

At the **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in the Council Chamber, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, A. R. James, A. S. Johnson, B. Jones, K. R. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms M. V. Roberts and R. J. Turner.

Gareth Nickels – Town Clerk  
Miss H. J. Windus - Deputy Town Clerk

### **52. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. A. Ball, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, Mrs D. L. King, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, Miss S. L. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford and T. Thomas.

### **53. PRESENTATION: GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL**

The Mayor welcomed Mr John Graham to the meeting.

Mr Graham thanked the town council for continuing to receive him at its meetings, and presented the Mayor with a copy of the Scriptures, which she gratefully accepted.

### **54. MINUTES**

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

Council - 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Min.Nos.33-51  
of Council

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

Planning Committee - 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Min.Nos.10-12

Proposed by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - Min.Nos.13-17

Proposed by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - Min.Nos.13-24

Proposed by Councillor K. R. Jones and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

With regard to minute no.23 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting, Councillor A. S. Johnson asked what the cost of the additional lights would be?

The Town Clerk advised that it would be in the region of £750.

## 55. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor referred to the events she and the Deputy Mayor had attended during the past month and picked out the Citizens Advice Bureau's uniform exchange scheme event, Colwyn Bay Town Council's Ukulele Evening and Rhyl Air Show as her particular highlights.

**RESOLVED** that the report was received.

## 56. **PRESENTATION: MR MIKE HORROCKS, DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – RHYL TOWNCENTRE MASTERPLAN UPDATE**

Further to minute no.23 of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019, the Mayor welcomed Mr Horrocks (Programme Manager, Economic and Business Development) back to the town council and invited him to provide members with an update on the masterplan.

Mr Horrocks advised that:

- 2,500 people took part in the public consultation process, with 750 people coming along to the session at the old Granite shop on the high street, giving lots of positive feedback.
- the previously identified eight key ideas had been condensed to four as a result of the latest consultation (to reunite the beach to the town centre, to address and rebalance the apparent 'town of two halves', to look at the decline in retail units and to re-discover Rhyl's identity).
- four main assets came out of the exercise – the beach, the urban street plan, good accessibility from surrounding towns and cities, good connectivity.

- the masterplan had been shared with and enjoyed a high level of engagement with the Rhyl Community Development Board and Working Denbighshire.
- the masterplan would be presented to Denbighshire County Council's Cabinet on 25<sup>th</sup> September and was seeking a commitment to proceed.

In response to members' comments and questions, Mr Horrocks said that:

- the agreed entirely that cleaner streets, namely litter dropping, relied on re-education and not purely more and more street cleansing from Denbighshire County Council.
- with regard to the provision of re-cycling bins, the Chester BID (Business Improvement District) were currently working on this, and he was keen to see the outcome, but again human behaviour was a root problem as people were tending to throw all kinds of rubbish into them and not just recyclable waste.
- the town council had a role to play in sharing, promoting and continuing to engage with the masterplan.
- he hoped to be able to provide all town councillors with a hard copy of the final version of the masterplan alongside a dedicated website.

Members were pleased with how the masterplan was shaping up and thanked Mr Horrocks for his presentation.

#### **57. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS / ADDITIONS TO THE APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST (SCHEDULE B)**

Further to minute 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 Town Clerk submitted schedule B (a list of non-regular payments to be released over the coming month) and details of one additional supplier to be added to the suppliers list after members' approval.

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

*Schedule B payments for approval (29<sup>th</sup> August – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019)*

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Details of Supply</b>	<b>Voucher Number</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Rhuddlan Charity Account	Tickets for Mayor Fundraiser 6th Sept 2019	831	20.00
Fantasia Imports Limited	Fireworks for display 5th November 2019	840	6,240.00
Cllr E Chard	Mayoral Expenses	841	103.40
BJS Solutions	Maintenance Support Contract 19/20	842	1,554.00
<b>Total Schedule B</b>			<b>£7,917.40</b>

Emergency Payment – Voucher 831 was approved as an emergency payment by the Town Clerk as event tickets had to be purchased before the next available committee meeting.

**58. WALES AUDIT OFFICE – AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2017/18**

Further to minute no.113 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the Town Clerk advised that the Auditor General for Wales had published his report, which was not a public interest report, and that he had copies available for members, should they wish to see it.

The Town Clerk referred to his report (circulated with agenda) outlining the issues raised by the Auditor General and including a draft summary report attached as appendix 2, should the town council determine to formally accept the following recommendations:

- (i) To re-seek authority from the Welsh Government
- (ii) To review town council procedures for ensuring that we comply with statutory requirements (via the town council's Risk Assessment Sub-Committee)

***RESOLVED*** that the town council accepts the Auditor General's recommendations and approves the prepared draft summary response for submission to the same.

**59. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

**(i) SUSTAINABLE DENBIGHSHIRE**

**(ii) RHYL BUSINESS GROUP**

The Town Clerk presented his report (circulated with agenda) explaining that two vacancies had arisen due to Councillors Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and T. Thomas withdrawing from the two organisations, and asked members to consider re-appointing to the positions.

***RESOLVED*** that Councillor K. R. Jones was appointed to Sustainable Denbighshire with the other appointment deferred until the next meeting of Council.

**60. INFORMATION ITEMS**

The Mayor advised that there were no urgent matters to raise.

**61. QUESTION TIME**

No questions were asked by members of the public present.

**62. 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.

**63. MAYOR'S CIVIC AWARD SCHEME**

Further to minute no.76 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018, the Town Clerk reported that an individual had been suggested to receive the award from the Mayor, and sought members' authorisation to make the award.

**RESOLVED** that the proposed recipient was approved to receive the award.

**64. INFORMATION: CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

The Mayor referred to the minutes of the SOP Committee meeting (circulated with agenda) for members' information:

SOP Committee - 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Min.Nos.1-7

**RESOLVED** that the minutes were noted.

**65. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....