

At a meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 1st May 2019 at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

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

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

127. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Ms J. Hughes, Ms J. L. McAlpine and R. J. Turner.

128. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A) – APRIL 2019

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

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount £	Description of Goods & Services
704b	Shire Leasing	337.33	Avaya Telephone System Lease payment Q1 19/20
705	BT	332.92	Calls and Rental Charges
706	BT	93.83	Rental Charges
707	HSBC	7.90	Bank Charges 17/02/19 to 16/03/18
715	Neopost Ltd	108.04	IJ25 rate card fee for Franking Machine
716	Denbighshire CC	725.50	NNDR for Wellington Road Offices - Payment 1 of 10
718	Flints CC (Clwyd Pension Fund)	4,214.51	Pension Contributions & Deficit Funding March 2019
717	HMRC	2,649.55	PAYE Deductions March 2019
719	Gunsmoke Communications	1,440.00	Events Management Fees for March 2019
720	Sioned Graham-Cameron	185.15	Translation Fees
721	RTC Staff	7,156.32	Staff Salaries April 2019
722	Sage & Co	93.00	Payroll Fees for January to March 2019
	Total payments	£17,344.05	

RESOLVED that the report was approved.

129. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST (SCHEDULE B)

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

Voucher No.	Supplier Name	Description of Service	Amount £
732	Gwasg Helygain	Flyers & posters for Mayor's May Day event	273.00
733	Denbighshire County Council	Hire of Town Hall for Mayor's charity concert	125.00
Total Schedule B			£398.00

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

FURTHER RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Town Clerk to respond as a matter of urgency.

130. RESERVES POLICY

Further to minute no.113 of the meeting of Council held on 19th December 2018, the Town Clerk presented his report (circulated with agenda) on the council's earmarked reserves, for approval.

RESOLVED that the earmarked reserves were approved as at 31st March 2019 and that they would be reviewed during the 2019/20 financial year.

131. CHAIR OF RISK ASSESSMENT ASSURANCE REPORT

Further to minute no.2 of the meeting held on 5th December 2018, the Town Clerk referred to the Chair's report (circulated with agenda) following his recent spot checks in line with the council's financial regulations in respect of bank reconciliation and actual payments made, to provide additional assurance to members of the council and Rhyl's taxpayers.

RESOLVED that the report was received.

132. MEMBER'S ITEM: TRAINING OF FOREIGN PILOTS AT RAF VALLEY

Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James sought members' support for the town council to ask Welsh Government to make representations to the Ministry of Defence, asking for the training of foreign pilots in Wales to carry out bombing raids in the Yemen on Saudi Arabia's behalf, to be stopped.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to write to Welsh Government accordingly.

133. MEMBER'S ITEM: 'PLASTIC FREE RHYL'

Councillor K. R. Jones reported that between 500-600 volunteers were now taking part in regular beach cleans, with half a ton of waste collected from the beach and Promenade area so far.

G2G, Wilkinsons and Gamlins were working in partnership with them and Asda in Kinmel Bay were also supporting them. Councillor Jones commented that Wilkinsons were particularly good at recycling.

There were currently 13 free water refill points in Rhyl and that there was a refill app available from the website refill.org.uk that donated 13p per refill to the anti plastic charity 'City to Sea'.

A member advised that in Spain large metal frames in the shape of a fish were used on beaches as collection points for plastics, and suggested that Rhyl could have one in the shape of the Resurgam submarine?

RESOLVED that plastic collection points be referred to the Strategic and Operational Planning (SOP) Committee for further consideration.

134. MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEM: AVIVA INSURANCE COMPANY

The Town Clerk reported that the town council's insurance provider, Aviva, had taken the decision to no longer provide insurance cover to town and community councils.

He added that Aviva were looking for alternative providers on the town council's behalf and that they would be willing to end the three year agreement (the town council is currently in the second year of a three year term) early if the town council could benefit from a saving.

The Town Clerk suggested that the committee refers the matter to the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee at its meeting on 28th May for consideration with delegated authority to make a decision on the council's behalf.

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee with delegated authority to take a decision.

135. 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.

136. REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – CIVIC ALLOWANCES

Further to minute no.155 of the meeting of Council held on 20th March 2019, the Town Clerk presented his confidential report (circulated with agenda) including the Civic and Social Events Sub-Committee's recommendations in relation to the Remunerations Panel for Wales' determinations for 2019/20, and to make corresponding amendments to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor role descriptions.

RESOLVED that all recommendations were approved and the Town Clerk to make the necessary amendments to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor role descriptions.

[Councillors Mrs E. M. Chard and Mrs D. L. King declared a prejudicial interest in the above item in their respective positions as incoming Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and vacated the chamber taking no further part in discussions or voting thereon]

137. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

Chair:

Date: