

At a hybrid meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 4th October 2023 commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

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

Mr G. J. Nickels – Town Clerk

31. APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J. M. Evans, and Mrs D. L. King, and Miss H. J. Windus – Deputy Clerk.

The Chair spoke of the sudden passing of Councillor Pete Prendergast and gave tribute to him before the meeting observed a minute’s silence.

32. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A) – SEPTEMBER 2023

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

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount	Description of Goods & Services
1526	Tesco	3.00	Mobile Phone Insurance HW
1683	BT	271.12	Telephone & Broadband Lines
1684	HSBC	8.00	Bank Charges
1526	Tesco	12.99	Mobile Phone Charges HW
1697	HMRC	2,983.51	PAYE Deductions August 2023
1698	Clwyd Pension Fund	4,737.10	Pension Deductions and Deficit Funding August 2023
1699	RTC Staff	7,861.90	Net Pay for Sept 2023
1617	Denbighshire CC	753.00	NNDR WRCC Civic Offices 2023/24 - Payment 6 of 10
1658	Benefits Advice	1,166.67	Appeals Officer 23/24 - Payment 6 of 12
1700	Denbighshire CC	32,037.00	SC2 Loan 23/24 - Payment 2 of 3
1539	Tesco	3.00	Mobile Phone Insurance GN
1539	Tesco	12.99	Mobile Phone Charges GN
1659	Citizen's Advice	2,000.00	Energy Efficiency Officer - Payment 2 of 4
	Total payments	51,850.28	

Category	Description	Amount
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	285.16
HSBC	Interest on Money Maker Account (paid quarterly)	302.31

HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	23.02
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	Total income	679.58

RESOLVED that the report was received and approved.

33. 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
1701	Sandra Williams	Translation Services	529.18
1702	Barry Hamilton	Mayoral photographs at Inauguration	145.00
1703	Blachere Illumination UK Limited	56 Motifs (New Column Scheme)	37,887.60
	Total Schedule B		£38,561.78

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

34. FREE PARKING DAYS

The Town Clerk suggested that the five free parking days be from Wednesday 20th to Sunday 24th December this year.

RESOLVED that the five suggested days be approved.

35. SKYFLYER

Councillor Keith Jones requested the support of the Council for clarification to be sought over the future of the Rhyl SkyFlyer project.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to write to Denbighshire Leisure Limited to ask for an update on the project.

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

36. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER, RHYL PROMENADE

Councillor Keith Jones sought the support of the Council for a request to be made to Denbighshire County Council (DCC) as to the levels of enforcement of the above order with the emphasis on dog mess.

A member reminded the meeting that DCC no longer employed the services of a private enforcement company and so enforcement was left to police officers and PCSOs.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to write to DCC's Head of Public Protection, Mr Emlyn Jones, to ask North Wales Police to increase enforcement of the area.

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

37. 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.

38. NORTH WALES TOURISM: RHYL TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC)

To receive and determine the Town Clerk's confidential report (copy enclosed) following the proposed closure of the centre during the winter season due to a drop in income generated by the TIC since a number of companies have taken their ticket sales in-house, despite footfall remaining high.

Members were in agreement that the TIC was important for Rhyl, which was evidenced by the 11,000 visit footfall from October to March 2022/23, and would like to see the centre open this winter.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to offer the TIC half of their income loss (£7,500) in the hope that they can secure funding for the remaining £7,500 from other funding sources.

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

39. DRAFT LETTER FOR SUBMISSION TO DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

To receive and amend as necessary, a draft letter for submission to Denbighshire County Council (copy enclosed) to be read aloud to either a meeting of Cabinet and Council.

RESOLVED that the letter was approved.

40. ADDITIONAL ITEM: RHYL COMMUNITY BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

The Town Clerk reported that the Fire Station Welfare and Recreation Club had recently confirmed that the event will go ahead this year, and asked members to

consider contributing the usual level of funding to the value of £5,000 for the purchase of the fireworks.

The Town Clerk added that he had enquired about the use of silent fireworks, as members had requested last year, but that they would not be used as they were not the Fire Station Welfare and Recreation Club's preference, as they were felt to diminish the atmosphere of the event and were not popular with the attending public.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk was authorised to make the payment of £5,000.

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

41. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Chair:

Date: