

At the hybrid **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 21st January 2026, commencing at 6pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. Walker (Mayor)

Councillors M. Blackwell, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs S. L. Connolly, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs J. M. Evans, S. Feeney, A. R. James, K. R. Jones, J. Kenney, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Ms V. Roberts, D. Simmons and Miss C. L. Williams

Mrs H. J. Mead – Town Clerk
Mrs T. A. Jones – Deputy Town Clerk

127. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs M. A. Blakeley-Walker, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, W. Price, Ms R. S. Roberts and A. J. Rutherford.

The Mayor welcomed all to the meeting.

128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor asked if members had any personal and/or prejudicial interests to declare with regard to any of the business to be considered on the agenda?

No declarations were made.

129. VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

The Town Clerk advised that the required 10 electors from the Cefndy Ward had not requested an election, so the vacancy would now be filled by co-option.

A notice inviting applications from individuals interested in becoming a councillor, would be published on the town council's website tomorrow.

The closing date for applications would be 6th March 2026, after which, members would consider the written submissions..

130. MINUTES

Meeting of Council - 17th December 2025 - Min Nos. 112-126

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

Meeting of Planning - 17th December 2025 - Min Nos. 24-28

Proposed by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and seconded by Councillor D. Simmons and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

131. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor submitted details of the events he and the Deputy Mayor had attended over the past month (circulated with agenda).

Councillor Walker referred to the Rhyl RNLI Boxing Day Dip, which had attracted an impressive amount of people.

132. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT MAY 2025 (SCHEDULE A)

The Mayor 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 Services Provided
2130	BT	87.06	BT Town Hall - System Rental Phones
N/A	Tesco	3.00	Mobile Phone Insurance
2131	BT	378.00	Town Hall Broadband Services
0	BT	414.65	Telephony & Broadband at WRCC
2132	O2	52.20	Mobile Phone Rental
N/A	Tesco	9.00	Mobile Phone Rental
1999	Denbighshire CC	838.00	NNDR for Civic Offices WRCC - Payment 9 of 10
2136	RTC Staff	9,082.07	Net Pay for 4 Staff Dec 2025
2134	HMRC	3,198.68	PAYE for Nov 2025
2135	Clwyd Pension Fund	3,280.52	Pensions Contributions for Nov 2025
2034	Benefits Advice Shop	1,255.83	Benefits Appeals Officer 9 of 12 for 2025/26
2033	Citizens Advice Denbighshire	2,000.00	Energy Efficiency Officer 3 of 4 2025/26
N/A	Tesco	3.00	Mobile Phone Insurance
2149	BT	87.06	BT Town Hall - System Rental Phones
	Total Payments	20,689.07	

Category	Description	Amount £
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	199.11
HSBC	Interest on BMM Account	469.82
HSBC	Interest on 1 month Deposit	852.16

Denbighshire CC	Precept 2025/26 - Payment 3 of 3	193,333.33
	Total Income	194,854.42

RESOLVED that the report was approved.

133. 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).

Voucher	Supplier	Details of Supply	Amount £
2155	Delwedd Ltd	Office 365 Software Renewal	£552.96
2156	St John Ambulance Cymru	Emergency First Aid at Work - 2 Delegates 06/02/26	£364.80
2157	CIPFA	Membership Fee 2026 for Mr A Williams (No 14706)	£405.00
2158	Proarb Ltd	30ft Spruce Tree – Supply, Instal and Removal	£2,496.00
2159	Thomas Fattorini Ltd	New Mayoral Chain & Case	£10,690.93
2160	Sandra Williams	Translation Services	£269.54
2161	Butteez Ltd	Lunch for Priorities Workshop	£105.60
	Total Schedule B		£14,884.83

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

134. INVESTMENTS PERFORMANCE 2025/26: APRIL – DECEMBER 2025

The Town Clerk referred to her and the Finance Officer's report (circulated with the agenda) and reported that the interest earned for the period was £11,477.

135. QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

136. 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.

137. CLWYD PENSION FUND UPDATE

The Town Clerk referred to her and the Finance Officer's confidential report (circulated with the agenda) advising that the deficit had been met and the fund was in surplus.

The Town Clerk outlined the options available to the town council to reduce its employer contribution rate whilst building a recommended level of reserve, to absorb any future fluctuations over the next three years.

RESOLVED that the employer pension contributions be approved at 16.5% for the next three years, commencing April 2026. This includes allowing for a 5% sustainability reserve.

138. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a request from Urdd Gobaith Cymru (circulated with agenda) asking the town council to consider making a contribution to this year's Fund for All appeal.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) a contribution of £1,150 was approved, to cover the costs for five children from Rhyl to attend the Urdd Summer Camps, which would be met from the Commissioned Services budget.
- (ii) the Town Clerk to also ask how the scheme was promoted and administered in Rhyl schools.

139. RELOCATION OF TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES

On behalf of the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee and the appointed negotiators, Councillors A. R. James and Mrs D. King, the Town Clerk advised that all parties were ready to proceed with the signing of the Lease and associated paperwork, and sought members' approval for the Mayor and herself to sign them on their behalf, to enable the move into the Town Hall to proceed.

[Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard joined the meeting at 18.26pm]

RESOLVED that members authorised the Mayor and the Town Clerk to sign the paperwork on the town council's behalf.

140. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: