

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 20th February 2013 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor W. N. Tasker (Mayor)

Councillors I. W. Armstrong, B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, 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, D. Simmons, Miss C. L. Williams and P. J. Williams.

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

75. OPENING OF MEETING

Due to the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, Father Charles Ramsay, the Mayor's commenced proceedings by leading all present in the Lord's Prayer.

76. APOLOGIES

An apology for late arrival was received on behalf of Councillor Miss C. L. Williams.

77. MINUTES

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

Council - 16th January 2013 - Min.Nos. 70-74

Proposed by Councillor W. N. Tasker and seconded by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning - 16th January 2013 - Min.Nos. 48-51
Committee

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and seconded by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning - 6th February 2013 - Min.Nos. 52-55
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 - 6th February 2013 - Min.Nos. 146-159
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

78. 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.

79. ESTABLISHMENT: APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE OFFICER

The Town Clerk advised that the Staffing Committee interviewed three shortlisted candidates on Monday 18th February and had asked two to return to give a brief presentation to tonight's Council meeting.

The Town Clerk further advised that the three candidates had undergone a rigorous process of formal interviews, informal lunch and formal presentations and circulated the questions put to them during the interviews for Members' information.

After all Members had read through the questions and were satisfied with them, the Mayor welcomed each candidate in turn to the Council Chamber and invited them to give a second short presentation on what they could bring to the Town Council.

Following both presentations the candidates withdrew from the Chamber whilst the Staffing Committee briefed the full Council of the outcome of the interview day to further inform their deliberations.

RESOLVED that the position be offered to Mr Ashley Hughes subject to satisfactory references.

[Due to her late arrival Councillor Miss C. L. Williams did not take part in voting on the appointment]

80. ESTABLISHMENT: FINANCE OFFICER – INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

The Town Clerk asked for authority to re-employ the former Finance Officer, Mr Phil Thomas, on an ad-hoc basis for any work needing urgent action during the one month notice period required of Mr Hughes by his current employer, and also for a very brief time to handover to Mr Hughes at the beginning of his employment.

RESOLVED that authority be granted.

81. ADDITIONAL ITEM: NAMING OF THE NEW PEDESTRIAN & CYCLE BRIDGE

The Town Clerk advised that he had received a request from Denbighshire County Council for a Member of the Town Council to join the judging panel to select a name for the new bridge as part of the harbour development, and that he had suggested that the Mayor be the most appropriate Member.

RESOLVED that the Mayor accepts the invitation.

82. ADDITIONAL ITEM: 'WELCOME TO RHYL' SIGN

The Town Clerk was delighted to report that after significant delay the sign was now in-situ at the Foryd Bridge entrance to the town.

83. ADDITIONAL ITEM: REQUEST BY RHYL DOLPHINS SWIMMING CLUB

The Town Clerk advised that he had been approached by the club to ask if they could meet with the Town Council to discuss the recent news story about the Sun Centre/Rhyl Leisure Centre possibly being replaced by an Aquatics Centre.

***RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to write to the swimming club to explain that as yet the only decision taken was to carry out a feasibility study, and that once the outcome was known they would be happy to meet with them, and in the meantime they would pass the club's interest on to Denbighshire County Council.*

84. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: