

At a meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 6th July 2016 at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor P. Prendergast (Chair)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, Ms J. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, S. H. Ratcliffe, Miss S. L. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, Miss R. Siddall, D. Simmons, W. N. Tasker, T. Thomas, Rev. S. F. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels – Town Clerk
Miss H. J. Windus – Deputy Town Clerk

22. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted from Councillors I. Armstrong (indisposed), Ms J. Hughes (indisposed) and B. F. Moylan (indisposed).

23. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT – MAY 2016

The Chair referred to the Town Clerk’s report (circulated with agenda) and to the schedule of payments made in April 2016.

Vou.No.	Supplier	Amount	Description of Goods & Services
025	Rhyl Community Association	6,050.00	Wellington Rd Service Charges Quarter 1 2016/17
026	Sage & Co	30.00	Payroll Fees for May 2016
027	HSBC	13.47	Bank Charges 17/03/16 to 16/04/16
028	RTC Staff	6,591.62	Staff Salaries May 2016
029	Gunsmoke Communications	1,280.00	Events Services April 2016
030	DVSC	15.00	Subscription 2016/17
031	Denbighshire CC	18,000.00	CCTV Contract 2016/17
032	Canda Copying	334.96	Rental and B&W Copy charges
033	Canda Copying	76.72	Colour Copy charges
034	BLESMA	703.25	Mayors Charity 2015/16 - 50% of funds generated
035	HMRC	2,628.34	PAYE deductions April 2016
036	Flintshire CC	3,669.28	Pension Deductions April 2016 plus deficit funding
014	Denbighshire County Council	510.00	Council Tax for 2016/17 Instalment 2 of 10
037	JDH Business Services	648.00	Internal Audit Fee 2015/16
038	Scotty's Little Soldiers	703.25	Mayors Charity 2015/16 - 50% of funds generated
039	Petty Cash	200.00	Petty Cash Top-up (Cheque No 203376)
040	M D Roberts	200.00	Hire of PA System for Mayor's Inauguration & AGM

041	Gwasg Helygain	273.00	Flyers & Posters for Royal Weekend Event
042	John Stephens Florists	140.00	4 x Bouquets for Mayor's Inauguration Event
043	T2Green	1,143.00	Mayor Making Event 18/05/16 (Cheque 203377)
	Total Payments	43,209.89	
	Public Sector Deposit Fund	23.61	Dividends April and May 2016
	HSBC	42.20	Interest on Money Market Deposits
	Santander	1.65	Interest on Investment Account May 2016
	Total Receipts	67.46	

RESOLVED that the report be approved.

24. RHYL TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS ALLOWANCES POLICY

The Chair advised that the above item had been deferred.

RESOLVED that the item be deferred to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee to be held on 7th September 2016.

25. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN CRESCENT ROAD, RHYL.

The Chair reported receipt of the above proposed Traffic Order (circulated with agenda) to provide a dedicated goods loading bay.

RESOLVED that the Order be received.

26. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS – RHYL WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE GROUP

Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, as the Council's appointed representative on the above group, reported that she was attending morning Community meetings but that afternoon Environmental meetings followed.

Councillor Butterfield requested that a second representative be considered to attend the Environmental meetings.

RESOLVED that Councillor Ms J. McAlpine be nominated as the Town Council's representative on the Environmental group.

27. VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY GOVERNOR

The Town Clerk advised that Councillor A. R. James, as the Council's appointed Community Governor, had resigned from the position and asked for a replacement to be considered.

RESOLVED that Councillor T. Thomas be nominated to replace Councillor James.

28. REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL – COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER, DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Chair reported receipt of the above (circulated with agenda) from the newly appointed Community Youth Worker.

RESOLVED that the request be approved.

29. CORRESPONDENCE: RHYL SILVER BAND

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above (circulated with agenda) seeking the Town Council's support for the band's forthcoming auction of promises.

Members offered to donate bottles of wine for a drinks hamper to be offered as an auction prize.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones to put together a drinks hamper similar to last year.

30. MEMBER'S ITEM: REQUEST FROM ST. THOMAS' CHURCH

Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts sought Members' support for a letter of support for the Church's funding application to provide free packed lunches to children using the Rhyl Adventure Playground during the summer holidays, that would receive a free school meal during term-time.

RESOLVED that the request be approved.

31. MEMBER'S INFORMATION ITEM: REQUEST FROM BOTANICAL GARDENS CAFÉ

Councillor P. Prendergast sought Members' support for a letter of support for the Botanical Gardens Café's hardship funding application to assist with its rent.

RESOLVED that the request be approved.

32. 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.

33. MEMBER'S ITEM: REQUEST FROM RHYL HIGH SCHOOL

Councillor Miss R. Siddall sought Members' support for an urgent request made by the school's Head Teacher.

RESOLVED that the request be approved.

34. BENEFITS ADVICE SHOP

Further to minute no.18 of the meeting held on 1st June 2016, the Town Clerk advised that the Benefits Advice Shop had agreed to all of the conditions applied by the Town Council to the recent arrangement between the two.

RESOLVED that the Benefits Advice Shop's quarterly reports to be received by the Town Council's Strategic and Operational Planning (SOP) Committee.

35. ATTENDANCE AT THE SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS (SLCC) CONFERENCE

The Town Clerk advised that the next conference of his professional body, the SLCC, was to be held in Llandudno in September and would be a full day event.

As the conference was being held in North Wales, the Town Clerk sought Members' authorisation for himself, the Deputy Clerk and the Finance Officer to attend, as much of the day would be centred around new obligations facing Town Councils in relation to Annual Audit, reorganisation and the Welsh Government's Wellbeing Act, that he felt would be of benefit.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk and the Finance Officer are authorised to attend.

36. STANDING ITEM: POLICE CLOSURE ORDERS

Further to minute no.79 of the meeting held on 3rd February 2016, the Town Clerk advised that no applications had been received from North Wales Police.

37. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair to close the meeting.

Chair:

Date: