

At a meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor P. Prendergast (Chair)

Councillors Mrs. J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, A. R. James, Ms J. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs. W. Mullen-James, A. J. Rutherford, D. Simmons, W. N. Tasker, and T. Thomas.

Mr G. J. Nickels – Town Clerk

68. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted from Councillors I. Armstrong (indisposed), B. Blakeley (car trouble), Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE (holiday), Mrs. J. Hughes (Indisposed), Mrs. P. M. Jones (indisposed), B. F. Moylan (indisposed), S. H. Ratcliffe (other commitment), Miss S. Roberts (personal commitment), Miss R. Siddall (work commitment), Miss C. L. Williams (indisposed). Miss H. J. Windus – Deputy Town Clerk (Annual Leave)

69. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT – OCTOBER 2016

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

	<u>Supplier name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description of Goods & Services</u>
139	Avaya Leasing	379.33	Lease Charges for Avaya Phone System
140	BT	82.62	Line Rental
141	BT	335.78	Line Rental and Calls
003	Rhyl Community Association	4,500.00	Rent for 1st Floor Wellington Rd Community Centre
142	Sage & Co	30.00	Monthly Payroll fees for Oct 2016
143	St Johns Cymru	96.00	First Aid Provision for Wild Weekend
144	Karen Mason	250.00	Iron Age Re-enactment for Wild Weekend
145	Gary Jones	180.00	Circus Skills and Magic for Wild Weekend
146	HSBC	11.12	Bank Charges 17th August to 16th September
147	Flintshire CC	3,651.27	Pension Deductions September 2016 plus deficit funding
148	HMRC	2,573.51	PAYE deductions September 2016
149	Gunsmoke Communicaitons	1,440.00	Events Management Fees September 2016
150	RTC Staff	6,545.21	RTC Staff Salaries October 2016
014	Denbighshire County Council	510.00	Council Tax for 2016/17 Instalment 7 of 10
085	Benefits Advice Shop	1,833.33	Appeals Worker October 2016
151	Denbighshire County Council	1,617.34	Mayors Gala 2015/16 Contribution
152	Denbighshire County Council	36,500.00	Contributions to Various Events
153	Rhyl Community Association	28.00	Room Hire for NWATC Meeting
	Total Payments	60,563.51	
	HSBC	15.84	Interest on 7 Day Money Market deposits
	Santander	18.49	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account
	HMRC	11,990.36	VAT Refund Q2 2016/17
	Rhyl Fire Station Welfare Fund	1,600.00	Contribution towards Bonfire & Fireworks Display
	Total Receipts	13,624.69	

70. CHANGING PERCEPTIONS – YEAR 3

Further to minute no.116 of 17th February 2016 the Town Clerk submitted progress report for the Changing Perceptions initiative and sought confirmation that the Council would wish to contribute to year 3 of the programme.

The Town Council's appointed representative, Councillor A.J. Rutherford advised that he felt that it would be beneficial to continue with the initiative for the final year.

RESOLVED that the Town Council continue to participate in the initiative for the third and final year.

71. BRITISH DESTINATIONS

The Town Clerk advised that the renewal of the annual subscription to the above organisation was now due and sought Members instructions as to whether it was of advantage to renew.

RESOLVED that membership be discontinued.

72. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES - RHYL BUSINESS GROUP

Further to minute no.101 of the meeting held on 6th April 2016 the Chairman advised of difficulties he was experiencing in attending meetings of the Rhyl Business Group and requested the Committee to appoint a replacement representative.

The Chair advised on his reasons for being unable to commit to attending meetings of the Business Group

RESOLVED that Councillor Tony Thomas be appointed as the Town Council representative.

73. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - (TRELLEWELYN ROAD, RHYL) (20 mph SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 201

The Chairman submitted details of proposals (copy circulated with Agenda) for the introduction of a 20 mph speed restriction in Trellewelyn Road and sought Members views.

Members expressed concerns that experience in other areas of the Town where the 20 mph restriction had been introduced had caused confusion for drivers (especially where the speed varied at different times of day such as at Rhyl High School), was not adhered to by a number of drivers who either did not appreciate the limit or chose to ignore it, and that associated traffic calming such as speed humps appeared to have been poorly installed.

Members also commented on recent news stories where it was suggested that other areas were now ceasing to introduce such measures due to environmental concerns.

RESOLVED that the proposal be supported subject to it being enforced.

74. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - COUNCIL TAX PREMIUM ON SECOND HOMES AND LONG TERM EMPTY HOMES

The Chairman submitted details (copy circulated with Agenda) of the proposed introduction of additional Council Tax on long term empty properties and second homes in the County and sought the Town Council's views

The Town Clerk advised that the proposal would not impact on the level of funding charged/received by Community Councils and that funds raised would be used to support local initiatives.

RESOLVED that the proposal be supported subject to any funding raised be utilised by the County within the Community area from which it was raised for returning empty properties to occupation.

75. INFORMATION: BETSI CADWALDR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD – PROPOSED NEW HOSPITAL IN RHYL FOR NORTH DENBIGHSHIRE

The Chairman submitted details of a public consultation event to be held by Betsi Cadwaldr Health Board (copy circulated with Agenda)

RESOLVED that the information be received and the Town Clerk write to the Health Board stressing the importance of the inclusion of a minor injury facility at the hospital.

76. INFORMATION ITEM: NATURAL RESOURCES WALES - RHYL SPLASH POINT FLOOD PLAN

The Chairman submitted details of the Rhyl Splash Point Flood Plan for the information of Members (copy circulated with Agenda)

Members in welcoming the document for the Rhyl East area expressed their disappointment with NRW in not liaising properly with the other volunteer flood wardens throughout Rhyl including the Town's senior warden, who despite having undertaken training were not receiving communications from NRW.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to the NRW requesting a full list of flood wardens in Rhyl and expressing disappointment with the level of communications with the Wardens in the area

77. INFORMATION ITEM: GUIDE TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Chairman submitted the above document (copy circulated with Agenda) for the information of Members.

The Town Clerk advised that he would request 22 nomination packs for existing Members.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

78. MEMBERS ITEM – COUNCILLOR P. PRENDERGAST

Councillor P. Prendergast advised Members of concerns he had received from Members of the public in relation to the Bonfire specifically in relation to the collection of entrance monies.

Other Members advised on concerns that had been expressed to them specifically in respect of litter at the field.

The Town Clerk advised of the response from the Rhyl Fire Station Welfare and Recreation Club and the reasons for the issues identified and how they had been addressed.

The Chair confirmed that the field had been cleared of litter the day following the bonfire.

The Chair reminded Members that Councillor S. Ratcliffe had been appointed by the Council to act as liaison with the Welfare Club to hold post event meeting to discuss such issues.

RESOLVED that Councillor S. Ratcliffe raise the issues when meeting with the Welfare Club and offer the assistance of Town Councillors as additional wardens at future events.

79. MEMBERS ITEM – COUNCILLORS B. MELLOR AND D. SIMMONS

The two Members referred to incidents of anti-social behaviour occurring in the vicinity of Hilton Drive and requested that an item be included on a future agenda for the Council to consider funding an additional street column.

RESOLVED accordingly

80. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET WITH DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Further to Minute No. 86 of the meeting of Council held on 16th November 2016 the Town Clerk advised that he had been approached by Denbighshire County Council seeking a meeting and sought the appointment of representatives to attend.

Members felt that given the nature of the request being made by Denbighshire County Council it was appropriate for the officers to attend a full Council meeting to discuss the issue.

RESOLVED that the Denbighshire Officers be invited to attend the meeting of Council to be held on 21st December to discuss the proposal in detail and that all other business scheduled for that evening be transferred where possible to the subsequent Finance and General Purposes Committee.

81. 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.*

82. STATEMENT OF PETTY CASH PAYMENTS 1ST APRIL 2016 – 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

In accordance with the recommendations of the Internal Auditor the Chair submitted the joint report of the Town Clerk and Finance Officer of expenditure incurred by the Council by way of petty cash payments for the period 1st April 2016 to 30th September 2016.

***RESOLVED** that the report be received.*

83. 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.

84. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

Chair:

Date: