

At a meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

Councillors Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, A. R. James, A. S. Johnson, B. Jones, K. R. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. 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

**17. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were submitted from Councillor Ms J. Hughes.

**18. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A) – JUNE 2018**

The Town Clerk presented his report (circulated with agenda) detailing the schedule of payments made.

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount £	Description of Goods & Services
468	Sage & Co	31.00	Payroll Fees June 2018
518	HSBC	6.30	Bank Charges 17/04/18 to 16/05/18
519	BT	123.48	Internet Line Rental
475	Denbighshire CC	707.00	NNDR for Wellington Road - Payment 3 of 10
476	Benefits Advice Shop	916.66	Part-Time Appeals Officer - Payment 3 of 12
525	Flintshire CC	4,256.44	Pension Contributions & Deficit Funding May 2018
526	HMRC	2,735.19	Pay Deductions May 2018
527	RTC Staff	6,885.13	Staff Salaries June 2018
528	Gunsmoke Communications	1,440.00	Event Management Fees May 2018
530	BT	156.09	BT Line Rental
	Total payments	£17,257.29	

**RESOLVED** that the report was approved.

**19. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST (SCHEDULE B)**

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

Voucher No.	Supplier Name	Description of Service	Amount £
531	Design 2 Print (Llandudno) Ltd	Newsletter - printing	1,477.00
532	Pottles Premier Plants Ltd	Summer plants 2018	9,520.80
<b>Total payments</b>			<b>£10,997.80</b>

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

- Design 2 Print (Llandudno) Ltd – Newsletter printing

**RESOLVED** that the schedule was approved for payment and signed by two councillors.

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

**20. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – (B5119 DYSEARTH ROAD, BRON HAUL AND PEN Y MAES AVENUE RHYL) PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 201**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above (circulated with agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the proposed traffic order was received as a much needed scheme.

**[Councillors Mrs E. M. Chard and Ms V. Roberts declared their prejudicial interests in the above item and vacated the chamber taking no further part in discussions or voting thereon]**

**21. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – OFF STREET PARKING PLACE ORDER 201 QUEEN STREET, RHYL PROPOSED NEW CAR PARK, ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

The Chair reported receipt of the above (circulated with agenda).

In response to a member's question about why 8.30am until 10.30am, a member advised that it was to discourage overnight parking, adding that the scheme was a pilot and would run for three years, starting on 20<sup>th</sup> July and that the town council's representations were too late.

The Town Clerk reported that the consultation had not been received until mid June 2018 and that this meeting was the first available for it to be considered.

**RESOLVED** that the proposed new car park was received and the Town Clerk to ask whether those with annual parking permits could use the car park; and for consideration for parent/child parking spaces to be included.

**22. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – RHYL TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN**

Further to minute no.119 of the meeting of Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018, the Town Clerk reported that a workshop was to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> July at Rhyl Town Hall from 1.30pm to 4.30pm and 5.30pm to 8.30pm, and asked the councillors who had not yet responded to the consultants, to please do so.

**RESOLVED** that the information was noted.

**23. CORRESPONDENCE: YSGOL EMMANUEL SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The Chair reported receipt of the above (circulated with agenda) seeking the introduction of a one-way traffic system in the school's vicinity.

Members were pleased to receive the request from the school's council.

They felt that the idea was a good one in theory, but one which might be problematic to introduce due to the impact it may have on an already congested area; and that this was a problem experienced at every school in Rhyl.

A member said that a simple cone system adopted by Ysgol Mair seemed to worked well, and might be something Ysgol Emmanuel might consider as an alternative?

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to write to Ysgol Emmanuel's School Council to thank them for their letter and advise them that it will be passed to Denbighshire County Council with the town council's support, for consideration.

**[The Town Clerk declared a prejudicial interest in the above item and left the chamber taking no further part in discussions thereon]**

**24. CORRESPONDENCE: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – DENBIGHSHIRE OPEN SPACE AUDIT – CONCLUSIONS**

Further to minute no.51 of the meeting of Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 (Audit and Assessment of Open Space in Denbighshire), the Town Clerk reported receipt of the above (circulated with agenda) advising that a final draft document was now available on Denbighshire County Council's website and would inform future decisions relating to Denbighshire's Local Development Plan and Section 106 agreements arising from developments (copies available for members to take away if they so wished).

The Town Clerk added that the representations made by the town council had been included.

In a related matter, a member reported that the digital ward maps featured on the town council's website were in need of updating, as they still showed past landmarks like the SunCentre.

**RESOLVED** that the draft document was received and the Town Clerk to arrange for the out of date ward maps to be replaced.

**25. CORRESPONDENCE: CHRIS RUANE MP**

The Chair reported receipt of correspondence from Chris Ruane M.P. advising the Council of the Welsh Government's NEST Programme and recommending that the Council receive a presentation from the Partnership Manager.

**RESOLVED** *that an invitation be extended to the Partnership Manager.*

**26. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FREE PARKING DAYS**

The Town Clerk reminded Members of the availability of 5 free parking days each year and sought authority to utilise 1 day for the forthcoming "Retro Rhyl" event subject to clarification over the availability of car parks.

**RESOLVED** *that the use of 1 day for the event be approved.*

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

**27. MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

**28. 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.*

**29. CONFIDENTIAL MEMBER'S ITEM: EMPTY BUILDING ON HIGH STREET**

A Member referred to a currently empty retail shop in Rhyl High Street and suggested that the Town Council should in conjunction with Denbighshire County Council consider acquiring the building for refurbishment as a Community Hub to include a music venue, Museum and a café on the ground floor. The Member referred to similar acquisitions which had been funded by way of the National Lottery.

Members generally felt that the event was laudable but

- would be unable to attract funding from the County Council due to budget restrictions in place.
- that there was a risk that the proposed use could take business away from similar Town Centre businesses
- that the Town Council was already financially committed for an extended period
- that currently the County Council would normally only involve itself if it resulted in an element of housing

A Member advised that the scheme could be achieved by way of the Councillor establishing a Charity for the purpose.

In consideration of the comments the Member withdrew the item

**30. INFORMATION ITEMS: CIVIC SUNDAY & MAYOR'S GARDEN PARTY**

The Town Clerk requested that those Members yet to respond to the recent email from the Mayor's Secretary now do so.

**31. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

Chair: .....

Date: .....