

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 19th October 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, Miss E. M. Chard, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, Ms J. McAlpine, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, S.H. Ratcliffe, A. J. Rutherford, Miss R. Siddall, D. Simmons, W. N. Tasker, T. Thomas and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

58. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. Andy Grimwood, commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer.

59. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors I. W. Armstrong (indisposed), Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones (on holiday), Ms J. Hughes, (family commitment), B. Mellor (on holiday), B. F. Moylan (indisposed) and Rev. S. Walker (work commitment).

60. MINUTES

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

Meeting of Council - 21st September 2016 - Min. Nos. 45- 57

Proposed by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 21st September 2016 - Min. Nos. 21-25

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

61. 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 a 90th birthday presentation to a local resident, a visit to a new business 'Chicken and Beer Ltd' and to the Musical Meatballs in Mind production, which she had really enjoyed.

The Deputy Mayor commented on his attendance at the opening of the new Memorial Park and Crematorium.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

62. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – MARINE DRIVE AND TYNEWYDD ROAD RHYL – PROHIBITION OF WAITING LOADING AND UNLOADING

The Mayor reported receipt of the above proposed traffic order (circulated with agenda) for the prohibition of waiting, loading and unloading on Marine Drive/Tynewydd Road at Splash Point area.

RESOLVED that the Council welcomes the introduction of the restriction which would assist in the safer movement of traffic in the area.

63. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016

The Town Clerk advised that with effect from 1st August 2016, applicants for larger scale planning permission would be required to undertake pre application consultation prior to the submission of their applications.

That as part of the public consultation they are required to undertake specific consultations with “Community Consultees”.

Community Consultees being:

- the relevant County Council ward Members and
- the Town or Community Council in whose area the application is based.

The Town Council would have 28 days to respond to the pre-application consultation.

Subsequently the Community Consultees responses must be included within a special report prepared by the developer submitted as part of the planning application and must show how, if at all, the developer intends to address any concerns raised.

Following the submission of the application the Town Council will still be consulted in the normal way.

The Town Clerk further advised that the Town Council’s Planning Committee has delegated responsibility for determining the Town Council’s response to Planning Applications but not for the new Pre-Application public consultations. As such he was seeking instruction as to whether the pre-application consultations should be submitted to Council or to the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED that the pre-application consultations be submitted to the Planning Committee.

64. PRESENTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER

Further to minute no.50 of the meeting of Council held on 19th September 2016, the Mayor welcomed Ms Bethan Bensley, Community Youth Worker, and invited her to address the meeting.

Ms Bensley advised:

- that on Tuesdays her department ran a Duke of Edinburgh Award training at the Oak Tree Centre which required young people to participate in outdoor activities and community engagement and sought Members' views and ideas for volunteering opportunities.
- on Wednesdays they organised sports and cooking, including use of a 'smoothie bike' and used the activities to identify social issues and where appropriate get relevant bodies to talk to the young people.
- on Thursday a sports outreach was operated at Rhuddlan for young people including archery, tennis, and "blind football".
- on Fridays a football league took place at Rhyl Leisure Centre.
- that they had engaged with the Denbighshire Youth Council and held "An evening with" sessions led by what the young people want or are interested in with the next event being held at Denbigh Town Hall.
- on details of a project at Bruton Park to address anti-social behaviour which involved seeking to engage with the area's young people by way of a mobile piece of equipment called a Panna Football Cage. This enabled the team to build relationships with the young people and also involved participation by officers of North Wales Police to break down perceived barriers.

In response to Members questions Ms Bensley advised:

- of a huge reduction in recorded incidences of antisocial behaviour since 2011.
- she was working with DCI Devonport to introduce an initiative into West Rhyl.
- a future scheme would be a "Young Mums Project" aimed at hygiene, parenting skills and help with returning to work.
- that between 40-45 young people attended the weekday sessions during the summer but this had reduced to 20 as the more senior young people were now not attending.
- that the "Big Day" event was not the Community Youth Service.
- that the Police would be extending invitations to Ward Councillors as and when.
- that the Denbighshire Youth Council involved 15 young people from across the County which meets at a location to suit the majority.
- that the Youth Service core budget pays for the outreach service, for her post and for an additional three individuals for three hours per week.
- that she was happy to receive details of any anti-social behaviour hotspots from Members but normally the process was driven by complaints made to the Police.

In conclusion Ms Bensley asked Councillors for suggestions for future project ideas suitable for young people aged between 11 and 25.

On behalf of the Council the Mayor thanked Ms Bensley for her presentation.

65. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council would be hosting a quarterly meeting of the North and Mid Wales Association of Larger Councils the following Friday and advised that due to the meeting coinciding with the opening of the Rhyl High School, two of the appointed representatives would be unable to attend. The Town Clerk asked whether any Member would like to attend in their place as substitutes.

RESOLVED that no additional Members were available to attend.

66. QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

67. 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.*

68. STANDING ITEM – NORTH WALES 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.

69. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: