

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 21st December 2016 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts (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. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, S. H. Ratcliffe, A. J. Rutherford, Miss R. Siddall, T. Thomas and Rev. S. Walker.

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

89. OPENING OF MEETING

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. Andy Grimwood, Rev. Councillor Stan Walker commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer.

90. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors I. W. Armstrong (indisposed), B. F. Moylan (indisposed), D. Simmons (other commitment) W. N. Tasker (indisposed) and Miss C. L. Williams (work commitment).

91. MINUTES

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

Meeting of Council - 16th November 2016 - Min. Nos. 70 -78

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

Planning Committee - 16th November 2016 - Min. Nos. 34 -36

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

Planning Committee - 7th December 2016 - Min. Nos. 37 -39

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 - 7th December 2016 - Min. Nos. 68 -84
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

92. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to the list of engagements she and the Deputy Mayor had attended over the last month and in particular to the 'Switch On' of the Christmas lights, the Panto comes to Town, Christmas Pops, Christmas Carols at Abbeyfield and to Peter Pan at the Pavilion Theatre.

The Deputy Mayor referred to his attendance at the White Ribbon Day at the Town Hall and also to the Chair of Denbighshire County Council's Christmas Service.

93. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF PLANNING

Further to minute no.76 of the meeting held on 16th November 2016 the Mayor requested nominations for the appointment of the Chair of Planning.

The Town Clerk advised that the Council policy confirmed at 16th November 2016 was that the Chair of Planning should not also be a County Councillor and in the event that the current Vice-Chair was elected as Chair a new Vice-Chair would need to be appointed.

Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James was proposed and seconded. The proposing Member clarifying that the Member currently held a non-voting position on the County Council and as a precedent had been established by appointing a County Council Member to the Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee the existing policy should not apply.

An amendment was proposed and seconded that Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard be appointed.

Following a Member's request *a secret ballot was held and it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James be appointed Chair of the Planning Committee until the next Annual Meeting of Council.*

94. MEMBERS ITEM

A Member requested that a progress report be provided to a future meeting in respect of the Town Council's future office accommodation.

RESOLVED *that the Town Clerk to prepare a report.*

95. 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.*

96. PRESENTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED PROMENADE DEVELOPMENT

Further to minute no.80 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 7th December 2016, the Mayor welcomed to the meeting Mr Jamie Groves, Mr Richard Weigh and Mr Russell Vaughan to discuss proposals in relation to the promenade development.

The officers provided Members with a confidential briefing and responded to their questions.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to arrange for a special meeting of Council to be held at 6.00pm on Friday 6th January to determine the Town Council's response.

97. STANDING ITEM: POLICE CLOSURE ORDERS

Further to minute no.79 of the meeting held on 3rd February 2016, the Town Clerk advised that no applications had been received from North Wales Police.

98. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: