

At the hybrid **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023, commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine (Mayor)

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

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

**77. APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Clerk advised that no apologies had been received.

On behalf of all members, the Mayor congratulated Councillor Mrs D. L. King on her appointment as Vice-Chair of Denbighshire County Council.

**78. MINUTES**

The minutes of the following meetings of council and committees were submitted for approval as a correct record:

Meeting of Council - 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Min. Nos. 64-76

Proposed by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Min. Nos.19-21

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

Planning Committee - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 - Min. Nos. 22-25

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

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 - Min. Nos. 42-50  
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

## 79. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor submitted details of events attended by herself and the Deputy Mayor over the past month (copy circulated with agenda).

The Mayor mentioned the Wicked Wales International Youth Film Festival Awards Evening and Closing Ceremony, which she had thoroughly enjoyed, also the Rhyl Lifeboat Station Crew Annual Dinner.

The Deputy Mayor also spoke of the Wicked Wales evening, which she described as a wonderful night, also the Dial A Ride AGM and the Remembrance Sunday services.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor declared a Welsh slate and handmade gifts received at the Wicked Wales event, which will be put on display in the Mayor's Parlour.

**RESOLVED** that the report was received.

## 80. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST (SCHEDULE B)

Further to min.no.143 of the meeting of Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> 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).

<b>Voucher Number</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Details of Supply</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
1726	CCLL Helping Hand for Ukraine	2 x Tickets to Fundraising Concert on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2023	10.00
1727	Canda Copying Ltd	Coper Rental	259.32
1728	Canda Copying Ltd	Coper Charges	231.24
1729	NMWALC	Annual Membership Fee	100.00
1730	Pottles Premier Plants Ltd	Winter Plants	1,264.75
1731	North Wales Tourism	Contribution towards winter running costs for Rhyl Tourist Information Centre	7,651.00
1732	HSBC	Petty Cash Top-Up	150.00
1733	Sandra Williams	Translation Services	259.32
1734	Cllr J. McAlpine	Mayoral Expenses Oct & Nov 2023	81.18
1735	Cllr R. Roberts	Cost & Expenses Allowance 23/24 (pro-rata)	152.00
1736	BJS Solutions	Anti-virus softward	359.88
1737	Rhuddlan TC Charity Account	2 x Tickets to Charity Concert 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	20.00
	<b>Total Schedule B</b>		<b>£10,538.69</b>

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

**81. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS – DENBIGHSHIRE CCTV BOARD**

The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council's representative, Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine, and substitute representative, Councillor A. R. James, had asked to switch their appointments.

***RESOLVED*** that Councillor A. R. James was duly appointed as representative and Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine as substitute.

**82. 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.

**83. RHUDDLAN TOWN COUNCIL – MEETING TO DISCUSS CEMETERY PROVISION**

Further to min.no.48 of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023, the Town Clerk referred to his confidential report (circulated with agenda) following the meeting attended by the Mayor and himself on 26<sup>th</sup> October along with representatives from St. Asaph City Council and Dyserth and Prestatyn Town Councils, who all expressed some concern about the future of cemetery/burial provision in the north of the county.

The Town Clerk asked members for authorisation to continue to attend the meetings to further discuss and consider the matter with the surrounding councils.

***RESOLVED*** that the Mayor and the Town Clerk were authorised to continue to attend all future meetings.

**84. ESTABLISHMENT: IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL PAY AGREEMENT 2023/-24**

The Mayor reported that agreement had been reached for the Local Government pay award and sought members authority to implement it with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and to authorise the Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to instruct the Council's payroll services provider accordingly.

***RESOLVED*** that the pay award was approved and the Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee authorised to instruct the payroll services provider to include the pay increase for Town Council staff in their December pay.

**85. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEM: CEFNDY WARD ELECTION**

The Town Clerk advised that two candidates had been successfully nominated for the vacancy, Mr James May (Welsh Labour) and Ms Sonia Fleming (Independent) and that an election would take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**86. ADDITIONAL ITEM: CHRISTMAS WINDOWS COMPETITION**

Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James advised that entry forms were now available and ready for councillors to take to local businesses before 8<sup>th</sup> December, which was the closing date for entries.

**87. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....