At the hybrid **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 16th September 2026, commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor J. Butterfield JP MBE (Mayor)

Councillors M. Blackwell, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs S. L. Connolly, Ms J. M. Evans, S. Feeney, A. R. James, C. L. Jones, K. R. Jones, Ms R. S. Roberts, W. Price, Ms V. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, A. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams

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

59. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors M. Blakeley-Walker, Mrs D. L King, Mrs J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, D. Simmons and T. Thomas.

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE and A. R. James declared a personal interest in item no.16 (Presentation: Denbighshire County Council's Children's Village Consultation Outcome and Proposals) due to being members of Denbighshire County Council's Children's Village Board as the affected ward members, and remained in the meeting, taking part in discussions and voting thereon.

Councillor A. R. James further declared a personal interest in item no.17 (North Wales Tourism Request) due to tourism being a part of his previous portfolio as a Denbighshire County Council Cabinet member, and remained in the meeting, taking part in discussions and voting thereon.

61. VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR – BODFOR WARD

The Town Clerk advised that an election was due to be held on the 1st October, but unfortunately no nominations were received by Denbighshire County Council. The vacancy had been re-advertised with a closing date for nominations being Friday 18th September at 4.00pm.

An election is planned for 15th October.

62. MINUTES

Meeting of Council - 17th July 2026 - Min.Nos. 39-58

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and ***RESOLVED*** *as a correct record.*

Planning Committee - 17th July 2026 - Min.Nos. 5-8

Proposed by Councillor A. Walker and seconded by Councillor S. Feeney and ***RESOLVED*** *as a correct record.*

63. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to the enclosed report and in particular to the 'Simply the Breast' fundraising event she had attended, that has been a real success.

The Deputy Mayor said he had enjoyed all of the functions he had attended, especially the flag raising ceremonies.

A member noted how busy the Mayor and Deputy Mayor had been and congratulated them on attending so much.

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

The Mayor referred to the enclosed report detailing the schedule of payments made and income received.

July

Voucher No	Supplier Name	Amount £	Description of Services Provided
2259	BT	92.46	BT Town Hall Equipment
2260	BT	378.00	BT Town Hall Broadband & Phone
N/A	Tesco	3.00	Mobile Phone Insurance
N/A	Tesco	9.54	Mobile Phone
2261	O2	57.60	Mobile Phones
2204	Denbighshire CC	828.00	Council Tax WRCC 4 of 10
2264	RTC Staff	9,189.62	Net Pay July 2026 4 Staff
2262	HMRC	3,577.00	PAYE June 2026 Deductions
2263	Flintshire CC	2,776.35	Clwyd Pension Fund June 2026 contributions
2246	Benefits Advice Shop	1,301.08	Appeals Officer Payment 4 of 12
N/A	Tesco	3.00	Mobile Phone
2281	BT	92.46	BT Town Hall Equipment
	Total Payments	**18,308.11**	

Category	Description	Amount £
Santander Bank	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	256.44
HMRC	VAT Claim for Q1 (April to June 2026)	5,870.74
HSBC Bank	Interest on 1m Deposit	736.03
	Total Income	**1,783.15**

August

Voucher No	Supplier Name	Amount £	Description of Services Provided
2280	BT	378.00	BT Town Hall Broadband & Phone
2282	O2	57.60	Mobile Phones
2204	Denbighshire CC	828.00	Council Tax WRCC 5 of 10
2293	RTC Staff	9,189.41	Net Pay August 2026 4 Staff
2291	HMRC	3,577.39	PAYE July 2026 Deductions
2292	Flintshire CC	2,776.35	Clwyd Pension Fund July 2026 contributions
2246	Benefits Advice Shop	1,301.08	Appeals Officer Payment 5 of 12
	Total Payments	**18,107.83**	

Category	Description	Amount £
Santander Bank	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	264.99
HSBC Bank	Interest on 1 month deposit	789.04
Denbighshire CC	Precept 2026/27 - Tranche 2 of 3	193,333.33
	Total Income	**194,387.36**

RESOLVED *that the reports were approved.*

65. 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 No	Supplier	Details of Supply	Amount £
2277	Wales Audit	Audit Fee 2024/25	£258.85
2284	Zoom	Zoom Subscription 26/27	£155.88

2285	Royal British Legion	1 x Wreath	£58.50
2278	ADT Alarms	Alarms Service for Town Hall Office	£240.47
2279	BK Plus Ltd (formerly Sage & Co)	Payroll Fees for April to Jun 2026	£119.04
2286	Canda Copier	Copier Charges	£120.00
2287	Keith Freeburn	Mayoral Portrait	£7.50
2289	Rhyl & Prestatyn Lions	2 x Tickets for Event 10 October 2026 (Mayor and Consort attending)	£56.00
2290	Canda Copier	Copier Admin Charge	£21.59
2294	Delwedd Ltd	MS Office 365 for R Wheatley	£216.62
2295	North & Mid Wales Association	Annual Membership Fee 2026/27	£80.00
2296	Post Office	Postage for Mayoral Chain (sent to supplier for repair)	£20.95
2297	Perham Prints	Sashes for Consultation on Town Council Priorities	£47.70
2298	Ian Grant	Framing of Mayoral Portrait for 2026/27	£59.00
2299	Amazon	Photo Frame	£10.49
2300	Amazon	Copier Paper	£22.98
2304	James Hallam Insurance	Increased premium for new mayoral chain	£73.98
2305	Sandra Williams	Translation Fees	£264.26
2306	Big Bear Promotions Ltd	Tote Bags for Consultation Events	£312.00
2307	Pens.com	Branded Pens for Consultation Events	£233.98
2308	Morrisons	Office Supplies	£18.65
2309	Catalyst Systems Ltd	Panda Anti-Virus x 5 Users for 3 Years	£516.00
2310	Catalyst Systems Ltd	Panda Anti-Virus Set-up Fee	£109.20
2311	Catalyst Systems Ltd	Annual Support Contract 2026/27	£1,729.15
2312	Canda Copying	Copier Admin Fee	£21.59
2313	Canda Copying	Copier Charges	£120.00
2314a	Cllr J Butterfield	Mayoral Allowance 26/27 – Payment 2 of 3 (less bank charges of £17.00)	£416.33
2314b	Cllr J Butterfield	Senior Role Allowance 26/27 – Payment 2 of 3	£166.67
2315a	Cllr W Price	Deputy Mayoral Allowance 26/27 – Payment 2 of 3	£133.33

2315b	Cllr W Price	Senior Role Allowance 26/27 – Payment 2 of 3	£166.67
2316	Lloyds Bank Mayors Fund	Contribution to Bank Charges (4 months @ £4.25 pcm)	£17.00
2317	Catalyst Systems Ltd	Fox-It Pro – PDF software (for 5 Users) – Annual	£619.20
2321	The Fun Experts	Artistes for Christmas Event	£2,040.00
2322	Colwyn Bay Mayors Charity Account	2 x Tickets for Charity Fun Event 17 October 2026	£16.00
	Total Schedule B		**£8,469.58**

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

66. CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

The Town Clerk referred to her enclosed report, advising that following members decision at the July meeting of council, to extend the lighting scheme in the town centre, she had met with a Denbighshire County Council Streetlighting officer to identify which lighting columns would be suitable to support a light.

10 columns in total were available on Market Street and Water Street, with the cost of replacement and repairs to some of the clocks and timers within the columns provided as part of the report (£1,027.34 plus VAT).

The Clerk reported that Blachere Illuminations (the council's current provider) had confirmed that the light design of the scheme was still available and would cost £529.00 each plus VAT, (£5,290.00 plus VAT for 10), bringing the total cost of both the repair work and the new lights to £6,317.34 plus VAT, well within the budgeted £41,000.

RESOLVED *that the report was approved.*

67. INFORMATION ITEM: 'OUR RHYL'

The Mayor made reference to the enclosed update provided by the board, which was the first of what would be a monthly report to the town council for members' information.

RESOLVED *that the information was received.*

68. INFORMATION ITEM: RHYL CARNIVAL

The Town Clerk referred to the enclosed email from the Carnival Association, thanking Councillor Keith Jones and his wife for helping with the provision of litter bins and the all-day litter pick. Also thanks to the Mayor and her Consort for their attendance and help to judge the competitions and award the gift cards provided by the town council.

Councillor Jones advised that Councillor Vicky Roberts and her husband had also attended on the day to assist with the litter pick.

RESOLVED *that the email was received.*

69. INFORMATION ITEM: PRIORITIES / 'BIG CONVERSATION' ENGAGEMENT

The Town Clerk provided a brief overview of the engagement exercise held over a five-day period earlier in the month.

Around 150 conversations/exchanges were had both face to face and online and that listening to how people were feeling and what their aspirations and ideas were, had been genuinely interesting and a really valuable piece of work.

She acknowledged that the majority of what people had to say was negative. People across the board are disappointed, frustrated and feeling a real disconnect between them and the powers that be.

There were some positives, which had been good to hear, but there was much to address to improve upon.

The Clerk advised that she would bring a formal report to the October meeting of council, which would expand on the issues raised and suggest a way forward to begin a more targeted programme of work, and to agree on a budget allocation for each of the four priority work areas.

In conclusion, the work areas members had arrived at at a workshop earlier in the year, seem to align with what people had to say, and the engagement had now ranked them in order of importance.

The Clerk thanked councillors Ellie Chard, Keith Jones and Andy Rutherford for taking part in the engagement, who agreed that talking to residents first hand was the best way to gauge how they are feeling, and that this was something the town council should consider repeating on an annual basis.

RESOLVED *that the information was received, with huge thanks to the council officers.*

70. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF FOOTPATH 12 RHYL

The Mayor reported receipt of the enclosed email and map relating to the proposal to remove the footpath, for members' consideration.

RESOLVED *that the removal of the footpath was approved.*

71. QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

72. 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*

73. INFORMATION ITEM: CHRISTMAS EVENTS UPDATE

The Town Clerk provided members with a confidential update on the progress of the town council's events, the outcome of the Sell2Wales notice, and the recommendations of the SOP Committee.

RESOLVED *that the information was received and the recommendations approved.*

74. PRESENTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S CHILDREN'S VILLAGE CONSULTATION OUTCOME AND PROPOSALS

The Mayor referred to the enclosed confidential report of Denbighshire County Council's Corporate Director for Environment and Economy, Mr Tony Ward, and welcome him and Traffic, Parking & Road Safety Manager, Mr Mike Jones to the meeting.

Mr Ward outlined music event proposals at Queen's Market in Rhyl in 2027 to help to establish the venue as a good live music offer for upcoming and known bands to perform, and the benefits it had the potential to bring to the local economy.

The one-night proposal included a 'Battle of the Bands' element giving local bands the chance to play and share the stage with more established artists.

A further five-night music festival proposal was also presented to members for later on in 2027.

Mr Ward and Mr Jones went on to update members on the outcome of the recent public consultation on the proposals to redevelop the Children's Village area, with a £5.5 million underspend from the Central Rhyl Coastal Defence Scheme.

A condition of the underspend was for it to be used for a project in the vicinity of the defence scheme works, and was an opportunity to redesign and open up the area to reconnect it to the beach and the town centre.

[Councillor Miss C. L. Williams left the meeting at 7.50pm]

After answering members' questions, the officers were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting to enable further deliberations. On being put to the vote, it was ***RESOLVED*** *that:*

(i) The requested seed funding of £15,000 plus VAT as a contribution towards a one-night event in January was approved.

(ii) The requested seed funding of £25,000 plus VAT as a contribution towards a five-night music festival later on in 2027, was approved in-principle.

[Councillor R. Roberts left the meeting at 8.25pm]

75. NORTH WALES TOURISM REQUEST

The Town Clerk referred to the enclosed confidential report of the council's DCC Budget Pressures Sub-Committee, following a request for funding from North Wales Tourism to enable the Rhyl Tourist Information Centre to remain open from October 2026 to March 2027 at a cost of £16,200.

The Clerk drew members' attention to the sub-committee's recommendations for members to consider.

RESOLVED *that members approved the recommendations and an initial payment of £8,100, to be taken from the allocated budget.*

76. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor: ……..……..

Date: ……..……..