

At a meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held via video conference on Wednesday 6th October 2021 commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, J. Chamberlain-Jones, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, B. Jones, K. R. Jones, Ms J. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Miss S. L. Roberts, Ms V. Roberts, Mrs M. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

38. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors J. Ball, Mrs E. M. Chard and T. Thomas.

39. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A) SEPTEMBER 2021

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
1229	BT	246.24	Phone line & broadband
1228	HSBC	7.40	Bank charges 17 th July to 16 th August 2021
1167	Citizens Advice Bureau	2,000.00	Energy Efficiency Officer – payment 2 of 4 2021/22
1140	Denbighshire County Council	736.00	NNDR Wellington Rd Civic Offices – payment 6 of 10
1168	Benefits Advice Shop	916.66	Appeals Officer – payment 6 of 12 2021/22
1230	Gunsmoke Communications	1,600.00	Management Fee for August 2021
1231	HMRC	2,794.69	PAYE deductions for August 2021
1232	Flintshire CC (Clwyd Pension Fund)	4,294.23	Pension contributions & deficit funding for august 2021
1233	Staff Salaries	7,362.97	Staff salaries for September 2021
1234	Denbighshire County Council	32,037.00	SC2 loan – payment 2 of 3 for 2021/22
1244	BT	219.22	Phone line & broadband
	Total payments	£52,214.41	

Category	Description	Amount
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Money Market Deposit	0.58
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	23.57
HSBC	Interest on Money Maker Account	1.34
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Money Market Deposit	0.58
Quadiant	Refund on credit for franking machine (no longer used)	200.00

HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Money Market Deposit	0.77
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	Total income	£228.38

RESOLVED that the report was approved.

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

Further to min.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).

(9th – 28th September 2021)

Voucher No.	Supplier Name	Description of Service	Amount £
1248	Cllr D. L. King	Mayoral expenses for July 2021	17.25
1249	Cllr D. L. King	Mayoral expenses for august 2021	31.60
1250	Post Office	First class stamps	85.00
1251	North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription	90.00
Total			£223.85

RESOLVED that the schedule was approved for payment, and would be signed by two councillors in due course.

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

41. CONSULTATION: BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES – 2023 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

Further to min.no.53 of the meeting of Council held on 15th September 2021, the Town Clerk presented his draft response as a starting point (circulated with agenda).

RESOLVED that members should email their individual views to the Town Clerk before Monday 11th October to enable him to re-write the response accordingly and bring it back to the meeting of Council on 20th October for approval before being submitted.

42. CORRESPONDENCE: RHYL GOLF CLUB

The Town Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from the golf club's Marketing Director (circulated with agenda) for members' consideration.

Councillor B. Mellor advised that he and the other ward members, B. Jones and T. Thomas had recently met with representatives of Awel y Mor and the golf club, and with Denbighshire County Council officers, at which the two proposed options for the Awel y Mor wind farm had been confirmed and the three members had informed all parties of their objection to Option A, which would force the permanent closure of the golf club, as outlined in the letter from the golf club.

Councillor Mellor added that Denbighshire County Council's Planning Committee had that day voted in support of Option B, which would site the two large transition jointing boxes at an alternative location half a mile inland on the other side of the Lyons Robin Hood camp and railway line by the Dyserth Bends, as opposed to right in the middle of the golf course.

Councillor Mellor advised members to visit the golf course's web site and click on the consultation link provided before Monday 11th October, the last day of the consultation process.

Members objected to Option A on the grounds of the detrimental impact to the golf club it would have.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to contact Denbighshire County Council's Development Manager, Mr Paul Mead, for sight of the Planning Committee's response to Awel y Mor, before conveying the town council's objection to Option A and support for Option B by Monday 11th October.

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

43. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It is recommended, pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following items of business, on the grounds of confidentiality.

44. IT REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER TO FACILITATE HYBRID MEETINGS

The Town Clerk referred to his confidential report (circulated with agenda) outlining two options suggested by the town council's IT consultant that would facilitate future hybrid meetings as now required by new legislation for all councils in Wales, for members' consideration.

The Town Clerk added that all future hybrid meetings would still need to adhere to the Covid-19 restrictions of the time.

Furthermore, the Town Clerk recommended Option 2, which included two larger screens for better visibility both from within the chamber and for those attending meeting virtually, and was the only difference between the two options.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Option 2 was approved at a cost of £7,844.00 and the Town Clerk authorised to order the equipment as soon as possible.
- (ii) Full training and a practise run to be organised prior to going live with the new system.

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

45. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted (circulated with agenda) for members' information:

Grounds Maintenance - 29th July 2021 - Min.Nos.1-11
Sub-Committee

The following minutes were submitted (circulated with agenda) for members' information and approval of the recommendations contained therein:

Risk Assessment - 27th September 2021 - Min.Nos.22-27
Sub-Committee

RESOLVED *that the minutes were received and approved.*

46. ILLUMINATION REPAIRS

The Town Clerk verbally reported on a number of illuminations in need of repair before the Christmas switch-on, which he (with the Chair's approval) had instructed at a cost of £2,200 in order for the illuminations to be ready in time.

However, following further inspection at the Blachere repair facility a further two illuminations were in need of repair at an additional cost of £625.

RESOLVED *that:*

- (i) *The initial spend of £2,200 and the additional cost of £625 was approved.*
- (ii) *The Town Clerk to ask Blachere if solar powered illuminations were an option for the future.*

47. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Chair:

Date: