

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 18th November 2015 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, Ms J. McAlpine, B. F. Moylan, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, S. H. Ratcliffe, A. J. Rutherford, W. N. Tasker and S. F. Walker.

Mr G. J. Nickels – Town Clerk
Miss H. J. Windus – Deputy Town Clerk

73. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Charles Ramsay, commenced proceedings by leading all present in a minute's silence for the victims of the recent terror attacks in Paris before prayer.

74. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. May (work commitment), B. Mellor (other commitment), Miss R. Siddall (other commitment), D. Simmons (other commitment) and Miss C. L. Williams (on holiday).

75. MINUTES

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

Meeting of Council - 21st October 2015 - Min.Nos. 62-72

Proposed by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 21st October 2015 - Min.Nos. 26-29

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

Planning Committee - 4th November 2015 - Min.Nos. 30-32

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

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General - 4th November 2015 - Min.Nos. 39-50

Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

76. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Deputy Mayor referred to the list of engagements she and the Mayor had attended over the last month, and in particular to the Guys and Dolls production at the Little Theatre.

77. **PRESENTATION: COUNCILLOR D. SIMMONS**

The Town Clerk advised that due to Councillor Simmons' absence, the item was deferred to a future meeting.

78. **PRESENTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES**

Further to minute no.45(vi) of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 4th November 2015, the Deputy Mayor welcomed Mr Garry Davies to the meeting and invited him to address Members.

Mr Davies advised that:

- He was one of a team of three covering the whole of North Denbighshire, based in Rhyl, and relied heavily on volunteers from Rhyl and Prestatyn. They also worked with various 'back to work' schemes to provide experience and skills to participants whilst they provided them with much needed help.
- The team looked after nine sites in Rhyl and he gave updates on the following:
 - Harbour – dune and shingle management, which now included an 'access for all' boardwalk that they would be extending through the dunes and also planting Marram grass. Little Terns now nesting at the harbour.
 - Glan Morfa, the former Tip site off Marsh Road – was now transformed into a new woodland, and included the Roundhouse Project – a den building initiative which was due to be completed mid December.
 - The Cut – after asking the community behind the Rhyl Adventure Playground what they wanted there, a coarse fishery had just begun thanks to some external funding and imagination, with no duplication of what is on offer at Brickfield Pond.
 - Ffordd Elan – after asking the community there what they wanted, they gave them a pond to encourage bird life. Still in early stages, but looking very promising.
 - Rhydwen Drive Green Space – would be trying again with this area next year, as there had been little success this year. They were considering urban trees there.
 - West Kinmel Street – this greening and planting project was almost complete and had really lifted the area, and included sustainable natural drainage systems.

- John Street and Fforddlas food planters – with 20 raised beds on offer at each location (all taken on Fforddlas and just eight available on John Street). After some teething problems, things seemed to be moving in the right direction.

Members thanked Mr Davies and his team for the wonderful work they do throughout the town.

79. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

The Town Clerk advised that he would like to raise the following matters:

(i) **Cenotaph**

As was normal practice, the Town Clerk asked for Members' authority to arrange for Flight Lieutenant Geraint Roberts' name to be added to the Cenotaph in Remembrance Gardens at an estimated maximum cost of £400.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

(ii) **Free Parking Days in Rhyl**

The Town Clerk asked for volunteers to attach signs to the ticket machines in the car parks on Morley Road, at the Sky Tower, in the Children's Village (underground), at the Library (disabled bays only) and on West Kinmel Street informing of free parking on Saturday 28th November and 5th, 12th and 19th December.

RESOLVED that Councillor Chard (Morley Road), Councillor McAlpine (Sky Tower & Children's Village), Councillor Moylan (Library) and Councillors James and Prendergast (West Kinmel Street) to affix and remove the signs on each occasion.

(iii) **Street Naming**

The Town Clerk advised having submitted the chosen names to DCC, he had been told that the Town Council would need to make individual cases for each on a cultural or historical basis for them to be successful.

RESOLVED that the Town Councillors who were also County Councillors to make representations to the relevant DCC officers.

(iv) **Communications Working Group**

The Town Clerk advised that the next meeting would be on Tuesday 24th November and asked for all ideas for the next Newsletter to be passed to Councillor Mellor prior to then.

(v) **E-mails**

The Town Clerk advised of continuing problems with the Town Council's e-mails, which would hopefully be rectified within the next 10 days.

(vi) **Risk Assessment Sub-Committee**

The Town Clerk advised that the meeting scheduled for Monday 23rd November had been cancelled with the agreement of the Chair to enable the Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and a member of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee to go through the Town Council's budget with him as a matter of urgency.

(vii) Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Town Clerk advised that PC Les Jones had contacted him to ask if Sergeant Steve Prince could address a future meeting of Council.

RESOLVED *that the request be granted.*

80. QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

81. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: