was approved.

153. INFORMATION ITEMS: PEA LIGHTS IN TREES AT TOWN HALL

A Member referred to the recently installed pea lights in trees to the rear of the Town Hall which had been paid for from surplus monies controlled by the former Town Centre Forum group.

The Member advised that due to an oversight no provision had been made for the VAT payable on the lights and unfortunately the organisation had insufficient funds to meet that cost.

The Member asked that the Town Council considers meeting the cost of just over £200.

RESOLVED that the Town Council to pay the VAT.

154. LOCAL REFERENCE GROUP

The Town Clerk advised that further to the presentation provided to the Council in March 2016, he had been approached by Denbighshire County Council advising that the Local Reference Group was now in the process of being established and would be open to all Rhyl elected Members for Denbighshire County and Rhyl Town Councils together with the local MP and AM.

The County Council were now requesting that the Town Council advise on the most suitable day of the week and time of day for the meetings to be held.

A number of Members expressed concerns about the operation of the group and debated whether the Town Council should offer to host the meetings. Members also felt that it was important for the meetings to have clear terms of reference available for Members to consider prior to the first meeting.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be instructed to advise the County Council that the most suitable day would be Mondays at 5.30pm, and to request that the Terms of Reference be circulated to the Members and discussed at the first meeting.

155. QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

156. 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.

157. INSURANCE RENEWAL

The Town Clerk submitted his and the Finance Officer's joint report (circulated with agenda) seeking authority for a one year extension to the existing insurance arrangements for the reasons set out in the report.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) *an exemption from Contract Standing Orders under Section 9.1 (d) be confirmed.*
- (ii) *an extension of insurance arrangements with Aviva for one year be approved for the reasons identified within the report.*

158. LAND AT CEFNDY ROAD / FFORDDLAS RHYL

The Town Clerk reported approaches made by Denbighshire County Council and Natural Resources Wales relating to the small piece of land at Cefndy Road / Fforddilas, owned by the Town Council.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) *in relation to Denbighshire County Council:*
 - *the Town Clerk be instructed to ask if they would be interested in acquiring the land.*
 - *that they be given permission to proceed with the planting of trees at the junction to address highway safety issues subject to there being no cost to the Town Council.*
 - *that they consider extending the 20mph zone from Ysgol Plas Cefndy to address the issue of traffic travelling at speed in this area.*
- (ii) *in relation to Natural Resources Wales, the request be declined and they be asked to seek entry by way of the adjoining land.*

159. STANDING ITEM: POLICE CLOSURE ORDERS

Further to minute no.79 of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 3rd February 2016, the Town Clerk advised that no applications had been received from North Wales Police

160. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: