

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012, at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor D. A. J. Thomas (Chair)

Councillors J. B. Bellis, B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs L. M. Edwards, I. A. Gunning, Miss M. A. Jones, D. W. Lee, Mrs M. McCarroll, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, A. J. Rutherford, Mrs G. A. Smith, W. N. Tasker and T. Thomas.

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

**149. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. Butterfield (Indisposed), M. C. Espley (work commitment), Ms D. Hannam (indisposed), Mrs P. M. Jones (family commitment), G. Williams (family commitment) and the Finance Officer, Mr P. M. Thomas (on holiday).

**150. FREE PARKING DAYS / OLYMPIC TORCH ROUTE**

Further to Minute Nos.103 and 112 of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011, the Town Council submitted his report (circulated with Agenda) following a request from the Olympic Torch Relay Organising Committee, for the Town Council to consider allocating one of its five free parking days to the event to both encourage people into the town and to assist with the free flow of traffic on the day.

**RESOLVED** that the request be approved.

**151. 2012 ELECTIONS – ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Town Clerk presented his report (circulated with Agenda) relating to the arrangements for the forthcoming Elections.

**RESOLVED** that:

- a) *the Finance and General Purposes and Planning Committees scheduled for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May be cancelled to enable Members to fully prepare for the Elections the following day.*
- b) *the delegation of executive powers to the Town Clerk for the period of 19<sup>th</sup> April – 16<sup>th</sup> May be approved in consultation with relevant chairs of Committees as identified within the report.*

- c) *in the event of it not being clear who will become the Mayor for the 2012/13 municipal year as a result of the Elections, the Town Clerk is authorised to make all necessary arrangements for the Annual Meeting of Council and following Inaugural Evening.*
- d) *appointments to Sub-Committees, Working Groups, Outside Organisations and School Governing Boards be deferred to the June Finance and General Purposes Committee.*
- e) *appointments of Committee Chairs will take place at the Annual Meeting of Council and in accordance with the new policy of satisfying the Job Descriptions for these positions.*

**152. CONSULTATION: WELSH GOVERNMENT – PROPOSAL TO MOVE DATE OF 2016 ELECTIONS**

The Chair reported receipt of the above (circulated with Agenda) seeking the Town Council's views on a proposal to move the date of the 2016 Local Government Elections to 2017 to avoid a clash with the Westminster and Welsh Assembly Elections scheduled to take place in 2016.

**RESOLVED** *that the proposal be approved.*

**153. INFORMATION ITEM: NATIONAL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY**

Further to Minute No.103 of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011, the Chair reported receipt of a response from Denbighshire County Council to the representations made by the Town Council (circulated with Agenda).

**RESOLVED** *that the correspondence be received.*

**154. INFORMATION ITEM: DAY SERVICES REVIEW – STAKEHOLDER REVIEW (HAFAN DEG DAY CENTRE)**

Further to Minute No.131 of the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012, the Chair reported receipt of an e-mail from Denbighshire County Council in response to representations made by the Town Council (circulated with Agenda).

**RESOLVED** *that the Town Clerk to write to Denbighshire County Council to convey the Town Council's disappointment that the date deciding on the future of the Centre had been put back until after the Elections, prolonging the period of uncertainty for the Centre's staff and users.*

**155. 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.*

**156. CORRESPONDENCE: RHYL WEST ISSUES**

The Town Clerk submitted his confidential report (circulated with Agenda) following numerous e-mails received, and advised that as the Town Council could not validate any of the concerns raised it should remain impartial and allow the groups referred to in the e-mails to resolve the issues themselves with the individual concerned, but keep a watching brief.

***RESOLVED*** that the e-mails be forwarded to Denbighshire County Council's Monitoring Officer for his information.

**157. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed.

Chair: .....

Date: .....