

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor A. R. James (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, S. Harris, S. Johnson, B. Jones, K. R. Jones, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms V. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, T. Thomas and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

**114. OPENING OF MEETING**

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

**115. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. Ball, Mrs P. M. Jones and Mrs D. L. King.

**116. 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> January 2018 - Min. Nos.95-109

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Min. Nos.44-47

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

Special meeting of Council - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Min. Nos.110-113

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

Planning Committee - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Min. Nos.48-50

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

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Min. Nos.102-116  
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor T. Thomas and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

#### **117. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor referred to the report and in particular to the town council's acknowledgement of the Representation of the People Act 100 years ago, allowing some women to vote, at the Pont y Ddraig (Dragon Bridge).

The Mayor advised that he had also been out on 11<sup>th</sup> February in the lifeboat from Rhyl's lifeboat station in pretty choppy waters, which he had really enjoyed.

#### **118. 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.

#### **119. PRESENTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – RHYL MASTERPLAN CONSULTATION**

The Mayor welcomed Ms Jo Sutton and Mr Mike Horrocks from Denbighshire County Council and Ms Sarah Wheale from Pleydell Smithyman Limited to the meeting and invited them to address members on the masterplan consultation.

Ms Wheale advised that the consultation would be broken into two phases; the first (running from now until June) being to engage with the right people, to ask the right questions, using the right methods at the right time; the second (after June) would be to provide the right feedback.

The masterplan's area boundaries would be 'soft' with flexibility where it was sensible to be so; and that they aimed to establish a vibrant and balanced mix of uses in the town centre, to improve ease of access and pedestrian flows and create a desirable ambience.

Ms Wheale said that nothing had been decided upon and that they wanted to speak to as many people as possible (schools, youth groups, the White Rose Centre, supermarkets to name a few) to conduct a really meaningful process with transparency and integrity at its heart. This was not a 'tick box' exercise.

The consultation would not take the usual shape of a more formal public meeting, but would be a more simple, relaxed approach to encourage better involvement. Each session would also be tailored to the particular group being consulted with.

Denbighshire County Council (DCC) and Pleydell Smithyman Limited (PSL) were keen to keep in regular contact with the town council.

In response to members' questions and comments, Ms Wheale and Mr Horrocks said:

- The 'visuals' would be produced after the first consultation phase and that they would then take them back out to the community at the end of the year.
- That the masterplan would be shared with all relevant DCC departments in the new year, to ensure that everybody was working towards the same outcome.
- That PSL had completed successful projects in Wythenshawe in Manchester and in Dudley in the West Midlands, but that this would be first time they had worked on a town centre project.
- That supplementary planning guidance would be produced to dovetail with the Local Development Plan and the masterplan document to save both time and money for all parties concerned.
- That they understood that Rhyl residents might feel that the masterplan was just another consultation exercise and that it might be met with scepticism, which would be why the second phase of the project would be key in that a full and honest explanation as to why decisions had been taken would be provided.
- That they were already talking to the holiday camps.
- That they were already requesting the required finance from DCC to properly support and commit to the masterplan, which was another key factor in the project being a success.
- That as well as the long-term goal, they would be looking for 'quick wins' too to continue the momentum and allow the public to actually see some improvements along with way and build their confidence in it.
- That as in other town and cities throughout the UK, the project would be looking to shift the focus in the town centre from retail to living.
- That they agreed that the masterplan should not raise unrealistic expectations, as has happened in the past.
- That they would come back to the town council soon to keep an open dialogue.

Members welcomed the different and imaginative approach to the consultation and expressed their enthusiasm and support.

The Mayor thanked Ms Sutton, Ms Wheale and Mr Horrocks for their attendance.

## **120. OPEN SESSION**

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

## **121. 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) and details of one additional supplier to be added to the suppliers list after members' approval.

**RESOLVED** that the following was approved for payment and signed by two councillors.

*Schedule B payments for approval (1<sup>st</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018)*

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Details of Supply</b>	<b>Voucher Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Denbighshire County Council	Illuminations contract 2017/18	430	02/02/18	£11,397.60
Denbighshire County Council	Illuminations contract 2017/18 additional	431	08/02/18	£566.40
Friends of the Cob	Cost of two rail tickets	432	06/02/18	£175.10
Cllr Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones	Travel expenses to N&MWATC meeting	433	19/01/18	£14.40
Delwedd Ltd	Website hosting and annual maintenance	434	01/02/18	£685.08
<b>Total Schedule B</b>				<b>£12,838.58</b>

*and the following addition to the approved supplier list was approved:*

- Friends of the Cob

## **122. CONSULTATION: WELSH GOVERNMENT – REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR IN WALES**

The Town Clerk suggested that the item be deferred until after he and Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE had attended the next engagement event in Wrexham on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**RESOLVED** that the item be deferred.

## **123. DATE OF INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

For the benefit of newer members, the Town Clerk explained that the purpose of the Informal Meeting of Council, was to confirm who would be Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the next municipal year 2018/19 and to enable the incoming Mayor's preferences to be arranged for the Mayor Making Evening and his/her's personal guests and those of the incoming Deputy Mayor, to be invited.

**RESOLVED** that the Informal Meeting of Council be held immediately after the meeting of the Planning Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**124. INFORMATION ITEM: YSGOL BRYN HEDYDD**

The Town Clerk reported a vacancy for a further Additional Governor and suggested that anybody interested in being considered for the position to contact Councillor T. Thomas (current Additional Governor).

**RESOLVED** that the information was noted.

**125. INFORMATION ITEM: CLWYD STREET BUSINESS CHAMBERS**

The Town Clerk advised that he had received a request from the new Clwyd Street Business Chambers to provide a presentation to a future Council.

**RESOLVED** that the request be approved.

**126. QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions asked.

**127. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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**128. LIGHTING RHYL PROMENADE**

Further to minute no.113 of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018, the Town Clerk submitted his report (circulated with agenda) and asked for the SOP Committee's recommendation that the Town Council to make a contribution of £17,275 to the £27,275 lighting scheme, be formally approved.

**RESOLVED** that SOP Committee's recommendations were approved.

**129. 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.

**130. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....