

At the **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Council Chamber, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard (Mayor)

Councillors J. Ball, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, A. R. James, A. S. Johnson, K. R. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, 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

**114. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES**

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Charles Ramsay, commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer, with a special acknowledgement of the death of Councillor B. Blakeley's brother.

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, B. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, A. J. Rutherford and R. J. Turner.

**RESOLVED** *that a card of condolence to be sent to Councillor Blakeley.*

**115. MINUTES**

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

Council - 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Min. Nos. 96-113

With regard to minute no.110 (Annual Budget) the Town Clerk advised that the wrong figure had been printed. £553,661 should have been £553,611.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and seconded by Councillor K. R. Jones and **RESOLVED** *as a correct record, subject to the amendment.*

Planning Committee - 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Min. Nos. 34-36

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

**116. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor referred to her attendance at events over the past month and in particular to the RNLI's Boxing Day Dip event, which she had really enjoyed and reported that more people than ever had taken part in.

**RESOLVED** *that the report was received.*

## 117. PRESENTATION: RECORD OF YEAR IN OFFICE

The Mayor invited Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James to accept her record of her mayoral year 2018-2019 as a keepsake.

Councillor Mullen-James duly accepted the two large files and thanked her fellow councillors and town council officers for their support during her year as Mayor.

## 118. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPT REPORT (SCHEDULE A) – DECEMBER 2019

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

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount £	Description of Goods & Services
887a	HSBC	8.06	Bank charges 17/10/19 to 16/11/19
888	BT	128.16	Internet Services
893	HSBC	32.00	Annual Fee for Card
892	Flints CC (Clwyd Pension Fund)	4,290.48	Pension Contributions & Deficit Funding Nov 2019
891	HMRC	2,742.91	PAYE Deductions Nov 2019
889	Gunsmoke Communications	1,440.00	Events Management Fees for Nov 2019
890	RTC Staff	7,171.72	Staff Salaries December 2019
716	Denbighshire CC	723.00	NNDR for Wellington Road Offices - Payment 9 of 10
723	Benefits Advice Shop	916.67	Part Time Appeals Officer 19/20 Payment 9 of 12
906	BT	166.22	Rental Charges
	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£17,619.22</b>	

Category	Description	Amount
Interest	Santander 31 Day Notice Account	40.07
Interest	HSBC 7 Money Maker Account	21.47
Interest	HSBC 7 Day Money Market	23.01
Interest	HSBC 7 Day Money Market	22.63
Interest	HSBC 7 Day Money Market	22.64
Interest	HSBC 7 Day Money Market	25.87
Precept	Trance 3 of 3 from Denbighshire County Council	181,141.00
	<b>Total income</b>	<b>181,296.69</b>

**RESOLVED** that the report was approved.

**119. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS / ADDITIONS TO THE APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST (SCHEDULE B)**

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 (12<sup>th</sup> December to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020)*

Supplier	Details of Supply	Voucher Number	Amount £
HSBC	Petty Cash Top-Up	905	200.00
Denbighshire County Council	Catering for Remembrance Sunday	915	825.00
Denbighshire County Council	Hire of Town Hall for Christmas Party	916	150.00
Cllr J Chamberlain Jones	Travel Expenses NMWATC	917	15.30
St John Cymru Wales	First Aid Provision for Children's Christmas Disco	918	72.00
Mayor of Denbigh Charity Ball Fund	2 tickets to concert on 29th February 2020	919	20.00
Cllr E Chard	Mayoral Expenses December 2019	920	90.60
Denbighshire CC	Repairs to Seasonal Lights and Christmas Tree	921	270.00
North & Mid Wales Association of Town Councils	Annual Subscription 2019/20	922	90.00
Delwedd Ltd	Increase size of Enquiries mailbox	923	12.96
Amazon	Water filters	924	20.48
Denbighshire CC	Christmas Tree installation and removal	925	332.64
<b>Total Schedule B</b>			<b>£2,098.98</b>

**120. CLWYD PENSION FUND – TRIENNIAL VALUATION 2019 FOR RHYL TOWN COUNCIL**

The Town Clerk referred to his and the Finance Officer's joint report (circulated with agenda) relating to the triennial review of the town council's pension fund.

A member asked why the council's assets had risen from £351,300 in 2013 to £742,980 in 2019.

The Town Clerk advised that this was due to the death of a member of staff in service back in 2008, but that the council was ahead of its debt recovery schedule as investments had performed better than expected, with zero debt forecast in 11 years.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) *The future service rate is increased from 15.5% to 18.7%*
- (ii) *That lump sum deficit payments are £20,400 per annum for each of the next three years and lump sums are paid in equal monthly instalments*
- (iii) *The estimated cost of pension contributions for 2020/21 is £43,125 against an approved budget of £43,800*

**[Both the Town Clerk and the Deputy Clerk declared a personal interest in the above item, and were asked to leave the chamber for members to determine the three recommendations contained within the report]**

**121. CORRESPONDENCE: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

The Town Clerk made reference to the above correspondence (circulated with agenda) seeking to work with the town council in the provision of 'greening' projects in the town centre.

Members welcomed the greening initiative, which they felt would lift the look and feel of the town centre significantly, and referred to their request for a 'green' element to be built into the town council's new offices at 26 Wellington Road.

The Town Clerk added that a member had also recently suggested that an all year round, living Christmas tree in the high street be considered by the town council as a sustainable alternative to buying trees annually.

A member highlighted that the deadline for commuted sums applications was 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, and the Town Clerk advised that the monies would not be lost beyond that date if they were unallocated.

Another member suggested that a community orchard also be considered providing free fruit.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) *The living tree idea be passed to the Grounds Maintenance Sub-Committee for further exploration*
- (ii) *The Town Clerk to invite the County Council's Lead Officer to a future meeting to update members Denbighshire County Council's plans to introduce greening into the town centre, with Mr Mike Horrocks no longer being in post.*

**122. INFORMATION ITEM: DEMENTIA AWARENESS EVENT**

The Town Clerk advised of the above event taking place at 5.00pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Clwyd Chambers.

**123. INFORMATION ITEM: REQUEST FROM THE URDD EISTEDDFOD**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a request for the town council to consider supporting a fundraising evening at the Pavilion Theatre on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 by placing a half page advert in the evening's programme at a cost of £50.

**RESOLVED** *that the request was approved.*

**124. QUESTION TIME**

No questions were asked by members of the public present.

**125. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....