

At a hybrid meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 6th September 2023 commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

Councillors M. Blackwell, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs J. M. Evans, S. Feeney, A. R. James, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms R. Roberts, Miss S. L. Roberts, Ms V. Roberts, D. Simmons, A. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels – Town Clerk
Miss H. J. Windus – Deputy Clerk

19. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs M. A. Blakeley-Walker, K. R. Jones and B. Mellor.

20. ELECTION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR – RHYL CEFNDY WARD

The Chair reported that Councillor Ms Rachel Roberts had signed her declaration of acceptance of office and congratulated and welcomed her to her first formal meeting.

21. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A) – JULY & AUGUST 2023

The Chair referred to the Town Clerk’s report (circulated with agenda) detailing the schedule of payments made and income received.

July

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount	Description of Goods & Services
1526	Tesco	3.00	Mobile phone insurance HW
1662	BT	591.39	Line rental & call charges
1660	Shire Leasing	337.33	Avaya Telephone System Lease Q2 23/24
1664	Denbighshire CC	15,000.00	CCTV 23/24
1663	HSBC	8.00	Bank charges
1526	Tesco	12.99	Mobile phone charges HW
1665	HMRC	2,983.11	PAYE deductions June 2023
1666	Clwyd Pension Fund	4,737.10	Pension deductions & deficit funding June 2023
1667	RTC Staff	7,861.51	Net Pay for July 2023
1617	Denbighshire CC	753.00	NNDR WRCC Civic Offices 23/24 – payment 4 of 10
1658	Benefits Advice	1,166.67	Appeals Officer 23/24 – payment 4 of 12
1539	Tesco	3.00	Mobile phone insurance GN

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	Total payments	£33,470.09	

Category	Description	Amount
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	255.00
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	26.88
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HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	23.01
	Total income	£358.65

August

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount	Description of Goods & Services
1526	Tesco	3.00	Mobile phone insurance HW
1677	HSBC	8.00	Bank charges
1526	Tesco	12.99	Mobile phone charges HW
1678	HMRC	2,983.50	PAYE deductions July 2023
1679	Clwyd Pension Fund	4,737.10	Pension deductions & deficit funding July 2023
1680	RTC Staff	7,896.18	Net Pay for August 2023
1617	Denbighshire CC	753.00	NDRWRCC Civic Offices 23/24 – payment 5 of 10
1658	Benefits Advice	1,166.67	Appeals Officer 23/24 – payment 5 of 10
	Total payments	£17,560.44	

Category	Description	Amount
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	285.16
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	23.02
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Denbighshire CC	Precept 2 of 3 for 2023/24	185,318.00
	Total income	£185,718.26

RESOLVED that the report was received and approved.

22. 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'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 £
1681	Zoom	System for Council Chamber	143.88
1682	Butteez Ltd	Catering for Civic Sunday – 30 th July 2023	480.00
1685	Cllr C. L. Williams	Deputy Mayoral expenses – July 2023 – clothing	188.00
1686	Cllr C. L. Williams	Deputy Mayoral expenses – July 2023 – travel	122.05
1687	Prestatyn & Rhyl Lions	2 x tickets for Charter Night on 14 th Oct 2023	56.00
1688	Denbighshire CC	Grounds Maintenance & Remembrance Gardens Contracts 2023/24	46,477.50
1689	Denbighshire Leisure Services Ltd	Contribution to Rhyl Evets 2023 (Air Show, Summer & Christmas)	40,000.00
1690	Sage & Co	Payroll services April – June 2023	102.60
1691	Canda	Copier rental	259.32
1692	Canda	Copier charges	340.81
1693	Rhyl BID	Rhyl BID Levy 1/4/23 – 1/3/24	251.71
1694	Rhyl BID	Rhyl BID Levy 1/3/23 – 1/4/23	23.36
1695	BJS Solutions	Hardware Support Contract 2023	1,554.00
1696	The Poppy Shop	Wreathes	150.00
	Total Schedule B		£90,149.23

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

23. INVESTMENTS PERFORMANCE 2022/23 (QUARTER 1: APRIL-JULY 2023)

Further to min.no.43 of the meeting of Council held on 19th July 2023, the Town Clerk referred to his and the Finance Officer's joint report (circulated with agenda) on the council's investments for the period and forecasts for the year.

RESOLVED that the report was received.

24. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS TO 31st JULY 2023 AND FORECASTS FOR 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Town Clerk made reference to his and the Finance Officer's joint report (circulated with agenda) showing performance against budget.

RESOLVED that the report was received.

25. CONSULTATION: NORTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY – EMERGENCY COVER REVIEW

The Chair reported receipt of the above document (circulated with agenda) and referred to his suggested response (circulated previously by e-mail) for members' consideration.

RESOLVED that the response was approved with the risk to Rhyl residents at times of flooding to be added and the response to be copied to Denbighshire County Council and the to representatives of the Fire Service Authority.

26. RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL – TOWN CENTRE SUMMIT

The Chair reported receipt of an invitation from Ruthin Town Council for a representative from Rhyl Town Council to attend the above on 20th September 2023 (circulated with agenda).

RESOLVED that the invitation was received.

27. INFORMATION ITEM: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – MAES EMLYN SITE

Further to min.no. 96 of the meeting of Council held on 21st December 2022, the Chair reported receipt of correspondence from Liz Grieve, Head of Housing & Communities Service, Councillor Jason McLellan, Leader of Denbighshire County Council and Councillor Rhys Thomas, Lead Member for Housing & Communities (circulated with agenda).

After some debate it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to invite Ms Grieve and Homelessness Officers to a future meeting of Council to explain how homeless people are processed and what the overall plan is for dealing with homelessness in the long-term.

FURTHER RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Town Clerk to respond as a matter of urgency.

28. 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.

29. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted (circulated with agenda) for members' information and approval of the recommendations contained therein:

Grounds Maintenance Sub-Committee	-	23 rd March 2023	-	Min. Nos. 31-37
Risk Assessment Sub-Committee	-	24 th April 2023	-	Min. Nos. 43-48
Risk Assessment Sub-Committee	-	30 th May 2023	-	Min. Nos. 1-6

RESOLVED that the minutes were received and approved.

30. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Chair:

Date: