

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor A. R. James (Mayor)

Councillors Ms. J. Hughes, A. S. Johnson, B. Jones, K. R. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms V. Roberts and T. Thomas

Mr G. J. Nickels - Town Clerk

**25. OPENING OF MEETING**

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

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting the Rev. Juliet Fraser who would be deputising for the Mayor's Chaplain at forthcoming meetings.

**26. APOLOGIES**

The Town Clerk advised that following a request from a Member the reasons for apologies would no longer be recorded within the minutes.

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. Ball, B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, S. Harris, Miss E. L. Jones, B. Mellor, Miss C. L. Williams and the Deputy Town Clerk Miss H. J. Windus.

**27. FLOODING**

The Town Clerk advised on the current position in respect of significant flooding which had occurred across the area and specifically Rhyl that day.

**28. MINUTES**

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

Council - 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 - Min. Nos. 14 - 24

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 - Min. Nos. 4 - 6

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen James and seconded by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 - Min. Nos. 7 - 9

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen James and seconded by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General - 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 - Min. Nos. 28 -43  
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

## 29. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor referred to the various events he had attended during the past month.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

## 30. **PRESENTATION: NORTH WALES POLICE – LOCAL POLICING TEAM**

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Alwyn Williams and Sgt. Steve Prince and invited them to present to Council in respect of a number of local policing matters.

Prior to the presentation Councillor A. S. Johnson expressed appreciation to the Inspector in respect of the efforts of police officers in the Pen-y-Maes area of the town following today's flooding.

Inspector Williams thanked the Council for the invitation to attend and advised that:

- Chief Inspector Mark Williams had recently been appointed for the Rhyl area.
- that he had introduced five new policing priorities for the area these being domestic violence, modern day slavery, sexual abuse (particularly involving children), organised crime and delivering safer neighbourhoods.
- in respect of the recent murder in Prince Edward Avenue, this involved two groups of children and two 16 year olds had been charged with murder.
- in respect of the recent forced stopping of a car in Wellington Road, this had been an intelligence led operation relating to the purchase of a firearm and despite media reports weapons had not been discharged.
- Operation Sceptre was underway to reduce knife crime and the related knife amnesty.
- demand on police resources in Water Street had significantly reduced partially as the result of regular meetings between the police and appropriate licensing/enforcement officers of Denbighshire County Council.
- 13 criminal orders to reduce street drinking had been issued.

In response to Members' questions the officers advised that:

- the future of the West Rhyl Partnership meetings was under review to ensure that it was effective should it continue.
- although it was accepted that a number of street drug dealers were operating the police were prioritising the suppliers following concerns that young people were being transported to the area to sell drugs.

- a specialist team had been appointed to address Female Genital Mutilation and this was supported by training for local police officers and the co-operation of the local Imams.
- pavement parking was not an offence unless it caused an obstruction.
- in respect of late night incidents, especially around the taxi ranks, by revellers, the shift pattern for the policing teams had been amended to ensure cover until 3.00am but that this could not be extended due to the need to have the officers back on duty at a suitable time. They acknowledged that the incidents could have negative implications for the perception of the town at a time when major investments were being made.
- in respect of the improper use of mobility scooters no complaints had been received by the police.
- where a high number of road traffic collisions occurred at a particular site this would result in an assessment being undertaken of that stretch of highway.
- a recent speed monitoring exercise on Ernest Street had recorded 23mph as the highest speed. The Inspector advised that should any member wish to accompany officers during future speed check exercises, this could be accommodated.
- a meeting would be arranged between the police and representatives of the taxi trade to discuss joint working.
- although the number of PCSOs had fallen in Rhyl this was not a result of budget reduction and they were in the process of recruiting replacements.

At the conclusion of the presentation the Mayor thanked the officers for their attendance.

**RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the Chair of the Denbighshire County Council Licensing Committee to request a review of licensing requirements prior to opening of new facilities within the town centre area.

### 31. **AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS / ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST**

Further to minute no.143 of the meeting of Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and in accordance with the Council's adopted financial regulations, the Town Clerk submitted schedule B (a list of non-regular payments to be released over the coming month).

The report also identified additions to the approved supplier list.

**RESOLVED** that the following be approved for payment and signed by the Mayor and Councillor P. Prendergast.

#### (a) *Schedule B Payments for Approval (14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017)*

Supplier Name	Description of Services Provided	Voucher No.	Payment Method	Amount £
NW&MWATC	Lunch for 3 Delegates at Meeting on 14th July	313	Bank	48.00
St Johns Ambulance	First Aid Provision at Seafest Event	314	Bank	60.00
Flying Colours Entertainment	Stilt Walkers for Beatles Street Event	315	Bank	744.00
Gwasg Helygain	Flyers for Seafest Event	316	Bank	245.00
Gwasg Helygain	Artwork for Advert for Seafest Event	317	Bank	24.00
Gwasg Helygain	Flyers for Beatles Street Event	318	Bank	269.00

Denbighshire CC	CCTV Partnership Fees 2017/18	319	Bank	15,000.00
The Cavernites ( A G Mitchell)	Performance at Rhyl Beatles Street Event 15 July 2017	320	Bank	950.00
<b>Total for Schedule B</b>				<b>£17,340.00</b>

(b) *the following additions to the approved supplier list be approved:*

- Flying Colours Entertainment
- Cavernites (A G Mitchell)

**32. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – (GARNETT AVENUE, FFYNNONGREOW AND KINGSTON ROAD, RHYL) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING LOADING AND UNLOADING) ORDER 201**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above and advised that the proposed restrictions related to the shoulders of the junctions.

Members noted the close proximity of the West Kinmel Street Car Park for people attending church services.

A Member asked whether the restrictions could be extended along Ffynnongroew Road on the approach to the Wellington Road junction. However it was noted that restrictions were already in place but were not enforced.

**RESOLVED** *that no observations be made on the proposed order.*

**33. INFORMATION ITEM: PROPOSED DISPLAY BOARDS**

The Town Clerk requested that those Members who had yet to respond to the request for display boards to contact the office to indicate their preference.

**RESOLVED** *that the Town Clerk to reissue the e-mail to Members.*

**34. INFORMATION ITEM: AMBULANCE SERVICE**

The Town Clerk advised that following information relating to an incident in the town he intended to write to the Welsh Ambulance Service to request an explanation as to why in response to a 999 call, a taxi had been dispatched from Bangor to transport the seriously injured person to Ysbyty Glan Clwyd.

The Town Clerk advised that a copy of the letter and any response received would be circulated to Members.

**35. QUESTION TIME**

No questions were asked.

**36. 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.*

**37. COMMUNITY LAND TRUST SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ON ABBEY STREET**

**[Councillor Ms J. Hughes declared her personal and prejudicial interest in the following item and vacated the chamber during debate and voting thereon]**

The Town Clerk submitted his confidential report (circulated with agenda) relating to a request for financial support for a community shop on Abbey Street. The report outlined the request and included a formal proposal and business plan from the Bedford Street Community Company.

***RESOLVED*** that subject to the conditions stated in the Town Clerk's report, the Council to provide financial assistance up to £10,000 towards the project.

**38. ESTABLISHMENT: COST OF LIVING INCREASE**

**[The Town Clerk declared his personal and prejudicial interest in the following item and vacated the Chamber during consideration and voting thereon.]**

The Mayor advised that provision had been made for the increase within the Council's budget approved in January 2017, but that under the Council's Financial Regulations any increases had to be separately approved by Council following notification of settlement of the annual pay award by the National Joint Council.

***RESOLVED*** that the increase was approved.

**39. STANDING ITEM: POLICE CLOSURE ORDERS**

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

**40. AUGUST RECESS – DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE POWERS**

The Chair requested Members' approval of the arrangements for the delegation of Executive Powers to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the appropriate Chairs during the August Recess, as follows:

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| Civic Matters      | - | Mayor and / or Deputy Mayor  |
| Planning Matters   | - | Chair and / or Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee  |
| SOP Committee      | - | Chair and / or Vice-Chair of SOP Committee   |
| All Other Business | - | Chair and / or Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee & the Chair and / or Vice-Chair of the SOP Committee |

***RESOLVED*** that the arrangements be confirmed

**[The Town Clerk advised that the following item had been notified to him for discussion prior to the commencement of the meeting]**

**41. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEM: ENVIRONMENTAL SWEEP**

A member advised that she had started to identify obstructed drains, litter hot spots, etc in her ward with a view to asking Denbighshire County Council to rectify them and in light of the day's flooding, thought that members might like to undertake the same in their wards.

**RESOLVED** *that the initiative be noted*

**42. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....