

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 2nd July 2014, at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor P. Prendergast (Chair)

Councillors I. W. Armstrong, C. S. Ball. B. Blakeley,
Mrs. J. Chamberlain Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James,
Mrs M. McCarroll, B. F. Moylan, Mrs. W. Mullen-James, S. H. Ratcliffe,
A. J. Rutherford, Miss R. Siddall, D. Simmons and W. N. Tasker.

G.J. Nickels – Town Clerk
R. A. Hughes – Finance Officer

17. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE (indisposed), Mrs P. M. Jones (indisposed), J. May (work commitment), B. Mellor (on holiday), Miss S. L. Roberts (indisposed), Miss C. L. Williams (other commitment) and the Personal Assistant & Secretary, Miss H. J. Windus (annual leave).

18. WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLOR

The Chair welcomed Councillor Christopher Stewart Ball, the newly co-opted Member for the Bodfor Ward, to his first meeting and confirmed that the necessary declarations of acceptance of office had been signed.

Councillor Ball duly responded by thanking Members for their support.

19. JUNE 2014 STATEMENT OF AUTHORISED PAYMENTS

The Chair referred to the list of authorised payments on the Number 1 Account for June 2014 (circulated with agenda) for Members' approval.

RESOLVED *that the payments be approved.*

20. BRITISH DESTINATIONS

Further to Minute No.23 of the meeting of Council held on 18th June 2014, the Town Clerk advised that no further information had been received from Mr Hampson of British Destinations and sought Members' instructions as to whether the Council would like to join the organisation.

RESOLVED *that:*

- (i) *the Council becomes a member of British Destinations on a 12 month trial basis.*
- (ii) *Councillor D. Simmons to make enquiries as to why Denbighshire County Council chose to withdraw its membership.*

21. MENTORING OF NEW COUNCILLORS

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that the Council's Strategic Plan made provision for the Council to assign a specific Member to provide mentoring to newly elected/co-opted Councillors and sought instruction.

RESOLVED that Councillor P. Prendergast to mentor Councillor Ball.

22. COMMUTED SUMS

The Chair submitted correspondence received from the County Council requesting that the Town Council confirms its previous decision to approve the allocation of currently available commuted sums to the proposed development of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Ysgol Brynhedydd.

A progress report was provided by Councillor Simmons and the Finance Officer.

RESOLVED that the Council reconfirms its commitment.

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

23. PROGRESS REPORTS

(i) Rhyl Town and Area Plan

Further to Minute No.140 of the meeting of Council held on 19th March 2014, Councillor James, on behalf of the Council's appointed representatives advised on progress and submitted details of a proposed gateway feature to be installed at the Foryd entrance to the Town (image displayed at meeting).

RESOLVED that the report be noted and welcomed.

(ii) Rhyl Going Forward Officers

Further to Minute No.29 of the meeting held on 3rd July 2013, the Town Clerk advised Members that a progress report would be delivered to Members at the Joint Rhyl Members Area Group to be held on 17th July 2014 at Russell House.

24. MEMBER'S ITEM

(i) North Wales Women's Centre

Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James sought Members' approval for a presentation to be received from the centre.

RESOLVED that the request be approved.

(ii) Town Council Newsletter

On behalf of Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Councillor A. J. Rutherford referred to publications produced by a number of other Community Councils for the benefit of their residents and requested that Council approve that consideration be given to the production of a Rhyl Town Council Newsletter.

The Town Clerk advised that the proposal would be in-accord with an action contained within the Council's Strategic Plan.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare a report to the September Finance and General Purposes Committee.

25. MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS

Councillor B. F. Moylan advised that Sustainable Denbighshire had organised a Wildlife Recorders Training Day to be held at Brynhyfryd School, Ruthin, LL15 1EG on Wednesday 30th July 2014 from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

26. 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

27. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Further to Minute No.14 of the meeting held on 4th June 2014, the Finance Officer reported receipt of additional information from the applicant advising that one student and one instructor were Rhyl residents.

RESOLVED that the Town Council make a contribution of £100 each towards the Rhyl residents' costs.

28. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION – PROGRESS REPORT

The Chair of the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee provided Members with a verbal progress report on the current position relating to meetings held and information provided to the Town Clerk by the Landlord.

Member expressed their appreciation and confidence in the appointed negotiators.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the information provided be noted and the actions recommended by the Chair be approved.
- (ii) Councillor A. R. James be added to the membership of the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee.

29. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Chair:

Date: