

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 15th February 2017 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, S. H. Ratcliffe, A. J. Rutherford, T. Thomas and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

121. OPENING OF MEETING

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

122. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors I. W. Armstrong (indisposed), Ms J. McAlpine (family illness), P. Prendergast (indisposed), Miss R. Siddall (indisposed), D. Simmons (on holiday) and W. N. Tasker (indisposed).

123. MINUTES

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

Special Meeting - 6th January 2017 - Min. Nos. 102- 105
of Council

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

Meeting of Council - 18th January 2017 - Min.Nos.106-120

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

Planning Committee - 18th January 2017 - Min. Nos. 46 - 48

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. Mullen James and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 1st February 2017 - Min. Nos. 49-51

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General - 1st February 2017 - Min. Nos. 97-112
Purposes Committee

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

124. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 SECTION 86 – DECLARATION OF VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR FOR THE CEFNDY WARD

The Town Clerk formally declared the above vacancy and advised that as the vacancy had arisen within six months of the May Elections, an election could not be called.

The Town Clerk further advised that the Town Council could choose to co-opt a Councillor into the position, but that this would not be prudent as the process from advertising to the selection of a candidate would take at least a month, meaning the successful candidate would attend just two Council meetings at the most before the Elections in May.

RESOLVED that the vacancy would remain until the Elections in May.

125. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT – DECEMBER 2016

Further to Minute No. 102 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 1st February 2017, the Town Clerk referred to his report (circulated with the previous Finance and General Purposes Committee agenda).

RESOLVED that the report was received.

126. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS TO 31ST DECEMBER 2016 AND FORECASTS FOR THE 2016/17 FINANCIAL YEAR

Further to Minute No. 103 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 1st February 2017, the Town Clerk made reference to his and the Finance Officer's joint progress report (circulated with the previous Finance and General Purposes Committee agenda) showing performance against budget.

RESOLVED that the report was received.

127. INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 31ST DECEMBER 2016

Further to Minute No. 104 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 1st February 2017, the Town Clerk referred to his and the Finance Officer's joint progress report (circulated with the previous Finance and General Purposes Committee agenda) on the Council's investments.

RESOLVED that the report was received.

128. CORRESPONDENCE: NATURAL RESOURCES WALES – FLOOD WARDENS

Further to minute no.76 of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 7th December 2016, the Town Clerk reported receipt of the above response (circulated with the previous Finance and General Purposes Committee agenda) confirming the names of the Councillors who were Flood Wardens for Rhyl East and Rhyl West and explaining the lack of communication from Natural Resources Wales with the Flood Wardens since their appointment in 2012.

RESOLVED that the correspondence was received.

129. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor made reference to her attendance at Rhuddlan Town Council's Civic Service at St. Mary's Church, otherwise reporting a relatively quiet month.

RESOLVED *that the report be received.*

130. 2017 ELECTIONS – ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The Town Clerk presented his report (circulated with agenda) relating to arrangements for the Town Council in consideration of the forthcoming Elections and a number of operational decisions around cancelling the Finance and General Purposes Committee planned for 3rd May (the day before the Elections), the delegation of executive powers, arrangements for the Annual Meeting (17th May) and appointments of Committees, Chairs and to outside organisations.

With regard to the appointing of School Governors a Member advised of a recent 'white paper' proposing changes that could impact upon Town and Community Council representation.

RESOLVED *that:*

- (i) The planned Finance and General Purposes Committee on 3rd May be cancelled.*
- (ii) The Town Clerk's suggested approach to the delegation of executive powers be approved.*
- (iii) The Town Clerk's suggested approach to arrangements for the Annual Meeting and the Inaugural Evening be approved.*
- (iv) The Town Clerk's recommendations to deal with the various official appointments be approved.*
- (v) The Town Clerk to track down the 'white paper' referred to relating to School Governors and report back.*

131. INFORMATION ITEMS

With the Mayor's approval, the Town Clerk reminded Members of:

The Town Council's St. David's Day celebration taking place at Rhyl Train / Bus Station and asked for volunteers to help on the day.

The Mayor's Gala at the Pavilion Theatre on the evening of Friday 17th March and to make their request for tickets as soon as possible.

The Mayor's Quiz Night at Rhyl Golf Club on the evening of Friday 31st March and to get their tickets as soon as possible.

132. QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

133. 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.

134. MINUTES

The confidential minutes of the following meeting were submitted for Members' information:

Grounds Maintenance - 19th December 2016 - Min.Nos. 28-31
Sub-Committee

RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted.

135. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED PROMENADE DEVELOPMENT

Further to minute no.100 of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 1st February 2017, the Town Clerk reported receipt of a formal letter from Denbighshire County Council confirming the decision taken at the meeting and all of the Town Council's conditions and assurances.

The Town Clerk also reported that Gunsmoke Communications' Mrs Rachael Wheatley and himself had met with Corporate Director Ms Rebecca Maxwell and Press Officer Mr Gareth Watson yesterday and that the meeting had been very positive.

The Town Clerk confirmed that he had informed Ms Maxwell of Councillor A. J. Rutherford and Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts' appointment to Denbighshire's Waterpark Project Board.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

136. STANDING ITEM: POLICE CLOSURE ORDERS

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

137. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: