

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013, at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor P. J. Williams (Chair)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, J. May, Mrs M. McCarroll, B. Mellor, B. F. Moylan, P. Prendergast, S. H. Ratcliffe, Miss S. L. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, Miss R. Siddall, D. Simmons and Miss C. L. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels - Town Clerk  
Mr R. A. Hughes - Finance Officer  
Miss H. J. Windus - Personal Assistant & Secretary

### **176. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors I. W. Armstrong (family commitment), Mrs W. M. Mullen-James (family commitment) and W. N. Tasker (work commitment).

### **177. CROWN POST OFFICE**

Further to Minute No.168 of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013, the Town Clerk presented his report (circulated with Agenda) detailing the enquiries he had made following the recent press reports relating to the possible closure and relocation of Rhyl's Main Post Office.

Members advised that they had heard a number of rumours about potential relocation sites in the town centre and of wage cuts for Post Office staff.

The Town Clerk stated that the Town Council as a statutory body had not been contacted or consulted by the Post Office.

***RESOLVED*** that the Town Clerk to write to the Post Office to complain about the lack of consultation with the Town Council.

### **178. INTERNAL AUDIT 2012/2013 – INTERIM AUDIT**

The Town Clerk submitted his report (circulated with Agenda) seeking Members' approval of the Internal Auditor's report and responded to Members' queries.

The Town Clerk further advised that since the report had been circulated he had received correspondence from the External Auditor giving a provisional date of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013 for the external audit. The Town Clerk advised of the difficulties this might create for the Council and his recommendation that a formal request be made for the date to be rearranged for 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) the report be approved, and the Town Clerk be authorised to write to the External Auditor requesting that the notified date of audit for 2012/13 be changed from 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013.
- (ii) the Town Clerk to contact Rhyl City Strategy to ask if the Town Council's allocated £5,000 towards events to be organised by the Town Centre Manager is still required in light of the successful grants drawn down by the Manager for this area of his work.

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

**179. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PROHIBITION OF WAITING ORDER 201? – FFORDD DERWEN RHYL**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above (circulated with Agenda) which was in accordance with the Town Council's Planning Committee.

**RESOLVED** that the proposal be received.

**180. CONSULTATION: NAMING OF DEVELOPMENT AT CORNER OF CEFNDY ROAD AND FFORDD DERWEN**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above (circulated with Agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the proposal be received.

**181. BATHING WATER QUALITY – RHYL AND PRESTATYN**

Further to Minute No.110 of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012, the Town Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from Chris Ruane MP (circulated with Agenda) inviting the Town Council to a meeting at the Town Hall on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm.

**RESOLVED** that the invitation be received.

**182. 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.

**183. RHYL TOWN COUNCIL ILLUMINATIONS**

The Town Clerk presented his confidential report (circulated with Agenda) on the options available to the Town Council with regard to the future of the town's scheme.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to invite all stakeholders to a meeting as soon as possible including the Town Centre Manager, Rhyl Business Group, Denbighshire County Council, Rhyl College, Rhyl City Strategy, Market Traders and NPower to discuss a partnership approach to year round illuminations in Rhyl leading up to an improved Christmas display.

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

**184. CAR PARKING INITIATIVE**

Further to Minute No.172 of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013, the Town Clerk advised that a Member not present at that meeting had requested that the initiative be given more thought.

The Member thought that an initiative involving the town's underground car park should be considered and asked for the matter to be revisited at the meeting to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013, at which she would submit a report.

**RESOLVED** that the item be including on the May Agenda for further discussion.

**185. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Chair: .....

Date: .....