

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 19th January 2011 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll (Mayor)

Councillors J. B. Bellis, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs L. M. Edwards, M. C. Espley, I. A. Gunning, Ms D. Hannam, Miss G. A. Jones, Miss M. A. Jones, D. W. Lee, W. N. Tasker, T. C. Thomas, D. A. J. Thomas and G. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels - Town Clerk
Mr P. M. Thomas - Finance Officer
Miss H. J. Windus - Personal Assistant & Secretary

82. OPENING OF MEETING

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

83. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors B. Blakeley (indisposed), J. Butterfield (on holiday), Mrs J. Butterfield (on holiday), Mrs P. M. Butters (family commitment), Mrs W. M. Mullen-James (indisposed) and G. J. Pickering (work commitment).

84. MINUTES

The Minutes of the following Meetings of Council and Committees were submitted for approval as a correct record:

Council - 15th December 2010 - Min.Nos. 71-81

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll and seconded by Councillor Ms G. A. Jones and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning - 15th December 2010 - Min.Nos. 50-52
Committee

Proposed by Councillor Ms G. A. Jones and seconded by Councillor Miss M. A. Jones and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning - 5th January 2011 - Min.Nos. 53-55
Committee

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll and seconded by Councillor W. N. Tasker and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General - 5th January 2011 - Min.Nos. 147-161
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor D. A. J. Thomas and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones and ***RESOLVED*** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

With regard to Minute No.150 (Income and Expenditure Report) the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Councillor D. A. J. Thomas, read a statement advising that he had agreed with the Finance Officer that an additional statement would be added to all future Income and Expenditure reports inviting Members to submit their questions to the Finance Officer prior to the meeting. This would enable the Finance Officer to provide a full and accurate response to the enquiring Member.

Councillor Thomas went on to remind Members of the Assurance Protocol developed by the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee and approved by Council in January 2010 as part of Financial Regulations, allowing Members to raise any individual concern relating to another Member, service, activity or area of responsibility directly with him in his capacity as the Chairman of the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee for the Sub-Committee's consideration.

RESOLVED that the statement be received.

85. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to the list of engagements she had attended since the last meeting of Council (circulated with Agenda) for Members information.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

86. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – EFFICIENCY PLAN 2010-15

Further to Minute No.151 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 5th January 2011, the Town Clerk submitted his draft response to the above for Members' approval (circulated with Agenda).

RESOLVED that the response be approved.

87. CODE OF CONDUCT DISPENSATION – CLWYD COAST CREDIT UNION

Further to Minute No.110 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 3rd November 2010, the Town Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from Denbighshire County Council's Standards Committee in response to representations made by the Town Council (circulated with Agenda).

RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

88. QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

89. 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.*

90. POSSIBLE BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Further to Minute No.73 of the meeting held on 15th December 2010, the Town Clerk presented his confidential report (circulated with Agenda) for Members’ consideration and advised that the matter be considered for clarification purposes only and that the validity of the claim should not to be discussed as this was the role of the Monitoring Officer should Members decide to take that route.

The Town Clerk suggested the following motion to enable a clear decision to be made and for Members to vote either in favour or against via a recorded vote:

“This Council reasonably believes that on the information before it a breach of the Code of Conduct has occurred”

A recorded vote was held and the outcome was as follows:

Councillors in favour of the proposal were:

Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs L. M. Edwards, Ms G. A. Jones, Miss M. A. Jones, D. W. Lee, Mrs M. McCarroll and W. N. Tasker.

Councillors against were:

M. C. Espley, I. A. Gunning, Ms D. Hannam, T. C. Thomas and G. Williams.

Councillor D. A. J. Thomas abstained.

***RESOLVED** that the motion was carried and the Town Clerk instructed to submit a formal complaint to Denbighshire County Council’s Monitoring Officer on the Town Council’s behalf.*

[Councillor J. B. Bellis declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the above item and vacated the Chamber taking no further part in discussions or voting thereon]

91. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: