

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 21st December 2011 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs L. M. Edwards, M. C. Espley, I. A. Gunning, Ms D. Hannam, Miss M. A. Jones, D. W. Lee, A. J. Rutherford, Mrs G. A. Smith, 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

68. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor's Chaplain, Canon Prebendary John Glover, commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer.

69. HOUSEKEEPING

As recommended by the Town Council's Risk Assessment Sub-Committee, the Mayor advised the meeting of evacuation procedures in the event of fire.

70. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. B. Bellis (other commitment), J. Butterfield (indisposed), Mrs J. Butterfield (family illness), Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones (other commitment) and Mrs M. McCarroll (indisposed).

71. MINUTES

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

Council - 16th November 2011 - Min.Nos. 58-67

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 16th November 2011 - Min.Nos. 38-41

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

Planning Committee - 7th December 2011 - Min.Nos. 42-46

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G. A. Smith and seconded by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General - 7th December 2011 - Min.Nos. 100-124
Purposes Committee

With regard to Minute No.115 (Members Item: Holocaust Memorial Day), a Member requested a Holocaust Memorial Pack for Ysgol Llywelyn.

The Town Clerk advised that he would give him a pack to pass on to the school.

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

Special Finance & - 14th December 2011 - Min.Nos. 125-128
General Purposes
Committee

The Town Clerk referred to Minute No.127 (Budget Issues 2012/13) and advised that he had not included Councillor Ms D. Hannam's departure from the meeting before the vote was taken at the end of the item, and would amend the minute accordingly.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor Mrs G. A. Smith and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

72. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

RESOLVED that the report be received.

73. PRESENTATION: 2010/11 'RHYL IN LIGHTS' COMPETITION WINNERS

The Town Clerk advised that due to the urgent addition of Item No.8 (Budget Issues 2012/13) later on the Agenda, which was expected to significantly extend tonight's meeting, he had contacted the families of the 2010/11 competition winner and runner-up and had agreed to send their framed digital designs out to their homes instead.

The winner, Miss Warinthorn Phubuabang and her family had, in any case, confirmed that they were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

RESOLVED that the information be received.

74. QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

75. 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.

76. HONORARY FREEMAN/FREEWOMAN AWARDS

Further to Minute No.79 of the meeting held on 15th December 2010, the Town Clerk submitted his confidential report (circulated with Agenda) for Members' consideration.

The Town Clerk advised that the recipient would receive a Scroll and a Town Crest.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be authorised to approach the preferred resident identified within the report to ask whether he/she would be willing to accept the nomination as Honorary Freeman/Woman.

77. BUDGET ISSUES 2012/13

Further to Draft Minute No.127 of the Special meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 14th December 2011, at which it was agreed that the Mayor, the Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee, together with Councillors Rutherford and Gunning would meet to discuss and prepare a report for the consideration of Council at this meeting.

Councillor Gunning addressed the meeting on behalf of the Group of Members and a pre-prepared written statement was circulated at the meeting. Councillor Gunning advised that unfortunately Councillor Thomas was unable to attend but a meeting had taken place that morning to consider the potential detailed Council objectives for the next three years. It was reported that although it had been a very productive meeting, unfortunately, the Group of Members were unable to conclude the task in hand in time for this evenings meeting.

The Group of Members confirmed their commitment to conclude the work early in the New Year so that they could prepare a written report for advanced circulation to Members and for a decision to be reached at the next meeting of Council on 18th January 2012. It was reiterated that the report would outline the Group's recommendations for a pro-active process for the short, medium and long term planning of the Council's objectives and finances over a three year period.

RESOLVED that the information be received and the proposed action be approved.

78. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: