

At a meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 29th April 2015, at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor P. Prendergast (Chair)

Councillors I. W. Armstrong, Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, Mrs E. M. Chard, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, J. May, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, S. H. Ratcliffe, Miss S. L. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, Miss R. Siddall, D. Simmons, W. N. Tasker, Rev. S. F. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

136. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted from Councillors B. Blakeley (DCC commitment), Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones (on holiday) and Ms J. Hughes (other commitment)

137. APRIL 2015 STATEMENT OF AUTHORISED PAYMENTS

The Town Clerk presented his report for the period of April 2015 to date and the list of authorised payments (copy circulated with Agenda).

Voucher No.	Creditor	Amount Total (£)	Description
001	HMRC PAYE	2,193.33	March 2015 payroll disbursements
002	Flintshire County Council	3,272.24	March 2015 pension fund contributions
003	Shire Leasing	337.33	Phone system rental (quarterly payment April 2015)
004	Infotone	41.88	Printer toner cartridge
005	Blachere Illuminations	4,380.00	Second payment of three year lease
006	Rhyl Community Association	18,000.00	Lease of 1 st Floor, Wellington Community Centre 2015/2016
007	Neopost	108.04	Rate card for franking machine for postal increases
008	HSBC	9.60	Bank charges from February to March 2015
009	Denbighshire County Council	8,359.92	Grounds maintenance service charge for Remembrance Gardens 2014 / 2015
010	British Telecom	58.32	Line rental & charges for franking machine line (quarterly payment March-May 2015)
011	British Telecom	280.50	Calls, line rental & charges (quarterly payment March-May 2015)
012	Denbighshire County Council	5,061.00	NNDR for Civic Offices for 2015 / 2016
013	Prestatyn Running Club	270.00	Annual support for Taste Academy 5K Race 2015 (formerly known as the SunCentre 5K Race)
014	Denbighshire County Council	5,000.00	Contribution to 'Changing Perceptions in Rhyl' initiative

015	Shire Leasing	337.33	Phone system rental (quarterly payment July 2015)
016	North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils	60.00	Payment for four meals for Town Council delegates
017	Rhyl Town Council Employees	5,474.23	April 2015 salary payments
018	HMRC PAYE	2,002.25	April 2015 payroll deductions
019	Flintshire County Council	3,308.18	April 2015 pension fund contributions

RESOLVED that the report be received.

138. RHYL MARKET

Further to minute no.129 of the meeting of Council held on 1st April 2015, the Town Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from DCC (circulated with agenda).

A Member read aloud the piece on the Town Council's letter featured on the Rhyl, Prestatyn and Abergele Journal's website.

RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

139. RHYL TOWN AND AREA PLAN – STREET LIGHTING ALTERNATIVES

A representative of the Town and Area Plan Committee reported that two teams were now working on the High Street and that work to the lighting columns would be completed by mid July, adding that most of the signage will also be erected by then as well.

Water quality signs would be included in the scheme and that the 'Art Deco' style lights had come in under budget. The underspend would be transferred to the lighting on Foryd Bridge.

The Member also advised that the simple festoon lighting they, and the Town Council, had hoped to introduce along the Promenade was looking unlikely due to advice received from DCC that they would affect the warranty on the lighting columns.

Following on from these discussions, a Member advised that the group had also talked about extending the railings around the play area within the Drift Park, to increase its size to the popularity of the facility, and that they were looking to transfer the unspent MUGA (Multiple Use Games Area) commuted sums to the play area to finance it.

Members were also concerned that the two fountains on the Promenade were still in need of new pumps, which they were keen to have up and running as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to contact:

- (i) the Town Council's Christmas lights provider, Blachere Illuminations, for a second opinion on the suitability of the lighting columns on the Promenade.
- (ii) DCC's Mark Dixon to ask for the detail on the advice given by DCC on the capability of the lighting columns and the warranty on them.
- (iii) Llandudno Town Council to ask how they managed to erect their festoon lighting along its Promenade.
- (iv) DCC's Amy Selby to ask where they were up to re: the £36,000 scheme and whether any other commuted sums were available for Rhyl?

140. RHYL TOWN AND AREA PLAN – FORWARD PLANS ADVANCE CONSULTATION

A representative of the Town and Area Plan Committee expressed the group's frustration that plans presented by DCC often came out of nowhere with no clear view of where they were going to.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to contact DCC's Dave Matthews and Dave Rich to ask for a schedule of planned works for Rhyl.

141. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEMOCRACY) (WALES) ACT 2013 (COMMENCEMENT NO.2) ORDER 2015

The Chair reported receipt of the above correspondence from Welsh Government advising of the commencement of the Order (circulated with agenda).

The Town Clerk advised that the Order effectively meant that the Town Council would have to publish and provide Councillors' home addresses.

Some concerns were raised about the potential risk this posed for Councillors living alone.

The Town Clerk reminded Members that the Council's Committee Room was always available for Councillors to book to meet with a residents in rather than inviting people into their homes.

RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

142. INFORMATION ITEM: WELSH GOVERNMENT

The Chair referred to correspondence received (circulated with agenda) from the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism advising of forthcoming 'heritage' events.

RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

143. MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS

(i) Rhyl Rugby Club

The Town Clerk reported that the club had contacted him to ask if they could provide the Town Council with a presentation on their plans to use the Tynewydd Playing Fields.

RESOLVED *that the request be approved.*

(ii) Delegation of Authority

The Town Clerk advised that as the Council's Annual Meeting will be held on 20th May, it would be the last business meeting until the Finance and General Purposes Committee scheduled for 3rd June, and asked for delegated authority to act in consultation with the appropriate Chair during this period, which may require the calling of a special meeting.

RESOLVED *that authority be granted.*

144. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It is recommended, pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following items of business, on the grounds of confidentiality.

145. ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL – APPOINTMENTS

The Town Clerk asked that Members confirm appointments to be made at the Annual Meeting of Council (schedules circulated with agenda).

RESOLVED *that:*

- (i) The Governor for Ysgol Mair is Councillor Miss C. L. Williams.*
- (ii) The Governor for Ysgol Emmanuel is Councillor Miss R. Siddall.*
- (iii) Councillor Miss C. L. Williams to withdraw from the SOP Committee.*
- (iv) Councillor J. May to withdraw from the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee.*
- (v) Councillor A. J. Rutherford to become the Council's representative on Changing Perceptions.*
- (vi) Councillor Mrs P. M. Jones to become the Council's representative on Denbighshire's Area Advisory Committee.*
- (vii) Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones to become the Council's representative on Rhyl College's Council*
- (viii) With regard to DCC's Stakeholders' Review of the Hafan Deg Centre, the Town Clerk to contact them to ask what the current position is and defer appointing a representative until that information is reported back.*

146. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair to close the meeting.

Chair:

Date: