

At the **MEETING of COUNCIL**, held via video conference, on Wednesday 16th June 2021 commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs D. L. King (Mayor)

Councillors J. Ball, B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs E. M. Chard, K. R. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Miss S. L. Roberts, Ms V. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, T. Thomas, Mrs M. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

19. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors A. R. James and Ms J. L. McAlpine.

20. MINUTES

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

Annual Meeting - 19th May 2021 - Min. Nos. 1-18
of Council

Proposed by Councillor Mrs D. L. King and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 2nd June 2021 - Min. Nos. 1-4

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

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General - 2nd June 2021 - Min. Nos. 1-14
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

21. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to the reward giving ceremony at Christ the Word Catholic School, that she had thoroughly enjoyed along with a guided tour of the school and answering the many questions asked of her by the students.

The Mayor was also delighted to meet the creators of Rhyl's letterbox topper crochet creations, Rachel and Ruth Williamson and present them with certificates in recognition of their wonderful, uplifting designs.

22. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ADDITIONS TO 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 would be signed by two councillors in due course.

Schedule B payments for approval (26th May to 8th June 2021)

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount £	Description of Goods & Services
1166	Rhyl Community Association	2,625.00	Tynewydd CC – Management Fee for Q1 2021/22
1173	WPS Insurance	3,963.65	Commercial combined main insurance policy
1174	WPS Insurance	39.20	General legal expenses cover
1175	WPS Insurance	56.00	Employment legal expenses cover
1176	WPS Insurance	428.87	Engineering cover
1177	Cllr E. M. Chard	53.00	Mayoral support expenses
1178	Denbighshire Homestart	2,000.00	Family Support in Rhyl
1179	Wilko	11.00	Frames and wipes
1180	The Works	1.00	Stationery
1181	Cllr J. Ball	150.00	Payment for costs and expenses
1182	The Osbourne Trust	30.00	2 x tickets for charity event on 10 th July 2021
	Total payments	£9,357.72	

An emergency payment was made for voucher no.1166 on 1st June 2021. Payment should have been made in early May 2021.

RESOLVED that the schedule was approved for payment, and would be signed by two councillors in due course.

23. INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Town Clerk referred to the Internal Auditor's report (circulated with agenda) for members' consideration and approval.

RESOLVED that the report was approved and referred to the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee for monitoring.

24. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/21

The Town Clerk asked members to confirm the statement (circulated with agenda) for inclusion within Rhyl Town Council's Finance Statements 2020/21 and authorise the Mayor to sign the document.

RESOLVED that the statement was confirmed and the Mayor instructed to sign it on the town council's behalf.

25. LOCAL COUNCILS IN WALES ANNUAL RETURN 2020/21

The Town Clerk referred to Annual Return (circulated with agenda) for members' approval for submission to the External Auditor, and for the authorisation of the Mayor to sign it.

The Town Clerk asked members to declare any potential conflict of interest they might have with the appointed Welsh Audit Office.

RESOLVED that the return was approved and the Mayor instructed to sign it on the town council's behalf.

26. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2021/22

The Town Clerk asked members to note that in accordance with the determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and Town Council policy, payments of £150 will be made to members unless they indicate in writing that they do not wish to receive it by completing appendix A.

Members happy to receive the payment should complete appendix C.

Members who do not complete either of the forms will receive cheques for their £150 at the July Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

27. WELLBEING ACT 2016 WELLBEING REPORT 2018-2021

The Town Clerk presented the statutory report (circulated with agenda) on the town council's contribution towards the priorities of the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Service Board for members' approval.

The Town Clerk advised that the document needed to be updated on an annual basis and was required for a future external audit.

RESOLVED that the report was approved.

28. CONSULTATION AND OFFER OF MEETING: RWE POWER

The Town Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from Cadno Communications on behalf of RWE Power, offering to meet with representatives of the town council to discuss the connection of an additional windfarm to the on-land grid in the east of Rhyl (background papers circulated with agenda).

RESOLVED that the offer was accepted and the Town Clerk to invite Cadno Communications to a future meeting of Council.

29. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE – SMART TOWNS INITIATIVE

The Town Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from Denbighshire County Council (circulated with agenda), inviting the town council to appoint a representative to attend meetings of the Smart Towns Initiative.

RESOLVED that the Mayor was nominated to attend the meetings.

30. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It is recommended, pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business, on the grounds of confidentiality.

31. MINUTES OF THE SOP COMMITTEE

The Mayor referred to the confidential minutes of the SOP Committee (circulated with agenda) held on 10th May 2021 for members' information and approval of the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED that the minutes were approved.

32. MINUTES OF THE RISK ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Mayor referred to the confidential minutes of the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee (circulated with agenda) held on 26th April and 24th May 2021 for members' information and approval of the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED that the minutes were approved.

33. MINUTES OF THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Mayor referred to the confidential minutes of the Grounds Maintenance Sub-Committee (circulated with agenda) held on 17th May 2021 for members' information and approval of the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED that the minutes were approved.

34. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: