

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 15th June 2016 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts (Mayor)

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

Miss H. J. Windus - Deputy Town Clerk

19. OPENING OF MEETING

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

20. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors I. W. Armstrong (indisposed), Ms J. Hughes (indisposed), B. F. Moylan (indisposed), P. Prendergast (work commitment), S. H. Ratcliffe (family commitment), D. Simmons (other commitment) and the Town Clerk, Mr G. J. Nickels (on holiday).

21. MINUTES

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

Annual Meeting - 18th May 2016 - Min. Nos. 1 - 18

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 1st June 2016 - Min. Nos. 1 - 3

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Finance & General - 1st June 2016 - Min. Nos. 1 - 21
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

22. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to the list of engagements she and the Deputy Mayor had attended over the last month and in particular to the Rhyl and District Musical Theatre Company's '9 to 5' production that she had really enjoyed, Lance Corporal

Paul Farrelly's commemoration service at St. Thomas' Church and to the Town Council's first event, the Royal Weekend.

The Mayor and Members commented on the success of the Royal Weekend and congratulated Gunsmoke Communications.

The Deputy Mayor referred to Deaf Blind Cymru's bowling event which was followed by Vision Support's 140th Anniversary Celebration and said he had thoroughly enjoyed the whole day.

23. HONORARY FREEMAN OF RHYL, MR PETER ROBINSON

Further to minute no.5 of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 18th May 2016, and in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by statute, to admit to being an Honorary Freeman of the Town of Rhyl, (the most honourable distinction which it is the privilege of the Town Council to bestow), Mr Peter Robinson, in appreciation of the eminent public service he has rendered as a citizen of Rhyl, the Mayor presented Mr Robinson with a Town Crest and a framed certificate.

Mr Robinson said he was flattered to receive the award and would treasure it.

Mr Robinson referred to the Lifeboat Station as a big part of Rhyl having had an off shore lifeboat since 1852 that it was now fighting very hard to keep.

Mr Robinson was joined by his wife, Mrs Jan Robinson and his son Mr Callum Robinson to be presented with the award and ended by thanking the Town Council.

24. INFORMATION ITEM: WEEDS ON PROMENADE

Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James referred to the unsightly weeds present on the Promenade between the Pavilion Theatre and Splash Point, that needed a permanent resolution.

A Member advised that Denbighshire County Council had confirmed that the area was to be cleared and top soiled next week.

Another Member requested the same for the bottom of John Street, where lovely new paving and a large triangular planter had been installed that due to the scheme not being completed, was now filling with weeds.

RESOLVED that the Deputy Town Clerk to write to Denbighshire County Council to ask that they enforce the responsible contractor's obligations to keep the area of the Promenade tidy and to finish the work on John Street and make sure regular maintenance thereafter.

25. INFORMATION ITEM: ROYAL WEEKEND

The Mayor referred to the local and national media attention enjoyed by the Town Council in the run up to its first 'Royal Weekend' event and afterwards, and to the almost full page coverage in that week's Journal newspaper displayed on the noticeboard.

Members were really pleased with the Town Council's raised profile and repeated their thanks to Gunsmoke Communications.

26. QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

27. 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.*

28. ESTABLISHMENT

The Chair of the Staffing Committee referred to the Town Clerk's report (circulated with agenda) making a number of recommendations to ease pressure on staff over the next few months.

***RESOLVED** that the recommendations be accepted and approved.*

29. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: