

At the hybrid **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 15th July 2026, commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor W. Price (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors Mrs M. A. Blakeley-Walker, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. M. Evans, S. Feeney, A. R. James, C. L. Jones, K. R. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Ms R. S. Roberts, Ms V. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, D. Simmons, T. Thomas, A. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams

Mrs H. J. Mead – Town Clerk
Mrs T. A Jones – Deputy Town Clerk

39. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Janet Crane, commenced proceedings by leading all those wishing to take part, in prayer.

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed all, especially Councillor Tony Thomas, to his first Council meeting. Councillor Thomas said he was pleased to be back and that he had received many positive comments from ward residents about his predecessor, the late Councillor Mrs Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones, and her service to the Derwen community.

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillors Mrs E. M. Chard and A. R. James declared a personal interest in agenda item no. 11 (Consultation: Denbighshire Licensing Authority – Draft Statement of Principles Under The Gambling Act 2005) as members of the Licensing Committee.

41. DECLARATION IN THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

The Town Clerk formally declared a vacancy on the Bodfor ward following the resignation of James Kenney. Mr Kenney unfortunately, due to a change in circumstances, could no longer attend the evening meetings of the Council.

The Town Clerk advised that she would inform Denbighshire County Council and publish the vacancy tomorrow, inviting 10 electors from the Bodfor ward to request that an election be held. If the request was not made, then the town council would fill the vacancy by co-option.

42. MINUTES

Meeting of Council - 17th June 2026 - Min.Nos. 19-38

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams and **RESOLVED** *as a correct record.*

Planning Committee - 17th June 2026 - Min.Nos. 1-4

Proposed by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and seconded by Councillor A. Walker and **RESOLVED** *as a correct record.*

43. MAYOR'S REPORT

On the Mayor's behalf, the Deputy Mayor reported that Rhyl carnival had been a wonderful day in the glorious sunshine, and that the gift cards provided by the town council as competition prizes, were gratefully received.

44. PRESENTATION: WORKING DENBIGHSHIRE

The Mayor welcomed Tyra Beattie and Susan Tracy, Working Denbighshire Engagement Officers to the meeting and invited them to address councillors.

Tyra thanked the council for agreeing for her and Susan to attend and advised that Working Denbighshire was funded by Denbighshire County Council and the Welsh and UK Governments, to help residents over the age of 16 to get back into education, training and employment. They were based in the old Costigans building which is now the Vibe Station.

Susan advised that the reason they were here was part of their ongoing engagement with the community, to encourage councillors to refer residents to their service.

The service they offer was a 'one stop shop' approach, providing support to develop 'softer skills' like confidence building, time management, building routine, interview preparation, etc, as well as offering fun activities along the way.

Their Project Barod was all about helping people to get ready for work, with follow-on services like work mentors and fully funding vocational training.

They also worked with Pathways, where training and work experience was provided that led to jobs.

They aimed to remove any barriers people experienced to getting into employment.

Tyra and Susan agreed to provide the town council with a breakdown of how many people they were working with across all wards in Rhyl.

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

The Deputy Mayor referred to the report (circulated with agenda) detailing the schedule of payments made and income received.

Voucher No	Supplier Name	Amount £	Description of Services Provided
2230	BT	92.46	BT Town Hall Equipment
2231	BT	378.00	BT Town Hall Broadband & Phone
N/A	Tesco	3.00	Mobile Phone Insurance
N/A	Tesco	9.54	Mobile Phone
2233	O2	57.60	Mobile Phones
2232	BT	93.90	BT WRCC Final Bill
2204	Denbighshire CC	828.00	Council Tax WRCC 3 of 10
2244	RTC Staff	9,190.01	Net Pay June 2026 4 Staff
2242	HMRC	3,577.60	PAYE May 2026 Deductions
2243	Flintshire CC	2,776.35	Clwyd Pension Fund May 2026 contributions
2246	Benefits Advice Shop	3,903.28	Appeals Officer Q1 (Payments 1,2 & 3 of 12)
2245	Citizens Advice	2,072.00	Energy Efficiency Officer Payment 1 of 4
N/A	Tesco	3.00	Mobile Phone
	Total Payments	22,984.74	

Category	Description	Amount £
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	264.99
HSBC	Interest on Business Money Maker Account	558.60
HSBC	Interest on 1m Deposit	959.56
	Total Income	1,783.15

RESOLVED that the report was approved.

46. 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 Deputy Mayor 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 Number	Supplier	Details of Supply	Amount £
2257	Racecraft Signs	Updating Mayor's Board in gold leaf	£128.16
2258	Shredall Ltd	Shredding of Confidential Waste @ Wellington Rd CC	£727.92
2265	Mayors Fund - Lloyds Bank	Contribution to Bank Charges (4 months x £4.25 pcm)	£17.00
2266	Rhyl Steam Preservation Trust	Insurance for Billy & Nameplate	£254.80
2267	Pottles Premier Plants Ltd	Summer Plants 2026	£6,786.72
2268	Post Office	Vouchers for Rhyl Carnival	£60.00
2269	Siemens Financial Services Ltd	Copier Lease Rental 31 July 2026 to 30 Oct 2026	£323.63
2270	Cllr R Roberts	Cost & Expense Allowances 2026/27 (£52 & £156)	£208.00
2271	Cllr W Price	Cost & Expense Allowances 2026/27 (£52 & £156)	£208.00
2272	Sandra Williams	Translation Costs	£241.88
2273	Canda Copying Ltd	Administration Charge – Set-Up for New Copier	£195.59
2274	Canda Copying Ltd	Copier Charges to 29/06/26	£60.00
2275	Blachere Illumination UK Ltd	Repairs to Illuminations	£108.78
2276	Cllr S Connolly	Cost & Expense Allowances 2026/27 (£52 & £156)	£208.00
	Total Schedule B		£9,528.48

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

47. INVESTMENTS PERFORMANCE 2026/27: QUARTER 1 – APRIL-JUNE 2026

The Town Clerk referred to the report (circulated with agenda), advising that the town council's investments had earned £3,391 during the first quarter of the financial year.

RESOLVED *that the report was received with thanks to the Finance Officer for his sterling work.*

48. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2026/27: QUARTER 1 – APRIL – JUNE 2026 AND FORECAST FOR 2026/27

The Town Clerk made reference to the report (circulated with agenda) drawing members' attention to the forecasted variances.

Once again repeating that there was some uncertainty on expenditure across all budget headings, that would be determined once the priorities public engagement had been carried out. That done, the council would be able to allocate budgets to each of its priority areas.

RESOLVED *that the report was noted.*

49. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE LICENSING AUTHORITY – DRAFT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

The Town Clerk referred to the consultation document (circulated with agenda) for councillors' consideration.

RESOLVED *that the document was received.*

50. MEMBER'S ITEM: REQUEST FROM THE RHYL HISTORY CLUB

The Town Clerk reported receipt of correspondence (circulated with agenda) advising of the 'Rhyl Beauty' apple tree and asking the council to consider purchasing a number of them.

The Town Clerk added that money was available in the Open Spaces Other and/or the Grounds Maintenance budgets.

RESOLVED *that the request was approved and referred to the Grounds Maintenance Sub-Committee to progress.*

51. MEMBER'S ITEM: 'OUR RHYL'

Councillor C. Jones sought members' support for the town council to be kept up-to-date with the progress of the 'Our Rhyl' Board, given the importance of £20 million Pride in Place funding available for Rhyl over a 10-year period.

Councillor B. Mellor provided councillors with a brief overview of how the funding came about and the delay caused by the change in UK Government since then.

Councillor Mellor went on to report that the money should begin to come through in April 2027, and that the board were conducting a 'Listening Phase' public engagement this summer.

Members agreed that the sharing of information between the board and the town council was sensible, and could provide partnership opportunities and help to avoid duplication of support and projects over the coming months.

RESOLVED *that the Town Clerk to liaise with the board's programme manager and add a standing item to all future council agendas.*

52. INFORMATION ITEM: REQUEST FROM REV. CRANE

In Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield's absence, the Town Clerk suggested the item be deferred to the next meeting.

RESOLVED *that the item was deferred to the September meeting of Council.*

53. QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

54. 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*

55. CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

The Town Clerk referred to her confidential report (circulated with agenda) for councillors' consideration.

RESOLVED *that members were in support of expanding the scheme to other town centre streets and instructed the Town Clerk to contact the council's current provider, Blachere Illuminations.*

56. COMMUNITY BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The Town Clerk advised that the usual amount of £5,000 had been budgeted for this year's fireworks, and asked members to confirm their support for this spend.

A discussion around the merits of both traditional and silent fireworks was had, with sympathy for pets balanced against the holding of the large community

event with full safety provision, to discourage residents from holding numerous smaller bonfires and display through the town, without the fire service on hand.

On being put to the vote it was **RESOLVED** that £5,000 was approved and the Town Clerk instructed to contact the fire service to confirm arrangements for traditional fireworks for this year's display.

57. AUGUST RECESS – DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE POWERS

The Deputy Mayor asked for members' approval of the arrangements for the delegation of executive powers to the Town Clerk in consultation with the following members for the period 16th July until 16th September 2026:

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

RESOLVED that the arrangements were confirmed.

58. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Deputy Mayor:

Date: