

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 19th December 2012 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor W. N. Tasker (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, J. May, Mrs M. McCarroll, B. Mellor, B. F. Moylan, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, S. H. Ratcliffe, Miss S. L. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, Miss R. Siddall and D. Simmons.

Mr G. J. Nickels - Town Clerk
Miss H. J. Windus - Personal Assistant & Secretary

56. OPENING OF MEETING & ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Charles Ramsay, commenced proceedings by leading all present in a special prayer for the young victims of the recent school shootings in the USA.

57. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors I. W. Armstrong (indisposed), Ms J. Hughes (work commitment), Miss C. L. Williams (on holiday) and P. J. Williams (work commitment).

58. MINUTES

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

Council - 21st November 2012 - Min.Nos. 48-55

Proposed by Councillor W. N. Tasker and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning - 21st November 2012 - Min.Nos. 35-37
Committee

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

Planning - 5th December 2012 - Min.Nos. 38-41
Committee

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

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General - 5th December 2012 - Min.Nos. 87-106
Purposes Committee

With regard to Item No.129 (Risk Assessment Sub-Committee – Tynewydd Community Centre) a Member of that Sub-Committee advised they had met on 6th December and identified a potential risk with the decision taken and asked that the matter be referred back to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 2nd January 2013.

RESOLVED *that the item be referred back to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.*

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE and **RESOLVED** *as a correct record and confirmed for action subject to the above referral.*

59. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to the list of engagements he and the Deputy Mayor had attended since the last meeting of Council (circulated with Agenda) for Members' information, and in particular to the cancellation of the Vision Support Concert due to ill health and to the Kids Fun Club's Christmas Show, which he had thoroughly enjoyed. The Deputy Mayor said that the pantomime at the Pavilion Theatre was fantastic and featured a wealth of local talent. He added that he had received a very warm welcome at Sussex Street Christian Centre for their Christmas Fair and that the Christmas Lunch for the volunteers and users of the Foryd Centre was great.

60. PRESENTATION: MR RAY WORSNOP

Further to Minute No.83 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 3rd October 2012 (circulated with Agenda) the Mayor welcomed Mr Worsnop and colleague to the meeting and invited them to address Members on the work of their Community Events and Market Company (CEMC).

Mr Worsnop thanked the number of Town Councillors who had supported them to date and went on to explain that CEMC was a 'not for profit' company and that he and his colleagues were volunteers.

CEMC was a social enterprise concerning itself with acting for the good of communities and that so far they had put together a "Rhyl Growing Plan" using what already exists in the town to create and manage a synergy between all horticultural projects and processes focussing on tidiness and beauty and working with local people and businesses.

The company had already successfully managed the "Seeds Project" at the request of the West Rhyl First Board. A centre in West Rhyl growing flowers and vegetables from seed, aiming to redevelop an area of land and install a poly-tunnel and raised beds to create a safe place for growers to practice and develop their skills. A growing station has also been established in the John Davies Centre on Marsh Road and CEMC has agreed to oversee its development for the rest of 2012 and beyond.

Flower planters had been placed along John Street, Maud Street and Aquarium Street with the help of community volunteers.

CEMC's aim is to bring West Rhyl First and South West Rhyl Communities First together to support and enhance each other's shared objectives and projects, and eventually roll out similar projects throughout the rest of the town.

In response to Members questions Mr Worsnop advised:

- That the planned green space in the middle of Rhyl West could become a community allotment if there was enough interest in it.
- That they were happy to work with any organisations to enhance their work.
- That they match funded monies received from the Rhyl West County Councillors to get started and had since applied to a number of grant providers to continue the work.

Members said that the work of CEMC was inspirational and wished them well for the future.

61. PRESENTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – REVIEW OF DAY CARE SERVICE PROVISION

Further to the decision taken at the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 5th December 2012, requesting a presentation from the County Council officers at tonight's meeting, the Town Clerk advised that he had since been informed that the officers felt it unnecessary since they had presented to the Members Area Group briefing on 12th December.

Members agreed that another presentation was not now needed but remained concerned that the letter the Town Council had sent to Denbighshire County Council for submission to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee, making strong representations had still not happened.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to ask the relevant Scrutiny Committee Chair to read it aloud at its next meeting.

62. QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

63. 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.

64. HONORARY FREEMAN / FREEWOMAN

Further to Minute No.17 of the meeting held on 20th June 2012, the Town Clerk submitted his confidential report (circulated with Agenda) advising that he had not received any nominations for consideration for 2013.

RESOLVED *that the report be received.*

65. ESTABLISHMENT: FINANCE OFFICER

Further to Minute No.132 of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 5th December 2012, the Town Clerk presented the Council's Staffing Committee's recommendations (circulated with Agenda) following the resignation of the Town Council's current Finance Officer.

RESOLVED *that all of the Staffing Committee's recommendations be approved.*

66. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: