

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 5th January 2011, at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor D. A. J. Thomas (Chair)

Councillors J. B. Bellis, Mrs P. M. Butters, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs L. M. Edwards, I. A. Gunning, Ms D. Hannam, Ms G. A. Jones, D. W. Lee, Mrs M. McCarroll, G. J. Pickering, W. N. Tasker, T. Thomas and G. Williams.

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

147. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors B. Blakeley (indisposed), J. Butterfield (on holiday), Mrs J. Butterfield (on holiday), M. C. Espley (family commitment), Miss M. A. Jones (indisposed) and Mrs W. M. Mullen-James (indisposed).

148. COUNCILLORS BEREAVEMENTS AND ILL-HEALTH

The Chair regretfully reported the recent deaths of Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll's brother-in-law and Councillor T. Thomas' mother. As a mark of respect for both family's losses the meeting stood to observe a minute of silence.

The Chair also advised that Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James was unfortunately unwell and that Councillor B. Blakeley was suffering from continued ill-health.

RESOLVED that cards be sent to Councillors Blakeley and Mullen-James wishing them a speedy recovery.

149. RHYL TOWN COUNCIL DRAFT WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME

Further to Minute No.193 of the meeting held on 3rd March 2010, the Town Clerk presented his report containing the recommendations of the Town Council's Welsh Language Scheme Sub-Committee (circulated with Agenda).

Councillors expressed their thanks to the Sub-Committee for an excellent piece of work.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) *the report be received and the Draft Welsh Language Scheme and recommended Action Plan be approved as the basis for the Public Consultation.*

(b) *the Welsh Language Sub-Committee be delegated responsibility for the following areas of work:*

- *Management of the consultation exercise.*
- *Ongoing general monitoring of implementation*
- *Consideration of some specific unresolved issues over the life of the Scheme e.g. impact on civic events*
- *Preparation of the annual monitoring report to Council*
- *Discussion of any new policy or other complex issues referred by the Finance and General Purposes Committee for detailed consideration.*

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

150. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Finance Officer submitted his report for the period 26th October to 20th December 2010 (circulated with Agenda).

The Finance Officer provided clarification on a number of items within his report and reminded Members of the role of the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee in examining any issues of concern referred to it by Council or by Members individually through the Chairman.

<u>Paid by</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Credit Card	27/10/2010	Blackwells Stonecraft Ltd	Inscription on memorial VN 159	376.00
Credit Card	28/10/2010	Denbighshire County Council	Bus shelter cleaning contract VN 156	419.48
Credit Card	28/10/2010	Denbighshire County Council	Bus shelter cleaning contract VN 158	419.48
Credit Card	28/10/2010	Denbighshire County Council	Building maintenance VN 157	246.75
DD	29/10/2010	AdEPT Telecom	Telephone call charges Sept VN 151	73.48
203301	03/11/2010	Cllr W Mullen James	Planning training - travelling expenses VN 160	34.07
SO	05/11/2010	Wellington Community Centre	Quarterly cleaning and utility charges VN 031	2740.00
DD	07/11/2010	HSBC	Charges to 16 Oct VN 155	10.31
Credit Card	12/11/2010	Argos	Disks and toaster VN 166	23.94
BACS	15/11/2010	Bacs payroll	Payroll Nov 2010 VN 163	7370.69
BACS	15/11/2010	Inland Revenue	Payroll Oct VN 144	3072.94
BACS	15/11/2010	Flintshire County Council	Payroll Oct VN 145	2765.01
DD	15/11/2010	Denbighshire County Council	NNDR instalment VN 005	429.00
Credit Card	16/11/2010	NWN Media Ltd	Remembrance Sunday advert VN 172	105.75
203302	17/11/2010	Arriva North West Ltd	Bus Service for Remembrance Day VN 169	50.00
203303	17/11/2010	St John Ambulance	Donation re Remembrance Sunday VN 170	50.00
203304	17/11/2010	Rhyl Silver Band	Donation re Parade and Service VN	50.00

Paid by	Date	Payee	Details	Amount
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Credit Card	17/11/2010	Bullguard	Subscription to backup service VN 177	17.57
BACS	29/11/2010	Neopost	Postage meter top up VN 174	400.00
BACS	29/11/2010	Denbighshire County Council	Plastirion ward by election 28.10.10 VN 175	2652.35
BACS	29/11/2010	Wellington Community Centre	Tynwydd CC deficit payment VN 178	2160.00
DD	30/11/2010	AdEPT Telecom	Telephone call charges Oct VN 176	70.42
203305	01/12/2010	Musical Theatre Young Singers	Reception at event 2010 VN 179	136.20
203306	01/12/2010	Pavilion Theatre	Remembrance Sunday hire of room VN 180	38.89
203307	01/12/2010	Denbighshire County Council	Ground rents VN 181 182	14.50
Credit Card	02/12/2010	NWN Media Ltd	Car Parking advert VN 186	132.19
Credit Card	02/12/2010	HSBC	Annual card fee VN 192	32.00
BACS	03/12/2010	Webber Office Solutions	Stationery VN 183	216.81
BACS	03/12/2010	Society of Local Council Clerks	Town Clerk subscription VN 184	256.00
BACS	03/12/2010	Cllr W Mullen James	Planning meeting - travelling expenses VN 185	17.03
DD	08/12/2010	HSBC	Charges to 16 Nov VN 173	12.14
Credit Card	14/12/2010	Argos	Office Heater VN 200	24.99
BACS	15/12/2010	Bacs payroll	Payroll Dec 2010 VN 189	7509.34
BACS	15/12/2010	Flintshire County Council	Payroll Nov VN 165	2765.01
BACS	15/12/2010	Inland Revenue	Payroll Nov VN 164	3073.35
DDEST	15/12/2010	Denbighshire County Council	NNDR instalment VN 005	429.00
203308	16/12/2010	Petty Cash	Petty Cash for postage, papers etc VN 201	400.00
Credit Card	16/12/2010	Denbighshire County Council	Bus Shelter cleaning Oct VN 202	431.81
BACS	20/12/2010	MM Catering	Remembrance Sunday catering 14.11.10 VN 196	667.50
BACS	20/12/2010	Denbighshire County Council	Christmas Tree VN 197	1255.78
BACS	20/12/2010	Conrad Office and Art	Christmas Cards VN 198	281.69
BACS	20/12/2010	Conrad Office and Art	Stationery VN 199	77.20
BACS	20/12/2010	Adler	Diaries VN 204	180.47
Credit Card	20/12/2010	NWN Media Ltd	Car Parking advert VN 205	396.58
DD	20/12/2010	British Telecom	Main line mce VN 195	78.73

41,964.45

List of Income received for the period 26th October 2010 to 20th December 2010

27/10/2010	Rhyl Fire Station W and R Club	Contribution to event VN 1654	1200.00
29/10/2010	Money Market	BS 285 VN 162	3.36
01/11/2010	Alliance	Interest Oct 2010 VN 161	7.34
05/11/2010	Money Market	BS 286 VN 188	3.36
12/11/2010	Money Market	BS 286 VN 188	3.36
12/11/2010	WPS Insurance Brokers	Returned premium VN 167	149.82
19/11/2010	HM Revenue and Customs	VAT claim to Oct VN 168	3576.79
19/11/2010	Money Market	BS 286 VN 188	3.36
26/11/2010	Money Market	BS 287 VN 188	3.36
01/12/2010	Alliance	Interest Nov 2010 VN 187	7.11
14/12/2010	One Voice Wales	Training course refund VN 194	140.00
14/12/2010	Denbighshire County Council	BRAND contribution to illuminations VN 193	2098.86
			7196.72

Analysis of petty cash for the period 26th October 2010 to 20th December 2010

33.54	Postage
65.60	Newspapers
115.57	Civic
24.28	Refreshments
£238.99	Total

RESOLVED that the report be received.

151. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – EFFICIENCY PLAN 2010-2015

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above document (circulated with Agenda) for Members to determine a response.

The Town Clerk stated the importance of a considered response by the Town Council, particularly to 2.8 of the document relating to understanding the impact of the proposals on Denbighshire the place and its residents.

Members raised a number of concerns about the proposals and how they would affect Rhyl as a seaside resort which relies heavily on the non-statutory services under threat and on the text and figures in the document not appearing to match-up.

The Town Clerk advised that he had noted all of the issues raised and suggested that others should reach him by Monday 10th January to enable him to prepare a draft response to the January Council meeting for Members' approval before submitting to Denbighshire County Council.

RESOLVED that Members pass their comments to the Town Clerk before 12.00pm on Monday 10th January 2011.

152. MEMBERS ITEM: RHYL STREET MARKETS

Councillor G. J. Pickering advised that he had been asked by the market organisers to report that the recent markets in the town centre had increased footfall, brought traders back to Rhyl, taken two local people off benefits, forged partnerships with North Wales Training with possible jobs for the long-term unemployed, provided a showcase for local artists to exhibit and sell their work, provided a selling point for locally produced food and work for the Community Payback team in setting up the market stalls and clearing everything away at the end of the day.

Councillor Pickering added that there had not been any markets between Christmas and New Year as the organisers were working with Denbighshire County Council on licensing and planning issues to enable future markets to take place.

Members thanked Councillor Pickering for the information and were pleased with all of the positives to have come out of the initiative, but were a little sceptical about the quality of the produce on offer, having walked through the stalls themselves on numerous occasions.

Members stated that they wanted to see high quality goods and real fresh local produce on sale.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Denbighshire County Council to ask about the future of regular street markets in Rhyl.

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

[Councillor Mrs L. M. Edwards declared a prejudicial interest in the above item due to her position as a stall holder, and vacated the Chamber taking no further part in discussions or voting thereon]

153. CORRESPONDENCE: THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELDS CHALLENGE

The Chair reported receipt of the above from Chris Ruane MP (circulated with Agenda) bringing the initiative led by Prince William to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 by making use of public open spaces to the Town Council's attention.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Denbighshire County Council to ask whether then intended to nominate any particular sites for inclusion within the initiative.

154. CORRESPONDENCE: CLOSURE OF RHYL COUNTY COURT

Further to Minute No.70 of the meeting held on 1st September 2010, the Chair reported receipt of the above in response to representations made by the Town Council (circulated with Agenda).

Members congratulated the Town Clerk on a very well constructed letter.

RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

155. CORRESPONDENCE: RHYL LOCALITY NETWORKING

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above from Denbighshire County Council's Senior Detached Youth Worker advising the Town Council of plans to establish a Locality Networking Group in Rhyl and inviting them to send representation to the first meeting to be held at 2.00pm on Thursday 13th January 2011 in the John Davies Building on Marsh Road in Rhyl (circulated with Agenda).

The Town Clerk suggested that Members consider sending the Town Council's youth champions Councillors B. Blakeley and C. Davies to the meeting, with Councillor I. A. Gunning to substitute if required.

Councillor Gunning stated that unfortunately he was unable to make the meeting due to a prior commitment.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be instructed to advise Councillors B. Blakeley and C. Davies of the meeting and invite them to attend along with an Officer.

156. CORRESPONDENCE: RHYL WEST HOUSING REGENERATION PLAN

The Chair reported receipt of the above inviting the Town Council to appoint two Members to attend an information morning on the Rhyl West Housing Regeneration Plan at the Pavilion Theatre in Rhyl on Monday 24th January 2011 between 9.30 and 11.30am (circulated with Agenda).

RESOLVED that Councillors Mrs L. M. Edwards and Ms G. A. Jones be nominated to attend.

157. ADDITIONAL ITEM: INVITATION FROM APOLLO CINEMA, RHYL

The Town Clerk reported the recent receipt of the above (circulated at meeting) inviting Members to attend an Exhibition and Presentation on the proposals for the redevelopment of the cinema from 10.00 to 11.30am on Tuesday 18th January 2011 at the cinema.

Members commented that unfortunately the Exhibition clashed with an important meeting of Denbighshire County Council, which all County Councillors were expected to attend.

RESOLVED that the invitation be received.

158. 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.

159. **MEMBERS ITEM: MEMBERS CONDUCT AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Councillor G. Williams referred to the last meeting of Council and to the unacceptable behaviour of some Members towards both the Denbighshire County Council officers providing a presentation and towards fellow Councillors, particularly the disrespect shown to the Mayor as Chair of the meeting, and sought Members' support in ensuring that this conduct was not repeated at future meetings.

[Councillor Ms D. Hannam left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item]

160. **COMMUNITY PAYBACK PILOT PROJECT PROPOSAL**

Further to Minute No.145 of the meeting held on 1st December 2010, the Town Clerk presented his confidential report (circulated with Agenda) advising on developments which been identified during the investigation of the potential to deliver the initiative and his reasons for seeking an early presentation from the external Officers identified within the report. The report identified that due to a change in Central Government policy it was unlikely that the Council's own proposal would now be able to proceed as originally envisaged but that the external officers had identified an alternative proposal which they considered would achieve the Council's stated objectives. The Clerk further advised that given that the new proposal was different from the original proposal which the Council had instructed him to investigate he felt it important for Members to provide him with instruction as to how they wished him to proceed. Also given the previously stated urgency of the original proposal he had provisionally arranged for the external officers to present to the January Town Council meeting.

Members generally expressed disappointment at the information contained within the report but stated that as the urgency related to the original proposal it would be beneficial for the external officers to be requested to provide a written report on the proposal with a view to a presentation to the March Council

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be instructed to:

- a) *invite Mr Ray from Wales Probation Service and Mr Schwarz from Denbighshire County Council and the Denbighshire Community Safety Partnership to the meeting of Council scheduled for 16th March 2011.*
- b) *request that Mr Ray and Mr Schwarz provide an early written report on the new proposal prior to the March meeting.*

161. **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Chair:

Date: