

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor A.R. James (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs P. M. Jones, Ms J. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, S. H. Ratcliffe, A. J. Rutherford, D. Simmons, T. Thomas and Miss C.L. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels - Town Clerk  
Mr. A.O. Williams – Finance Officer

### **106. OPENING OF MEETING**

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. Andy Grimwood, commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer.

The Town Clerk reported the sad passing of past Rhyl Town Councillor and Town Mayor Mr Glyn Williams. A minute's silence was observed in his memory.

### **107. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors I. W. Armstrong (indisposed), B. F. Moylan (indisposed), Ms J. Hughes (other commitment), Miss S.L. Roberts (indisposed), W. N. Tasker (indisposed), Rev. S. Walker (work commitment) and Miss H. J. Windus – Deputy Town Clerk (indisposed)

### **108. MINUTES**

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

Meeting of Council - 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 - Min. Nos. 89 - 98

Proposed by Councillor A.R. James and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 - Min. Nos. 40 - 42

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. Mullen James and seconded by Councillor Mrs. E.C. Chard and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Special Council - 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - Min. Nos. 99 - 101

Proposed by Councillor A.R. James and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley and **RESOLVED** as a correct record

Planning Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - Min. Nos. 43 – 45

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. Mullen James and seconded by Councillor Mrs. E.C. Chard and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General - 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - Min. Nos. 85 - 96  
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor D. Simmons and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

#### **109. 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.

#### **110. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED PROMENADE DEVELOPMENT/RELOCATION OF TOWN COUNCIL**

Further to minute no. 104 of the Special Meeting of Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017 the Town Clerk submitted his confidential written report advising of the response by Denbighshire County Council to the offer of a financial contribution in respect of the proposed promenade development.

The report advised that the County council had responded that while appreciative of the offer which the Town Council had made the level of contribution would be insufficient to enable the development to proceed.

Members noted that in their response the County Council had now advised of significant amendments to the proposal as previously submitted to the Town Council during presentations and expressed concern that they were being requested to commit to increased contributions without sight of any amended plans.

The report also identified an offer made by the County Council in respect of the Town Council's proposed relocation. Some Members indicated that by linking two separate issues this may give the impression to residents that they were interdependent and that a decision by the Council on one element may be driven by the other rather than each being separately evaluated as was the case.

Members also expressed dissatisfaction at the process by which the information had been initially relayed to the Town Council and felt that given the significant changes which had been applied to the proposal and the level of commitment being requested then senior officers and appropriate Cabinet Members should attend a meeting with the Town Council to discuss them and respond directly to the concerns of Town Council Members.

**RESOLVED** that

(a) the County Council be advised that in principle the level of contribution now requested be approved in principle subject to the conditions applied to the previous Town Council offer and to relevant senior County Officers and the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development attending an early

*meeting of the Town Council to provide detail of the changes and to discuss Members concerns.*

*(b) That the County Council be advised that in principle the Town Council would wish to examine the offer of relocation to the alternative site in Rhyl*

*(c) That if required Members of the Town Council Risk Assessment Sub-Committee be require to act on the Town Council's behalf in detailed negotiations with the County Council.*

#### **111. OPEN SESSION**

At the conclusion of the above item it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting resume in open session.

#### **112. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Deputy Mayor made reference to events attended by both himself and the Mayor over the past month making particular reference to his attendance at the West Rhyl Housing Cooperative's official launch of Afallon Housing Development.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**[Councillor A.J. Rutherford left the meeting at 7.20 p.m.]**

#### **113. PRESENTATION: MR. R. WALSH – 4 THE COMMUNITY**

The Deputy Mayor welcomed to the Meeting Mr. Rob Walsh and invited him to address the meeting in respect of the activities of the 4 The Community group.

Mr. Walsh duly advised the Council that

- 4 The Community had been established from combining a number of groups including One Rhyl.
- Although it was based at St. Mary's Church House the group was not religious.
- Currently there were 5 members of paid staff and 14 volunteers
- Their work had included the provision of free internet in the vicinity of the Events Arena, the Men's Sheds initiative, Street Games, a Parent and Toddler Group, development of the Presbytery premises as a community facility, Arts and Craft group, Yoga, Guitar and music school, Outreach projects, Introduction to English, providing a site for other organisations to deliver services, and provided outdoor summer events on the Church green.

In response to Members questions Mr. Walsh advised

- That he examine the possibility of providing play scheme in the Groves area of the Town.
- That he would circulate copies of a poverty letter to Members
- That activities held were not restricted to worshipers of specific faith
- That he would be happy to be part of any discussions relating to the Rhyl Adventure Playground

At the conclusion of his presentation the Deputy Mayor expressed appreciation to Mr. Walsh.

**114. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – DRAFT STREET TRADING POLICY**

The above document (previously circulated) was submitted for Members views

***RESOLVED*** that the County Council be advised that the Town Council would wish to see Paragraph 15 of Annex 1 amended so as to require all food handlers to be rated as 5\* under the food hygiene rating.

**115. ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2017/18**

The Annual investment strategy as recommended by the SOP Committee was submitted for approval

***RESOLVED*** that the Strategy be approved.

**116. QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present.

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**118. MINUTES**

The confidential minutes of the following meetings were submitted for the information of Members.

Grounds Maintenance - 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - Min.Nos.21-27  
Sub-Committee

SOP Committee - 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - Min.Nos.18-24

***RESOLVED*** that the Minutes be noted

**119. STANDING ITEM: POLICE CLOSURE ORDERS**

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

**120. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....