

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, 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. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Ms V. Roberts, T. Thomas and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

**38. OPENING OF MEETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. Andy Grimwood, commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer, after which the meeting stood in silence to remember Mrs Carole Johnson. Councillor A. S. Johnson's mother, who had passed away recently.

The Town Clerk formally reported Mr Stewart Harris' resignation as a town councillor resulting in a vacancy in the Bryn Hedydd ward.

**39. APOLOGIES**

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

**40. MINUTES**

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

Meeting of Council - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - Min.Nos.19-37

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - Min.Nos.6-8

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

Planning Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - Min.Nos.9-12

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

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - Min.Nos.17-31

Proposed by Councillor B. Mellor and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

**41. PRESENTATION BY FORMER MAYOR COUNCILLOR A. R. JAMES**

The former Mayor, Councillor A. R. James, presented Ms Eleri Brady from the Macmillan Cancer Support charity, with a cheque for £2,099.75 raised during his year in office.

Ms Brady said that she was delighted to accept the cheque on the charity's behalf, which would be used to directly benefit those suffering from cancer.

Members congratulated Councillor James on raising such a fantastic amount.

**42. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor referred to the report and thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard, for attending the events she was unable to. Councillor Chard said that she had really enjoyed them.

The Mayor mentioned the G2G Communities CIC celebration, Ysgol Tir Morfa's talent contest and the North Wales School of Dance's summer show 'Decadance'

**43. 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 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 were approved for payment and signed off by two councillors.

*Schedule B payments for approval (27<sup>th</sup> June - 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018)*

Supplier	Details of Supply	Voucher Number	Date	Amount £
St. John Ambulance	First Aid for 'Retro Rhyll' 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2018	543	26/6/18	72.00
A G Mitchell	Performances at 'Retro Rhyll' 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2018	544	28/7/18	1,500.00
Blachere Illuminations	Repairs to illuminations	545	27/6/18	4,551.93
Handmade Buffet Company	Buffet for Civic Sunday	546	22/7/18	320.00
Mayor of Denbigh Charity Fund	Tickets to Casino themed fundraiser	547	22/6/18	20.00
North & Mid Wales Association of Town Councils	Lunches for delegates at meeting 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	548	13/7/18	48.00
Mike Lewis	Stage and generator hire for 'Retro Rhyll' 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2018	549	9/7/18	420.00
<b>Total Schedule B</b>				<b>£6,931.93</b>

#### 44. PRESENTATION: RHYL BID PROPOSAL

Further to minute no.153 of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018, the Mayor welcomed Mosaic Partnership consultants Mr Mo Aswat and Ms Sam Jones and invited them to address members.

Mr Aswat and Ms Jones advised that:

- The Rhyl BID would be established first with the Prestatyn BID to follow
- There are over 95 BIDs in the UK and 12 in Wales
- They had plenty of experience with coastal towns
- As part of the BID process, local businesses came together to determine additional improvements for their town on top of those provided by their local authorities; these were not large 'wow' projects but more modest enhancements
- The chosen improvements were paid for via the local business rates
- BIDs lasted for a maximum of five years; after which another vote takes place with nine out of ten electing to renew the improvements
- A business plan would be produced which would be voted on by the local businesses and needed to appeal to all businesses across the board, large and small
- BIDs were worldwide and began in the 1970s
- Of the 300 UK BIDs, 50 had been rejected
- The BID process would take a year
- 200 of the 450 Rhyl businesses had already been contacted
- The BID Task Group met monthly
- There were lots of local engagement exercises in a wide range of formats to get the maximum involvement
- BIDs could not do what public agencies are already doing, i.e. police, town councils, county councils, etc
- The BID company was 'not for profit'
- The Rhyl business plan would be completed in September and voted upon in October/November of this year

In response to members' comments and questions, Mr Aswat and Ms Jones said that:

- All Rhyl businesses would be contacted
- They were aware of the Town Centre Plan and there would be cohesion between the two schemes
- They were used to suspicion and caution from local businesses on the first approach which is why they make a number of rounds to gain trust and encourage involvement
- They asked each business what they would like in return for their increase in their business rates, but were honest about what and was not possible / likely
- Smaller businesses tended to want savings on the services they receive and larger businesses usually wanted more events and marketing
- The geographical focus of the benefits would need to be justified by finely balancing between the demand and where the money was coming from in terms of which businesses
- BIDs were backed by an act of Parliament
- The red boundary line was 'soft' and driven by engagement
- In the interests of equality each business had one vote

The Mayor thanked Mr Aswat and Ms Jones for their time.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor T. Thomas was nominated as the town council's representative on the BID.

#### **45. CHRIS RUANE MP – MEETING TO DISCUSS WI-FI ON HIGH STREET**

Further to minute no.5 of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Councillor K. R. Jones reported that he had attended a meeting to discuss the introduction of Wi-fi to the town centre as a whole, not just High Street.

Councillor Jones said that the initiative could be considered by the BID as a complimentary addition to encourage footfall for local businesses? Phones connecting up to Wi-fi could be tracked anonymously (no personal data would be extracted) to show visiting patterns which would be useful to analyse. The scheme could attract sponsorship monies by local businesses by advertising appearing on people's phones as they pass by them?

Each Wi-fi box would cost £1,000 and the set-up fee would be in the region of £20,000.

At this stage they were information gathering with nothing yet decided upon.

The Town Clerk circulated large town centre street maps and asked members to highlight which streets / areas they felt would benefit the most from free Wi-fi access, should the initiative go ahead.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to relay the completed street maps to Chris Ruane MP's office, as requested.

#### **46. STREETGAMES – REQUEST TO PROVIDE PRESENTATION**

The Town Clerk reported that Ms Emma Jones, North Wales Development Officer for 'Streetgames' had contacted the town council, having previously spoken with Councillor A. R. James, to ask if she could give a presentation to the town council.

There was some confusion about which street games organisation Ms Jones represented as there was already more than one operating in Rhyl.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to contact Ms Jones for further information before the request being considered at the next meeting of Council.

#### **47. INFORMATION ITEM: CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of flyers from the Rhyl office promoting a school uniform recycling initiative running from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August 12.00pm until 2.00pm, which he circulated to members for them to tell residents about.

The Town Clerk added that members were invited to attend and asked that they let Citizens Advice know in advance if they wanted to.

**RESOLVED** that the information was received.

#### **48. QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions asked.

**49. AUGUST RECESS – DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE POWERS**

The Mayor requested members’ approval of the arrangements for the delegation of executive powers to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the appropriate chairs during the August recess, as follows:

- Civic Matters - Mayor and / or Deputy Mayor
- Planning Matters - Chair and / or Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee
- SOP Committee - Chair and / or Vice-Chair of SOP Committee
- All Other Business - Chair and / or Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

**RESOLVED** that the arrangements were confirmed

**50. 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.

**51. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

The minutes (circulated with agenda) of the following meeting were submitted for confirmation:

- Strategic & Operational - 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - Min. Nos.14-21
- Planning (SOP) Committee

**RESOLVED** that the minutes were approved.

**52. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....