

At a meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 4th March 2020 at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs E. M. Chard, A. R. James, A. S. Johnson, B. Jones, K. R. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms V. Roberts, T. Thomas, R. Turner and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

74. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted from Councillors J. Ball and Miss S. L. Roberts.

75. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A) – JANUARY 2020

The Chair referred to the Town Clerk’s report (circulated with agenda) detailing the schedule of payments made and income received.

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount £	Description of Goods & Services
735	Rhyl Community Association	2,550.00	Tynweydd CC Management Fee 19/20 Payment 4 of 4
939	HSBC	13.04	Bank Charges 17 December 2019 to 16 January 2020
943	Gunsmoke Communications	1,440.00	Events Management Fees for January 2020
942	RTC Staff	7,142.52	RTC Staff Salaries February 020
941	HMRC	2,743.11	PAYE Deductions January 2020
940	Flintshire CC	4,290.48	Pension Contributions & Deficit Funding January 2020
723	Benefits Advice Shop	916.67	Part Time Appeals Officer 19/20 Payment 10 of 12
951	Canda	350.70	Copier Rental and B&W Copies
952	Canda	330.91	Colour Copies
	Total payments	£19,777.43	

Category	Description	Amount
Interest Received	Santander 31 Day Notice Account	41.40
Interest Received	HSBC 7 Day Money Market	28.78
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	Total income	£171.48

RESOLVED that the report was approved.

76. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST (SCHEDULE B)

Further to minute no.143 of the meeting of Council held on 15th March 2017 and in accordance with the council's adopted financial regulations, the Chair referred to the Town Clerk's submitted schedule B (a list of non-regular payments to be released over the coming month) (circulated with agenda).

Voucher No.	Supplier Name	Description of Service	Amount £
953	Flying Colours Entertainment Ltd	Stilt walkers for St David's Day Event 29/02/20	882.00
954	TAPE	Ghostbusters for St Dwynwen and St David's Day events	250.00
955	BJS Solutions	Renewal of 5 user anti-virus	179.94
Total			£1,311.94

RESOLVED that the schedule was approved for payment, signed by two councillors.

FURTHER RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Town Clerk to respond as a matter of urgency.

77. MEMBER'S ITEM: REQUEST TO PRESENT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

The Chair made reference to this item appearing for the third time on both this and a Council agenda and to Councillor J. Ball's absence.

A member suggested that the item be withdrawn.

RESOLVED that the item was withdrawn.

78. MEMBER'S ITEM: RESPONSE TO DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Councillor A. R. James sought members' views on responding to the e-mail they had received from Ms Greenhalgh (circulated with agenda) after her attendance at the last meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 5th February 2020.

Members had mixed feelings about the general tone of the last meeting. Some believing that no disrespect was shown to Ms Greenhalgh and Ms Kneale, or any other Denbighshire officer to have ever attended a town council meeting. That the opinions expressed were entirely proportional given the strength of members' feeling with regard to the latest Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) figures, which should perhaps have been expected by the officers?

Another member felt that some over-reacted to the figures when context had been provided by the officers.

There was a consensus however, that the town council was determined to work with Denbighshire County Council to tackle levels of deprivation throughout Rhyl.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to draft a response for members' approval at the next meeting of Council.

79. MEMBER'S INFORMATION ITEM: ARBED 3 ENERGY EFFICIENCY SCHEME

The Town Clerk reported receipt of an e-mail from Arbed am Byth who manage the above scheme on behalf of Welsh Government.

The scheme is offering free energy efficiency measures for eligible householders in parts of the Bryn Hedydd, Cefndy, Pentyffryn, Plastirion and Tynewydd wards, with drop-in sessions being held at the Rhyl Rugby Club on 5th March from 2pm-6pm and at the Leisure Centre on 6th March from 2pm-6pm.

80. MEMBER'S INFORMATION ITEM: URDD EISTEDDFOD

The Town Clerk reported receipt of an e-mail from the organisers asking for volunteers to help to steward sessions between 25th – 30th May 2020.

It was agreed that any Member able to assist would contact the organiser directly.

81. 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.

82. ANNUAL RISK REVIEW 2019 AND FORWARD PLAN 2020/21

The Town Clerk referred to the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee's confidential report (circulated with agenda) outlining the work undertaken by it throughout 2019/20, and it's proposed forward work plan for the forthcoming year.

Members thanked the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee for carrying out a significant amount of work on the council's behalf.

RESOLVED *that the report and the forward work plan was approved.*

83. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

Chair:

Date: