

At a meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 4th January 2017 at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, 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, Ms J. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs. W. Mullen-James, S. H. Ratcliffe, D. Simmons, T. Thomas and Rev. S. Walker.

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

85. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted from Councillors I. Armstrong (indisposed), Mrs. P. M. Jones (indisposed), B. F. Moylan (indisposed), P. Prendergast (on holiday), A. J. Rutherford (indisposed), Miss R. Siddall (indisposed), W. N. Tasker (on holiday) and Miss C. L. Williams (indisposed).

86. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2016

The Chair referred to the Town Clerk’s report (circulated with agenda) and to the schedule of payments made in November 2016.

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount	Description of Goods & Services
154	Link Mailing Systems	217.12	Franking Ink Cartridges
155	Conrad	78.84	A4 White Paper
100	Rhyl Community Association	6,650.00	Wellington Road Service Charges Quarter 3 2016/17
156	Sage & Co	30.00	Monthly Payroll fees for Nov 2016
157	HSBC	12.66	Bank Charges 17 September to 16 October 2016
158	Gunsmoke Comms	1,440.00	Events Management Fees October 2016
159	Canda Copying	163.64	Colour Copies
160	Canda Copying	352.54	Copier Rental and B&W Copies
161	N&MWALC	80.00	Subscription Fee 2016/17
162	RTC Staff	6,253.62	RTC Staff Salaries November 2016
014	Denbighshire County Council	510.00	Council Tax for 2016/17 Instalment 8 of 10
085	Benefits Advice Shop	1,833.33	Appeal Worker November 2016
163	Flintshire CC	3,595.50	Pension Deductions October 2016 plus deficit funding
164	HMRC	2,423.61	PAYE deductions October 2016
165	Neopost	200.00	Franking Machine Top Up
166	R Petrou - A Little Magic	240.00	12 Days of Christmas - Frozen Event
167	Westminster Hotel	600.00	Catering for Remembrance Sunday
168	Canda Copying	81.60	Staples for Copier Machine
169	Sioned Graham-Cameron	30.56	Translation Fees October 2016
170	NWN Media	120.00	Remembrance Sunday Advert
171	Rhyl Community Table Tennis	350.00	12 Days of Christmas - Ping Pong Event

172	HSBC Petty Cash	200.00	Petty Cash Top-Up
	Total Payments	25,463.02	
	HSBC	9.60	Interest on 7 Day Money Market deposits
	Santander	19.11	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account
	Caerwys LM Edwards (Mayor +1)	50.00	2 x Tickets for Mayor's Winter Ball (Refunded December 16)
	Denbighshire County Council	50.00	2 x Tickets for Mayor's Winter Ball (Refunded December 16)
	Total Receipts	128.71	

RESOLVED that the report be approved.

87. INVESTMENTS 2016/17 – DEPOSIT

The Chair referred to the Town Clerk and the Finance Officer's joint report (circulated with agenda) seeking Members' approval for the deposit of funds.

RESOLVED that the deposit be approved.

88. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – (BRIGHTON ROAD) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 201

The Chair reported receipt of the above for Members' consideration (circulated with agenda).

RESOLVED that the Order be received.

89. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES CONSULTATION EVENT 19th JANUARY 2017 LLANDUDNO

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above inviting the Town Council to appoint two representatives to attend (circulated with agenda).

RESOLVED that Councillor A. R. James and the Town Clerk to attend.

90. MEMBERS ITEM: ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING COLUMN, HILTON DRIVE, RHYL

Councillors B. Mellor and D. Simmons advised of the withdrawal of the above.

RESOLVED that the item be withdrawn.

91. MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS

The Chair advised that there were no urgent matters to raise.

92. 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.

93. BENEFITS ADVICE SHOP

Further to minute no.34 of the meeting held on 6th July 2016 the Town Clerk referred to the Strategic and Operational Planning (SOP) Committee's report (circulated with agenda) and recommendations in respect of the Council's financial contribution towards the part-time Appeals Officer post.

RESOLVED *that the recommendations be approved.*

FURTHER RESOLVED *that Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Town Clerk to respond as a matter of urgency.*

94. ANNUAL BUDGET / PRECEPT

On the SOP Committee's behalf, the Town Clerk put its recommendations to the meeting, taking into account the likely 2016/17 expenditure outturn, the envisaged 2017/18 expenditure and their recommendations for expenditure in 2017/18 and three options for the 2017/18 precept to be levied.

The Clerk advised that the Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Councillor P. Prendergast, and Councillor D. Simmons (on behalf of the SOP Committee) had initially gone through the entire budget with him and made their recommendations.

Those recommendations had then gone before the SOP Committee, whose recommendations were contained within the report (circulated with agenda).

The Clerk went through each of the 'headlines' and the following was **RESOLVED**:

- i) to increase the Town Council's contribution towards the Rhyl Air Show from £7,500 to £10,000*
- ii) to provide £5,000 towards the infrastructure costs of the Coast to Coast event*
- iii) to reduce the Commissioned Services Budget by £5,000 in consideration of (ii) above*
- iv) to approve the establishment of a new 'Major Projects' reserve and to transfer the unspent 'Illuminations on the Promenade' and 'Refurbishment of Water Features' budgets to it.*
- v) that the Finance and General Purposes Committee recommends Option 2 to Council in that it approves and levies a precept of £497,629 (Four Hundred and Ninety Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty Nine Pounds) upon Denbighshire County Council for the financial year commencing on 1st April 2017.*

- vi) *To review the Town Council's Treasury Management / Investment Strategy at the meeting of Council to be held on 18th January after receiving recommendations from the SOP Committee.*

95. 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.

96. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

Chair:

Date: