

At the **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in the Council Chamber, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, A. R. James, A. S. Johnson, K. R. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, Ms M. V. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford and T. Thomas.

Gareth Nickels – Town Clerk  
Miss H. J. Windus - Deputy Town Clerk

**18. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES**

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Charles Ramsay, commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer.

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. A. Ball, Ms J. Hughes, B. Jones, P. Prendergast, Miss S. L. Roberts, R. J. Turner and Miss C. L. Williams.

**19. MINUTES**

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

Annual Meeting - 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - Min.Nos.1-17  
of Council

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

Planning Committee - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - Min.Nos.1-5

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

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - Min.Nos.1-12  
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

**20. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor referred to the events she and the Deputy Mayor had attended during the past month and in particular to the crowning of Miss Rhyl, the May Queen and Princesses and to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day on Rhyl beach.

The Deputy Mayor spoke about the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 'Shopping Buddies' event at Sainsburys in Rhyl and the Ahmadiyya Muslim North Wales Association's Eid Celebration at the Mosque on Warren Road in Rhyl.

**RESOLVED** that the report was received.

21. **PRESENTATION TO THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION & RHYL WOMEN'S CENTRE**

The Mayor invited the former Mayor, Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, to present cheques to Mrs Shirley Williams and Mrs Denise Murtha from the Glan Clwyd branch of the British Heart Foundation; and to Ms Pat Jones from the Rhyl Women's Centre that Councillor Mullen-James had raised during her year in office.

Councillor Mullen-James advised upon fundraising events she had held over her year including a coffee morning and charity concert at the Town Hall, and introduced Ms Uzma Sikander and other representatives from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Association who had raised monies on her behalf.

Councillor Mullen-James advised that during her year of office she had raised a total of £3,691.13 and presented appropriate cheques to the British Heart Foundation representatives.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mullen-James be congratulated on the amount raised.

22. **MAYOR'S HONOUR CADETS**

The Mayor welcomed her Honour Cadet Rhys Hatenboer and her Reserve Cadet Lance Corporal Lillie McCabe-Allen to the meeting and invited them to come forward to receive their badges.

Councillor Chard said that she was very much looking forward to having them accompany her to events over the next 12 months.

23. **PRESENTATION: PLEYDELLSMITHYMAN LIMITED & DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – UPDATE ON THE TRAFFIC ELEMENT OF THE RHYL TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN**

Further to min.no.139 of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 the Mayor invited Ms. Sarah Wheale of Pleydellsmithyman Limited and Mr. Mike Jones of Denbighshire County Council to update the Council in respect of the emerging Rhyl Masterplan.

The speakers advised that the public engagement was ongoing and that issues had been raised by the public which needed to be considered particularly in relation to the traffic flows around the Town Centre and the proposal to de-pedestrianised upper High Street. As such they needed to model and absorb public comments and feedback relating to pedestrian safety, loading and unloading for businesses, and disability parking.

They confirmed that the proposals were still developing and nothing had been decided as yet.

Members commented that:

- The Rhyl Business Group were against de-pedestrianisation
- That improved signage was required for the Leisure Centre and football ground from the Town Centre. Mr. Jones advised that signage was becoming less important as most people using the route would be familiar with it or be relying on sat-nav.
- Concerns that the proposals if implemented would impact on Prince Edward Avenue and Grange Road and that it was important that traffic flow in these areas were modelled to avoid exasperating the problems already experienced on these roads. It was confirmed by Mr. Jones that the models would include this area as it was not intended to move problems from the Town Centre to elsewhere.
- They were pleased at the remodelling of the traffic flows in response to concerns raised and also the decluttering of signage.
- Praised the officer for listening to resident's views and reconsidering options.
- A desirability to reintroduce open top buses on the promenade.
- That it was important that the models were future proofed as far as possible. Mr. Jones advised that the modelling was based on Department of Transport projections.
- That proposed works to the Greenfield Place/Marsh Road area of the highway had been delayed pending the outcome of the High Street remodelling.

At the conclusion of the presentation Members expressed their appreciation to the officers and looked forward to future updates.

#### **24. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS / ADDITIONS TO THE 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 was approved for payment and signed by two councillors.

*Schedule B payments for approval (29<sup>th</sup> May-12<sup>th</sup> June 2019)*

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Details of Supply</b>	<b>Voucher Number</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Bloco Swn	Musical performance for Circus Theme Event 13 July 2019	769	600.00
E Chard	Mayoral Support Expenses Claim May 2019	770	190.90
E Chard	Mayoral Allowance 2019/20 Payment 1 of 3	771	434.00
E Chard	Senior Members Allowance 2019/20 Payment 1 of 3	772	166.00
D King	Deputy Mayoral Allowance 2019/20 Payment 1 of 3	773	134.00

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WPS Insurance	Insurance Premium RSA Council Guard 2019/20	775	4,409.21
WPS Insurance	Insurance Premium – Engineering Inspection 2019/20	776	472.00
<b>Total Schedule B</b>			<b>6,572.11</b>

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

- Bloco Swn – Band for ‘Circus Saturday’ event on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**25. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

The Town Clerk referred to his and the Finance Officer’s report (circulated with agenda) and explained that the statement was to acknowledge the council’s acceptance of its responsibilities to ensure there was a sound system of internal controls which included the preparation of accounting statements; and was a part of the Annual Return document requiring separate approval before the document could be signed and submitted.

**RESOLVED** that Governance Statement was approved.

**26. LOCAL COUNCILS IN WALES ANNUAL RETURN**

The Town Clerk made reference to his and the Finance Officer’s report (circulated with agenda) and advised that the document provided assurance that the town council was acting in accordance with statutory procedures including accounting statements of income/expenditure and balances, annual governance statements part one and two, the external auditor’s report and the internal auditor’s report.

**RESOLVED** that the Annual Return was approved and signed by the Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

**27. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2018/19**

The Town Clerk referred to his and the Finance Officer’s report (circulated with agenda) seeking the council’s approval of its final accounts for 2018/19.

**RESOLVED** that the financial statements / final accounts were approved and appreciation be expressed to the Finance Officer.

**28. INFORMATION ITEM: MR HUGH EVANS**

A Member advised that he had recently attended the funeral of Mr. Hugh Evans who had been a driving force in establishing Rhyl College.

**RESOLVED** that a letter be sent by the Town Mayor on behalf of the Rhyl residents expressing the Town’s sympathy.

**29. INFORMATION ITEM: BLUE DISPLAY STANDS ON THE PROMENADE**

Further to Minute No. 71 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 the Town Clerk reported that he had been

informed that the new Pavilion Theatre Manager now wished to retain the Display stands and would ensure that they were properly maintained.

**30. INFORMATION ITEM: PUBLIC MEETING**

The Town Clerk advised that he had been requested by an absent member to inform Council of an open day event being held at the Fforddlas Community Centre the following day in relation to the future of the Fforddlas playing field.

**31. QUESTION TIME**

No questions were asked.

**32. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....