

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor B. Mellor (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, Ms J. McAlpine, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, S.H. Ratcliffe, Miss S. L. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, Miss R. Siddall and Miss C. L. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels – Town Clerk

### **126. OPENING OF MEETING**

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

### **127. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors I. W. Armstrong (indisposed), Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE (on holiday), Mrs E. M. Chard (indisposed), Mrs P. M. Jones (indisposed), B. F. Moylan (indisposed), P. Prendergast (on holiday), W. N. Tasker (on holiday), D. Simmons (other commitment) and Rev. S. Walker (work commitment) the Miss H. J. Windus, Deputy Town Clerk, (indisposed).

### **128. MINUTES**

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

Meeting of Council - 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016 - Min. Nos. 112 - 125

Consideration of the above minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

Planning Committee - 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016 - Min. Nos. 51 - 53

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 - Min. Nos. 54 - 56

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

Finance & General - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 - Min. Nos. 86 – 96  
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor B. Mellor and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

### **129. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor referred to the list of engagements he and the Deputy Mayor had attended over the last month.

### **130. RHYL TOWN COUNCIL - ADOPTED CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Town Clerk submitted his written report advising upon changes to the Model Code of Conduct and the need for the Council to adopt the new amended version.

***RESOLVED*** that the amended Code of Conduct as detailed within the report and inclusive of the additional provision recommended by the Denbighshire Standards Committee be approved and adopted as the Rhyl Town Council Code of Conduct.

### **131. 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.

### **132. PRESENTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - RHYL REGENERATION**

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Ms Rebecca Maxwell, Corporate Director, and Mr Russell Vaughan, to provide Town Councillors with a confidential update on regeneration projects.

Miss Maxwell addressed the meeting advising of progress of the Rhyl Going Forward Projects to date. Miss Maxwell then provided an outline of the future processes and governance mechanisms intended to be applied to the next stages of the Rhyl Going Forward programme and responded to the questions of Members.

***RESOLVED*** that the officers be thanked for their attendance.

### **133. OPEN SESSION**

At the conclusion of the above item it was ***RESOLVED*** that the meeting resume in open session.

### **134. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE / PLANNING COMMITTEE 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016**

The Town Clerk submitted his verbal report relating to potential difficulties for the Council in meeting on the eve of the forthcoming Welsh Assembly Elections.

***RESOLVED*** that the meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee scheduled to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 be cancelled and the Town Clerk in consultation with the respective chairs be authorised to deal with matters arising requiring urgent attention.

### **135. PARKING PROVISION IN RHYL**

The report of the Town Clerk (circulated at meeting) seeking views on car parking generally in Rhyl and particularly directional signage was submitted for consideration.

A Member expressed the view that given the importance of parking to the town it would be beneficial to hold an open meeting and to invite businesses in the town to attend and express their views.

***RESOLVED*** that the Town Clerk make appropriate arrangements for an open meeting to be held.

### **136. QUESTION TIME**

A Member of the public, Mr Lloyd, asked about the impact of increased parking charges being applied by the Town Council.

The Town Clerk advised that the increases were being applied by the Denbighshire County Council rather than the Town Council.

### **137. 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.

**[At this stage of proceedings the Mayor Councillor B. Mellor left the meeting and the Deputy Mayor Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts took the chair for the remained of the meeting.]**

### **138. RESERVES / BALANCES FORECAST 2015/16**

The Town Clerk submitted his written report (circulated at the meeting) relating to the level of balances being held by the Council.

The report identified the current monies held by the Council and the reasons for the level of reserves and reported recently approved expenditure.

The report then identified a sum of unallocated money which due to savings the Council had available to re-allocate and sought Members views on how best this should be allocated. In this respect the Town Clerk identified two potential allocations which could be made.

***RESOLVED*** that:

- (i) the report be received and noted
- (ii) the proposed allocation of up to £35,000 towards additional works to the promenade cycle track surface in West Parade be approved.
- (iii) the savings made by the Council against the staffing budget over the 2015/16 financial year be used to make an equivalent lump sum payment against the ongoing deficit.

### **139. STANDING ITEM: POLICE CLOSURE ORDERS**

Further to minute no.79 of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016, the Town Clerk advised that no applications had been received from North Wales Police.

**140. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....