

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor A. R. James (Mayor)

Councillors J. Ball, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs E. M. Chard, S. Harris, A. S. Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms V. Roberts, T. Thomas and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

**14. OPENING OF MEETING**

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

**15. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors B. Blakeley (other commitment), Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones (indisposed), Ms J. Hughes (indisposed), Miss E. L. Jones (work commitment), K. R. Jones (work commitment), Mrs P. M. Jones (indisposed) and A. J. Rutherford (on holiday).

**16. MINUTES**

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

Annual Meeting of Council - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Min. Nos. 1-13

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

Planning Committee - 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - Min. Nos. 1-3

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 - 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - Min. Nos. 1-27

The Town Clerk reported that Councillor A. J. Rutherford was recorded as Vice-Chair of the committee in error.

Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James advised that her name was mistakenly added to the Welsh Language Sub-Committee.

Subject to the above amendments the minutes were proposed by Councillor B. Mellor and seconded by Councillor A. S. Johnson and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

## 17. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor referred to the various events he had attended during the past month.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

## 18. **AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS / ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST**

Further to minute no.143 of the meeting of Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 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.

A Member felt that a similar annual allowance should be made available for all Councillors to assist with the expenses they would incur throughout their service.

The Town Clerk advised that Councillors allowances were reviewed each year in line with determinations made by The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales as required under the Local Government (Wales) Measures Act 2011. The next would be due around September of this year for Members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** that the following be approved for payment and signed by Councillor P. Prendergast and Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James.

### (a) *Schedule B Payments for Approval (April 2017)*

Supplier Name	Description of Services Provided	Voucher No.	Payment Method	Amount £
Councillor A. R. James	Mayor's Allowance 2017/18 payment 1 of 3		Bank Trans	997.50
Councillor P. Prendergast	Deputy Mayor's Allowance 2017/18 payment 1 of 3		Bank Trans	332.50
<b>Total for Schedule B</b>				<b>£1,330.00</b>

## 19. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

The Town Clerk reminded Members to please respond to officer e-mails and invitations to enable prompt decision making and the progression of arrangements for civic events.

The Town Clerk also reminded Members to confirm their attendance at the Code of Conduct sessions previously reported and advised that County Council Members who had already attended the session, did not need to attend for a second time as Town Councillors.

The Town Clerk distributed fliers for this year's Air Show and 70s and 80s Musical Festival to Members.

## **20. QUESTION TIME**

Mr David Morgan, local Unison branch employee, asked:

- (i) If a decision had been taken on the future provision of CCTV in Rhyl and if it had, what was the Town Council's position?
- (ii) With regard to the impact on local jobs and lack of consultation with Unison was the Town Council concerned?

The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council was represented on the Denbighshire CCTV Partnership set up on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to ensure the continuation of provision, initially for a 12 month period. This had been extended for another 12 months and the partnership had since then taken the decision to relocate the monitoring of CCTV images out of Rhyl. This would not reduce the current level of provision.

A further decision about the future funding of CCTV in Rhyl and the Town Council's contribution was to be made at tonight's meeting.

The Town Clerk reported that Denbighshire County Council had employee responsibility as the lead partner, and suggested that Mr Morgan contact them in relation to that particular element.

The Town Clerk asked Mr Morgan to e-mail any additional queries to the Town Council to enable him to provide a more detailed response if that would be helpful?

Mr Morgan said that Unison would be contacting Denbighshire County Council directly and would e-mail the Town Council with any further questions.

## **21. 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.

## **22. CCTV AGREEMENT**

The Town Clerk submitted his confidential report (circulated with agenda) following a request from the Denbighshire CCTV Partnership Board for the Town Council to consider extending its financial support for the next seven years, should its grant application to the Welsh Government to fund the relocate of the service to Cheshire West and Chester Council and to replace the server which is now old and not fit for future purpose, be unsuccessful.

***RESOLVED*** that in the event of the funding request to Welsh Government being declined, the Town Council unanimously agreed that its annual contribution of £15,000 will be extended for the next seven years.

## **23. 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.

**24. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....