

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 19th September 2012 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs J. Hughes, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, Mrs M. McCarroll, B. F. Moylan, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, S. H. Ratcliffe, Miss S. L. Roberts, Miss R. Siddall, Miss C. L. Williams and P. J. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels - Town Clerk
Miss H. J. Windus - Personal Assistant & Secretary

32. OPENING OF MEETING & ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Charles Ramsay, commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer.

The Deputy Mayor regretfully reported that Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones' husband Alan had been involved in a car accident at the weekend, but that he was home and recovering. A card had been sent on the Council's behalf.

33. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones (family illness), B. Mellor (on holiday), P. Prendergast (on holiday), D. Simmons (on holiday) and W. N. Tasker (on holiday).

34. MINUTES

The Minutes of the following Meetings of Council and Committees were submitted for approval as a correct record:

Council - 18th July 2012 - Min.Nos. 21-31

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

With regard to Minute No.29 (Additional Information Item: Foryd Harbour Programme Board) Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield advised that the Minute was incorrect as Councillor A. R. James had not been appointed to the Programme Board, but as a Community Champion.

RESOLVED that the Minute be amended.

Planning Committee - 18th July 2012 - Min.Nos. 12-14

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

Planning - 5th September 2012 - Min.Nos. 15-20
Committee

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

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General - 5th September 2012 - Min.Nos. 45-70
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Williams and seconded by Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

The Town Clerk provided a brief update on the following:

Minute No.46 (Local Government Act, 1972 Section 86 – Declaration of Vacancy in the Office of Community Councillor for the Plastirion Ward) – that an Election would be held on Thursday 15th November.

Minute No.57 (Consultation: DCC’s Standards Committee – Appointment of Town and Community Council Member) – that unfortunately the Town Council’s nomination had been unsuccessful.

Minute No.61 (Scarborough Developments) – to remind Members that the Town Council’s exclusive presentation would be held from 6.00pm – 7.00pm at Rhyl Town Hall on Wednesday 26th September.

Minute No.63 (Member’s Item: Proposed Improvements to Rhyl Cut) – that Mr Gary Davies would be providing a presentation to October’s Council meeting.

In reference to Minute No.64 (Member’s Item: Request from Park View Residents’ Association) Councillor B. Blakeley advised that the Association had not been contacted by the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk reminded Councillor Blakeley that he could not act upon the Minute until it had been confirmed at this evening’s meeting. That done, he would be in touch with the Association this week.

Minute No.68 (Attendance of the Leader of DCC at a Rhyl Town Council Meeting) – that the Leader had agreed to come to the next Members Area Group meeting on 31st October.

Members were unhappy with the arrangement that the Leader would come to the next MAG meeting, a Denbighshire officer led meeting, when he was invited to attend a Council meeting. A Member added that many Town Councillors would be unavailable on that date in any case.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to contact the Leader to decline the offer of coming to the next MAG meeting and invite him once again to a future meeting of Council.

Minute No.69 (SMART Group Progress Report) – that the Away Day Workshop was confirmed for Saturday 6th October, 10.00am – 4.00pm at the Wellington Community Centre.

The Deputy Mayor suggested that the SMART group meet before the Away Day to confirm the day's itinerary.

RESOLVED that the Deputy Mayor, in his capacity as Lead Member for the SMART group, arranges a meeting prior to 6th October.

35. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Deputy Mayor referred to the list of engagements he and the Mayor had attended since the last meeting of Council (circulated with Agenda) for Members' information, and in particular to the opening of the Foodworx Community Food Bank at the Foryd Centre – a brilliant initiative encouraging community voluntary work in exchange for food; our Civic Service at St. Mary's Church here in Rhyl – which had gone well and filled the church; the Wales in Bloom Awards at Rhyl Town Hall and the Battle of Britain Service and Parade – an emotional day of vital importance for the future.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to invite representatives of the Foryd Centre to a future meeting of Council to provide the Council with a presentation on the many projects underway at the Centre.

36. PRESENTATION: ENVIRONMENT AGENCY WALES – FLOOD AWARENESS WALES

Further to Minute No.33 of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 4th July 2012 (minute extract circulated with Agenda), the Deputy Mayor welcomed Ms Katie Davies and Mr Hugh Webb to the meeting and invited them to address Members.

Mr Webb and Ms Davies gave each Councillor a Flood Awareness pack including maps showing the extreme flood outlines and flood warning areas for the whole of Rhyl, personal and community flood plan forms, a Be Prepared for Flooding DVD and general information on what to do in the event of a flood.

Although the maps were alarming Mr Webb stated that the main threat of flooding in Rhyl came from the tide and that the level of this risk was relatively low. However, this should not encourage complacency as should a extreme tide occur the results would be devastating as Rhyl sat below the flood plain.

The officers' objective was to get everybody within the extreme flood lines signed up. Mr Webb reported that this work had already started and that in November 2010 they had visited 400 properties distributing the flood packs. Community Flood Plans were also underway with Rhyl West's (Bodfor and Foryd Wards) completed and as many Flood Wardens as possible were being encouraged to volunteer themselves.

Ms Davies advised that all schools should have their own Flood Plans and that all Rhyl schools had been written to but as yet only Blessed Edward Jones and Rhyl High schools had responded. Members who are also school governors said they would raise this with their respective schools.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Ms Davies and Mr Webb for their time.

RESOLVED that:

- i) *the Town Clerk to provide Ms Davies and Mr Webb with all of the Town Councillors' e-mail addresses to allow them to organise a meeting with the Councillors willing to put themselves forward as Flood Wardens for their Wards.*

- ii) *as Ysgol Bryn Hedydd fell within the extreme flood outline, Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE in her capacity as Governor of the school, would encourage them to complete a Flood Plan at the next Governors meeting.*

37. QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

38. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Deputy Mayor:

Date: