

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 16th February 2011 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll (Mayor)

Councillors J. B. Bellis, B. Blakeley, J. Butterfield, Mrs J. Butterfield, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs L. M. Edwards, M. C. Espley, I. A. Gunning, Ms D. Hannam, Miss G. A. Jones, Miss M. A. Jones, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, G. J. Pickering, W. N. Tasker, T. C. Thomas and D. A. J. Thomas.

Mr G. J. Nickels - Town Clerk
Mr P. M. Thomas - Finance Officer
Miss H. J. Windus - Personal Assistant & Secretary

95. OPENING OF MEETING

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

96. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors D. W. Lee (work commitment) and G. Williams (indisposed).

97. MINUTES

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

Council - 19th January 2011 - Min.Nos. 82-91

With regard to Minute No.90 (Possible Breach of Confidentiality) the Town Clerk reported that two Members had requested that the second vote taken at the meeting on 19th January also be reflected in this Minute.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be instructed to add the second vote taken on whether to submit the complaint as individual Councillors or as the Town Council via the Town Clerk to Minute No.90.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll and seconded by Councillor Ms G. A. Jones and ***RESOLVED*** as a correct record.

[Councillor J. B. Bellis declared a personal interest in the above item and vacated the Chamber taking no further part in discussions or voting thereon]

Planning Committee - 19th January 2011 - Min.Nos. 56-59

Proposed by Councillor M. C. Espley and seconded by Councillor Ms G. A. Jones and ***RESOLVED*** as a correct record.

Planning - 2nd February 2011 - Min.Nos. 60-63
Committee

Proposed by Councillor G. J. Pickering and seconded by Councillor Miss M. A. Jones and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Special Council - 2nd February 2011 - Min. Nos. 92-94

Proposed by Councillor B. Blakeley and seconded by Councillor W. N. Tasker and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General - 2nd February 2011 - Min.Nos. 162-185
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor D. A. J. Thomas and seconded by Councillor W. N. Tasker and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

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

The Mayor regretfully reported receipt of a letter of resignation from Mrs P. M. Butters and duly read it aloud to the meeting.

In accordance with the provisions of the above Act, the Town Clerk advised that following the resignation if was necessary to formally declare a vacancy in the office of Councillor. The Town Clerk further advised that a public notice would be published in a local paper advising of the vacancy and inviting ten electors to request that an election be held.

RESOLVED that:

- a) *the information be noted and a vacancy in the office of Councillor be formally declared.*
- b) *a letter be sent to Mrs Butters conveying the Council's sincere regret at her decision to resign and to thank her for work in the community since becoming a Councillor in 2008.*
- c) *the Town Clerk table an item relating to Member training on a future agenda.*

99. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to the list of engagements she and the Deputy Mayor had attended since the last meeting of Council (circulated with Agenda) for Members information and in particular to the Mystery Shopping Presentations at Rhyl College and the Thanksgiving Concert at St. Asaph Cathedral in aid of Help the Heroes, which were both impressive and enjoyable events.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

100. PRESENTATION: BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD

Further to Minute No.73 of the meeting held on 15th December 2010, the Mayor welcomed Ms Sally Baxter, Ms Ellen Greer and Ms Wendy Hooson to the meeting and invited them to address Members in response to the questions previously submitted to the Health Board.

The officers provided a presentation and indicated:

- the reasons why a community hospital could not be built on the site of the Royal Alexandra hospital.
- the cost of refurbishment of Ysbyty Glan Clwyd was less than a rebuild and would achieve the objectives with minimum disruption and the proposal was based on experience at a sister hospital which had already been refurbished.
- that in respect of the Home Enhanced Care Service (HECS): some patients would always require hospital bed care and this would be available. It was stated that the condition of some patients being treated at home under HECS would deteriorate and would need to be admitted and an audit was currently being undertaken to assess need.
- that residents would be consulted within 5 years on the future of Chatsworth House.
- that consultation would be undertaken when formal proposals had been submitted but currently these were being developed using reference groups.
- that difficulties had been identified in respect of transport issues for patients but that access to own car was not a factor in determining scheduling of appointments.
- that Conwy had a system of volunteers who visit patients and this was being developed for Denbighshire using the third sector.
- that currently transport was being provided using community schemes but it was not working as required.
- that in respect of the closure of a local surgery the Community Health Council would be seeking to provide an alternative.
- that in response to a question relating to a previous ministerial statement promising £300 million for the rebuild of Ysbyty Glan Clwyd, it was reported that the refurbishment would result in the hospital being stripped back to its frame and upgraded, and that the £300 million was indicative and had not been lost but would be utilised across Wales based on national health priorities.
 - that it was NHS policy not to make redundancies and that a block had been put on recruitment, which might have implications if specialist staff were required.

- that referrals on to HECS were made by GP's as the person closest to the family rather than consultants in the hospitals who would see patients infrequently.
- that the HECs system was currently being trialled over a 12 month period.
- there were no plans to close Glan Traeth.

Members of the Council made reference to a number of specific incidences which had been personally experienced or reported to them and which the Officers agreed to note and pass on as appropriate.

At the conclusion of the presentation the Mayor thanked the officers for their time.

101. QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

102. 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.*

103. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: