

At a meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 4th October 2017 at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones,
Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, A. S. Johnson, B. Jones,
Mrs P. M. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. McAlpine, B. Mellor, P. Prendergast,
T. Thomas and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

62. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted from Councillors J. Ball, S. Harris, Miss E. L. Jones, K. R. Jones, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and Ms V. Roberts.

63. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS / ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST

Further to minute no.143 of the meeting of Council held on 15th March 2017 and in accordance with the Council's adopted financial regulations, the Town Clerk submitted schedule B (a list of non-regular payments to be released over the coming month) (circulated with agenda).

Schedule B payments for approval (13th July – 31st August 2017)

Voucher No.	Supplier Name	Description of Service	Amount £
352	Bernadette Williams (Miles of Smiles)	Face painting @ 'Wild Rhyl' event 16/09/17	150.00
353	Wales Audit Office	Audit fee for 2016/17	217.35
354	Gunsmoke Communications	Social media costs for 'Wild Rhyl' event	19.24
355	Cllr J. Chamberlain-Jones	Travel expenses – attendance at N&MWALC meeting July 2017	21.60
Total Schedule B : Payments for Approval			408.19

RESOLVED that the schedules were approved for payment and signed by the Chair and the Mayor.

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

64. CORRESPONDENCE: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – COMMUTED SUMS

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above correspondence (circulated with agenda), advising of the availability of commuted sum monies with the closing date for applications being noon on Friday 17th November 2017.

For the benefit of new members, the Town Clerk explained that commuted sums were monies that were payable by housing developers when they were unable to provide the required open space within their schemes. These monies were received by Denbighshire County Council, who then allocated them to suitable schemes / projects within the town.

On this occasion, £9,897 was available.

The Town Clerk suggested that members advertise this within their wards.

A member asked if the Town Council was able to direct commuted sums, with a view to a children's cycle / peddle car track being considered on the green space by the new sea defences on West Parade? If so, then the Town Council could provide match funding?

Another member asked if a residents' association was able to apply, having improvements to Sholing Drive in mind?

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to put the questions raised to Denbighshire County Council.

65. FREE CAR PARKING DAYS

The Town Clerk asked members to consider how they would like to use the allotted five free parking days kindly offered by Denbighshire County Council, which needed to be made use of before 31st December 2017.

For new members the Town Clerk advised that this was an annual offer made by the County Council to all City, Town and Community Councils in Denbighshire. Rhyl Town Council usually used them on the five Saturdays running up to Christmas to encourage shoppers into the town.

With regard to parking, a member asked if the Town Council could provide a free car park in the town centre as is the arrangement with a car park in Prestatyn that Prestatyn Town Council fund for £4,000 a year?

Members advised that the Town Council had approached Denbighshire County Council a few years ago and that the same kind of arrangement would have cost the Town Council £11,000 a year.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) *the parking days be used on the five Saturdays before Christmas*
- (ii) *the following councillors to prepare the ticket machines in the usual six car parks:*

*Morley Road – Councillor Chard
West Kinmel Street – Councillor James
Sky Tower (if in operation) – Councillor Prendergast
Library – Councillor James
Underground – Councillor McAlpine
Train Station – Councillor Johnson*

- (iii) *the Town Clerk to approach Denbighshire County Council again for a quote for the Town Council to fund a town centre car park and to report to the Strategic and Operational Planning (SOP) Committee for consideration.*

66. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – CONSULTATION UPDATE

Further to minute no.49 of the meeting held on 6th September 2017, the Town Clerk reported receipt of the County Council's interim response (circulated with agenda) with regard to the Town Council's comments on the implementation/variation of traffic orders at the Pavilion Theatre and East Parade car parks.

RESOLVED *that the response was received.*

67. REGISTERED LANDLORDS

Further to minute no.34 of the meeting held on 5th July 2017, the Town Clerk referred to him being instructed to obtain a list of the properties registered by Rhyl landlords on a ward by ward basis, and reported that the registration scheme is administered by RentSmart Wales in Cardiff, who have advised that they are unable to provide a list, but individual properties can be searched for online.

RESOLVED *that the report was received.*

68. MEETING WITH RHYL POLICE / INVITATION FROM CHIEF CONSTABLE

Further to minute no.45 of the meeting of Council held on 20th September 2017, the Town Clerk advised that a meeting for councillors and police officers had been arranged at Rhyl Police Station on Wednesday 25th October, at which Detective Inspector Russell and the Ty Golau / Safer Neighbourhood Team would provide a presentation.

Furthermore, the police would like to hear councillors views on how best to feed community led intelligence to the Police, and what form ward engagement should take to improve communication channels between officers, councillors and residents.

The Police have also asked if councillors have any additional issues they would like to raise at the meeting at the police station.

The Chief Constable has extended an invitation to councillors to visit the control room at St. Asaph.

RESOLVED *that the report was received and the Town Clerk liaise with the Police in respect of the proposed visit to St. Asaph control room.*

69. MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS

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

70. 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.

71. PROPOSED TOWN COUNCIL RELOCATION

The Town Clerk referred to the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee's confidential report (circulated with agenda) providing councillors with an update on the Town Council's relocation plans.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk:

- (i) to seek confirmation in the first instance, from Denbighshire County Council, of who owns the Wellington Community Centre building and what conditions of sale (if any?) the owners need to adhere to, before the Town Council obtaining its own legal advice, should that be necessary.
- (ii) be authorised to spend the required fee to seek legal advice if the County Council cannot satisfy the Town Council.
- (iii) be authorised to call a special meeting of council to report back if need be.

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

72. 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.

73. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

Chair:

Date: