

At the **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 19th February 2020 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, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, A. R. James, A. S. Johnson, B. Jones, K. R. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Miss S. L. Roberts, 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

126. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

127. MINUTES

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

Council - 15th January 2020 - Min. Nos. 114-125

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and seconded by Councillor Mrs D. L. King and **RESOLVED** as a correct record, subject to the amendment.

Planning Committee - 15th January 2020 - Min. Nos. 37-39

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

Planning Committee - 5th February 2020 - Min. Nos. 40-43

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 - 5th February 2020 - Min. Nos. 50-73

With regard to min.no.66 (Information Item: Christmas Fayre) Councillor T. Thomas advised that the minute was incorrect as he had not said that Denbighshire County Council would be contributing £90,000 towards the event.

With reference to min.no.68 (Member's Item: Request to Appoint a Representative to the Rhyl Business Group and the Rhyl BID) Councillor T. Thomas believed that the invitation extended by the business group was not declined, but also deferred to this meeting of Council, as was the invitation from the Rhyl BID?

The Town Clerk explained that with regard to min.no.66, the minutes were now in the public domain and therefore could not be retracted, but that Councillor Thomas' correction would be noted on the official copy of the minutes and recorded here within this meeting's minutes.

With regard to min.no.68, members were happy to re-consider the invitation from the business group under item no.9(ii) of tonight's agenda.

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action, subject to the correction to the minute being made.

128. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to her attendance at events over the past month and in particular to Hannah Blythin's visit to Rhyl to announce a financial package for 'Transforming Towns', and to her Fish and Chip get together at St. Mary's Church in Rhyl, which she was pleased to report had raised £581.50 for her charities.

RESOLVED that the report was received.

129. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS / ADDITIONS TO THE APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST (SCHEDULE B)

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 was approved for payment and signed by two councillors.

Schedule B payments for approval (29th January to 11st February 2020)

Supplier	Details of Supply	Voucher Number	Amount £
Gunsmoke Communications	Flags for Events	945	27.25
Delwedd Ltd	Website Hosting & Maintenance	946	685.08
Delwedd Ltd	Secure Website Certificate	947	57.59
Cllr E. M. Chard	Mayoral Expenses January 2020	948	114.75
Denbighshire CC	Service Charges for Wellington Road – Quarter 4 2019/20	949	3823.00
Denbighshire CC	Illuminations contract 2019/20	950	12,540.00
Total Schedule B			£17,247.67

130. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR 2019/20

The Town Clerk presented his and the Finance Officer's joint report (circulated with agenda) regarding the appointment of the council's internal auditor, JDH Business Services, and external auditor (as appointed by the Welsh Audit Office), BDO LLP.

The Town Clerk asked members to consider if they had any personal or business interests that they should declare with regard to either appointments.

RESOLVED *that the appointments were approved.*

131. INTERNAL AUDIT INTERIM REPORT 2019/20

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above (circulated with agenda) identifying five issues needing to be reported to members.

The Town Clerk suggested that the report be referred to the council's Risk Assessment Sub-Committee for full consideration, as was now the normal practice.

RESOLVED *that the report be referred to the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee.*

132. DATE OF INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

The Town Clerk suggested that the meeting be held on Wednesday 4th March immediately after the meetings of the Finance and General Purposes and Planning Committees.

RESOLVED *that the meeting to be held on 4th March, as suggested.*

133. CORRESPONDENCE: CONWY AND DENBIGHSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

The Town Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from the Board (circulated with agenda), inviting a representative from one of Denbighshire's 37 City, Town and Community Councils to represent the county at its meetings.

The Town Clerk advised that the Clerk of Prestatyn Town Council had expressed an interest.

Members felt that as the largest town in Denbighshire and in view of the latest Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) report and its far reaching implications for Rhyl and the county as a whole, and given the Rhyl Clerk, Mr Gareth Nickels', sound understanding and interpretation of all WIMD reports, he should be nominated to represent the county.

RESOLVED *that the Town Clerk be nominated for consideration to represent Denbighshire Town and Community Councils.*

134. MEMBERS ITEM: REQUEST TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL

Due to Councillor J. Ball's absence at the meeting, the Mayor suggested that the above item be deferred to a future meeting.

RESOLVED *that the item was deferred to a future meeting.*

135. MEMBER'S ITEM: INVITATIONS TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO RHYL BUSINESS GROUP AND THE RHYL BID

The Town Clerk reminded members of the invitations to appoint a representative to both organisations, and that Councillor T. Thomas had rightly stepped down as the council's representative on the business group having taken up the position as Chair, creating the vacancy.

The Town Clerk took the opportunity to further remind all representatives on outside organisations that they should notify him if there is something of note that they would like to share with the wider council, which he would include as an agenda item.

RESOLVED *that the invitation from the business group was declined and that Councillor A. R. James was appointed to represent the town council on the Rhyl BID.*

[Councillor T. Thomas introduced his item and then declared a personal interest due to his positions as Chair of the business group and Vice-Chair of the BID and elected to vacate the chamber, taking no further part in discussions or voting thereon]

136. INFORMATION ITEM: DENBIGHSHIRE CCTV PARTNERSHIP

The Mayor referred to Mr Emlyn Jones' e-mail (circulated with agenda) advising that four high priority cameras would be replaced in Rhyl this week meaning that the whole of the high street, from around Matalan to the top of High Street, would be covered.

The council's representative on the partnership, Councillor B. Mellor, confirmed that the new cameras had been installed.

137. INFORMATION ITEMS

Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield referred to an article she had read this week in the Daily Post reporting that trains working to changed timetables on restricted days, would be by-passing Flint, Prestatyn, Rhyl and Conwy, in a move that looked to benefit South Wales passengers by reducing their journey time, to the detriment of North Wales passengers.

The Town Clerk advised that he had been unable to compare the new timetables with the current, as he couldn't find the current, and added that Rhyl was the second busiest stop on the line.

In his position as a Denbighshire County Council Cabinet member, Councillor B. Jones advised that he had written to Ken Skates AM this week on the matter.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to write to Transport for Wales to convey the town council's disapproval.

138. QUESTION TIME

No questions were asked by members of the public present.

139. 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.

140. INFORMATION: CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The Mayor referred to the minutes of the SOP Committee meetings (circulated with agenda) for members' information:

SOP Committee - 11th November 2019 - Min.Nos.24-30

SOP Committee - 13th January 2020 - Min.Nos.31-37

141. SOP COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONED SERVICES EXPENDITURE

Further to the meeting of the SOP Committee held on 10th February 2020, the Town Clerk sought members' confirmation of the committee's recommendations to support the Citizens Advice Bureau, the Benefits Advice Shop and the British Final of One Act Plays.

RESOLVED that the recommendations were approved.

142. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: