At the hybrid **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 15th April 2026, commencing at 6pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. Walker (Mayor)

Councillors M. Blackwell, Mrs M. A. Blakeley-Walker, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs J. M. Evans, S. Feeney, A. R. James, C. L. Jones, K. R. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, W. Price, Ms R. S. Roberts, Ms V. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford and Miss C. L. Williams

Mrs H. J. Mead – Town Clerk
Mrs T. A. Jones – Deputy Town Clerk
Mrs R. A. Wheatley – Comms, Grant and Admin Support Officer

173. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. Kenney, Ms J. L. McAlpine and D. Simmons.

174. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor asked if members had any personal and/or prejudicial interests to declare with regard to any of the business to be considered on the agenda?

No declarations were made.

175. DECLARATION IN THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

The Town Clerk formally declared a vacancy in the office of Community Councillor for the Rhyl Derwen Ward, and advised that a notice would now be published inviting ten electors to request an election be held.

If this requirement is not met, then the vacancy could be filled by way of co-option.

176. MINUTES

Meeting of Council - 18th March 2026 - Min Nos. 155 - 172

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

Meeting of Planning - 18th March 2026 - Min Nos. 38 - 41

Proposed by Councillor Mrs D. L. King and seconded by Councillor A. Walker and ***RESOLVED*** *as a correct record.*

177. MAYOR'S HONOUR CADETS

The Mayor welcomed Royal Marine Cadets, Ben Harley and Tommy Hopkins to the meeting, and thanked them for their commitment to the role over the past 12 months.

The Mayor presented both with a letter of achievement.

178. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to the report (circulated with agenda) and advised that unfortunately he had had to pass the last month's invitations to the Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor advised that all events had been enjoyable.

179. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT MAY 2025 (SCHEDULE A)

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

Voucher No	Supplier Name	Amount £	Description of Services Provided
2186	BT	87.06	BT Town Hall - System Rental Phones
2187	BT	378.00	Town Hall Broadband Services
N/A	Tesco	3.00	Mobile Phone Insurance
2188	BT	414.65	WRCC Telephone & Charges
2189	O2	52.20	Mobile Phone Rental
N/A	Tesco	9.00	Mobile Phone Rental
2192	RTC Staff	9,059.37	Net Pay for 4 Staff March 2026
2190	HMRC	3,455.74	PAYE for Feb 2026
2191	Clwyd Pension Fund	3,280.52	Pensions Contributions for Feb 2026
2034	Benefits Advice Shop	1,255.83	Benefits Appeals Officer 12 of 12 for 2025/26
2033	Citizens Advice Denbighshire	2,000.00	Energy Efficiency Officer 4 of 4 2025/26
N/A	Tesco	3.00	Mobile Phone Insurance
2199	BT	87.06	BT Town Hall - System Rental Phones
	Total Payments	**20,085.43**	

Category	Description	Amount £
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	169.53
HSBC	Interest on Business Money Marker Account	716.93
HSBC	Interest on 1 month Deposit	607.56
	Total Income	**1494.02**

RESOLVED *that the report was approved.*

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

Further to min.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 and Finance Officer's submitted schedule B (a list of non-regular payments to be released over the coming month) (circulated with agenda).

Voucher	Supplier	Details of Supply	Voucher	Amount £
2198	Denbighshire CC	Repairs to Tree Lights	2198	£124.80
2205	Argos	Fridge freezer for Office	2205	£343.95
2206	Argos	Kettle & Shredder for Office	2206	£87.99
2207	Delwedd Ltd	Website Domain Fee	2207	£24.47
2208	Sandra Williams	Translation Services	2208	£303.52
2209	Amazon	4 x PC Monitor adjustable height risers for office	2209	£55.84
2210	Amazon	Office waste bins	2210	£35.76
2211	Thomas Fattorini Ltd	Mayoral Chain (ordered Feb 2026)	2211	£10,690.93
	Total Schedule B			**£11,667.26**

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

181. INVESTMENTS PERFORMANCE 2025/26

The Town Clerk referred to her and the Finance Officer's report (circulated with agenda) advising that the total annual interest earned across all accounts for this financial year was £15,233.16.

RESOLVED *that the report was received, with special thanks to the Finance Officer.*

182. STATEMENT OF PETTY CASH PAYMENTS: APRIL 2025-MARCH 2026

The Town Clerk referred to her and the Finance Officer's report (circulated with agenda) advising that the total annual spend from petty cash this financial year was £54.81.

RESOLVED *that the report was received.*

183. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS – PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2025/26

The Town Clerk referred to her and the Finance Officer's report (circulated with agenda) asking members to note key forecasted variances, which were a forecasted surplus of £31,367 and transfers of £7,000 to the Elections reserve and £6,000 to the Civic Regalia reserve.

RESOLVED *that the report was approved.*

184. NEW TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Town Clerk advised that the new town council website was progressing nicely and was almost ready to be launched.

The Communications, Grants and Admin Officer gave members a brief preview of the site, which would be more user friendly, with improved accessibility and an interactive map.

Members were pleased with the new website and features.

185. REMEMBRANCE GARDENS

The Town Clerk advised that following the repair of two failed lamps at the gardens last winter, the advice from Denbighshire County Council's (DCC) Street Lighting was that that all six lamps were in need of replacement.

The lamps were old and heavy and at risk of coming loose, which posed a health and safety risk to both members of the public and to Street Lighting officers carrying out repairs and maintenance work.

As per the town council's Service Level Agreement (SLA) with DCC, Street Lighting had provided a price to supply and install new lanterns - £3,972.78 and to repaint the tired looking lighting columns - £137.34.

The Town Clerk added that, should members approve the payment, it would be met from the Remembrance Gardens and Open Spaces budgets.

RESOLVED *that:*

(i) the replacement of the six lanterns and repainting of the columns at a total cost of £4,796.82 was approved.

(ii) the Town Clerk to provide Councillors C. L. Jones and K. R. Jones with an image of the lanterns, to ensure that light would be projected downwards to reduce light pollution in an upwards direction, as much as possible, before proceeding with the works.

186. <u>CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER WESTBOURNE AVENUE & ADJOINING ROADS</u>

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above proposed road traffic order (circulated with agenda), for members consideration.

<u>RESOLVED</u> *that the order was received.*

187. <u>QUESTION TIME</u>

No members of the public were present.

188. <u>CLOSURE OF MEETING</u>

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

Mayor: ……..…………………..

Date: ……………….………..