

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 20th December 2017 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. R. James (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, S. Harris, A. S. Johnson, B. Jones, K. R. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, Ms V. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, T. Thomas and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

81. OPENING OF MEETING

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

82. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Ms J. Hughes and P. Prendergast.

83. MINUTES

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

Council - 15th November 2017 - Min. Nos.68-80

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

Planning Committee - 15th November 2017 - Min. Nos.32-34

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 6th December 2017 - Min. Nos.35-39

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 6th December 2017 - Min. Nos.87-101

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

84. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to the various events he had attended during the past month and in particular to the White Ribbon Day coffee morning at the North Wales Women's Centre, the chairman of Denbighshire County Council's carol service and to the Town Council's Christmas films screenings at the Town Hall.

85. PRESENTATION TO PAST MAYORS – RECORD OF OFFICE

On behalf of the Town Council, the Mayor presented Mr David Simmons (Mayor 2014-15), Councillor Barry Mellor (Mayor 2015-16) and Miss Sarah Louise Roberts (Mayor 2016-17) with their respective records of office. Large files prepared by the Civic and Admin Support Officer as a memento of their years in office.

Mr Simmons, Councillor Mellor and Miss Roberts all thanked the Town Council for their files and the Mayor invited Mr Simmons and Miss Roberts and their guests to join him for light refreshments after the meeting.

86. 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) and details of one additional supplier to be added to the suppliers list after members' approval.

RESOLVED that the following be approved for payment and signed by the Mayor and Councillor S. Harris.

Schedule B Payments for Approval (29th November – 12th December 2017)

Supplier	Details of Supply	Voucher Number	Date	Amount £
Newsquest Media Group Ltd (formerly NWN Media Ltd)	Advert for Remembrance Sunday	397	10/11/17	120.00
BJS Solutions	Five User Trend Antivirus software	398	26/11/17	179.94
Denbighshire County Council	Hire of Town Hall plus provision of tea and coffee on Remembrance Sunday	399	30/11/17	130.00
St. John Cymru	Donation for services on Remembrance Sunday	400	12/11/17	50.00
Total Schedule B				£479.94

and the following addition to the approved supplier list be approved:

- Newsquest Media Group Ltd

87. ANNUAL BUDGET

The Town Clerk referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee's report (circulated with agenda) and recommendations contained therein, unchanged since its last meeting on 6th December 2017.

The Town Clerk did however report one notable change since the report had been written, which was that the council tax base figure for 2018/19 had increased from 9,298 to 9,367 properties, lowering the necessary increase to the precept from 4.5% to approximately 3.7%.

RESOLVED that the Council

(a) *approves the Committee's recommendations and levies a precept of £520,022 (Five Hundred and Twenty Thousand, and Twenty Two Pounds) upon Denbighshire County Council for the financial year commencing 1st April 2018, Denbighshire County Council to be advised accordingly; and*

(b) *The Committees recommended 5 Year Reserves Plan be approved.*

88. INFORMATION ITEM: FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE/PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Mayor reminded members that the meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Planning Committee scheduled for 3rd January 2018, had been cancelled.

89. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions asked.

90. 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.

91. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Town Clerk made reference to the Strategic and Operational Planning (SOP) Committee's recommendation to approve the request from the 'Friends of the Cob' organisation based on Marsh Road in Rhyl.

The request was for the Town Council to consider meeting the costs of two return train tickets to London for two of its members, accompanied by ward Councillors Mrs P. M. Jones and P. Prendergast (who would be paying for their own train tickets) to visit an 'upcycling' project similar to one planned by the 'Friends of the Cob', bringing direct benefit to the inhabitants of the area commensurate with the envisaged expenditure.

RESOLVED that the request was approved and the Town Clerk authorised to pay for the two train tickets up to a total cost of £200.

92. HONORARY FREEMAN / FREEWOMAN

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a request from Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James for an individual to be considered for the award (report circulated with agenda).

RESOLVED that the nominated person was approved and the Town Clerk to contact them to confirm their acceptance before making any public announcement.

93. 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.

94. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: