

At the **MEETING of COUNCIL**, held via video conference, on Wednesday 20th October 2021 commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs D. L. King (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs E. M. Chard, A. R. James, B. Jones, K. R. Jones, Ms J. McAlpine, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, 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

56. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, P. Prendergast and T. Thomas.

57. MINUTES

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

Meeting of Council - 15th September 2021 - Min. Nos. 46-55

Proposed by Councillor Mrs D. L. King and seconded by Councillor Ms J. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 15th September 2021 - Min. Nos. 21-23

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

Planning Committee - 6th October 2021 - Min. Nos. 24-26

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 - 6th October 2021 - Min. Nos. 38-47

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

58. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to the list of engagements (circulated with agenda) over the past month and in particular to her civic service at St. Mary's Church, which she had received great feedback on, especially on the new Father, Anthony Nnamah and the Filipino choir, and the lovely reception at the Town Hall afterwards.

The Deputy Mayor said that the Wicked Wales ‘Reel Rhyl’ launch at the Little Theatre was a brilliant display of great talent and a really enjoyable night.

59. 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 (29th September to 13th October 2021)

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount £	Description of Goods & Services
1256	Home Bargains	33.08	Face masks & sanitiser for Civic Sunday
1257	B&M	28.00	Paper for office photocopier
1258	Gunsmoke Communications	750.00	Design of ‘Rhyl Read’
1259	Rhyl Community Association	2,625.00	Management Fee for Q3 2021/22 (Oct-Dec 2021)
1260	Garnett-Hughes Solicitors	50.00	Deposit for works on transfer of Tynwydd Community Centre
1261	Design to Print	168.00	A5 Flyers
1262	Design to Print	36.00	A4 Posters
1263	Design to Print	57.60	Artwork – Town Crest
	Total payments	£3,747.68	

No emergency payments were made during the period. Three small payments (1256, 1257 and 1260) were made by card.

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

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

60. INVESTMENTS PERFORMANCE REPORT – QUARTER 2 2021/22

Further to minute no.39 of the meeting of Council held on 21st July 2021, the Town Clerk referred to his and the Finance Officer’s joint report (circulated with agenda) advising of a small investment income of just £80.25 in total from the town council’s five investment accounts, due to continued low interest rates.

RESOLVED that the report was received.

61. CONSULTATION: AWEL Y MOR OFFSHORE WIND FARM

The Town Clerk reported that a response had been sent highlighting the potential loss of the golf club, the impact on the existing and proposed sea defences, and the investment by Denbighshire County Council and Welsh Government in those defences and also requesting consideration of a community benefit fund.

RESOLVED that the information was noted.

62. CONSULTATION: BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES – 2023 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

Further to the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 6th October 2021, the Town Clerk presented a draft response (circulated with agenda) for members' consideration.

RESOLVED that the response was approved.

63. CONSULTATION: INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

The Town Clerk referred to his report (circulated with agenda) including suggestions and recommendations to the proposed changes to Members' Allowances, as follows:

Change	Town Clerk's comment/Impact on the town council
New regulations will come into force on 9 th May 2022 rather than 1 st April 2022. This is to ensure that they coincide with the electoral cycle of town and community councils.	Agree and suggest the annual publication of the schedule of allowances paid to members is also changed to show allowances paid in the municipal year rather than the financial year for clarity and ease of understanding.
The Panel have also revised the groupings of councils into five groups instead of three.	Council should note the proposed change. The town council remains in group one.
Town and community councils to publish details of all payments made to members in an annual statement of payments for each financial year. This information should be published on council noticeboards and/or websites and provided to the Panel by no later than 30 th September following the end of the previous financial year.	No change for the town council. Recommend the council to make representations that the details published should correspond to the municipal year rather than the financial year.

Determinations	Town Clerk's comment/Impact on the town council
No.44	No change for the town council. Members to note the paragraph relating to the Inland Revenue.
No.45	No change for the town council. Recommend that the existing practice to approve certain duties for which

	members can claim for at Annual Meeting of Council to be re-confirmed.
No.46	No change for the town council. Overnight stays would need to be approved in advance by Council and this needs to be re-confirmed.
No.47	Seems to be conflict between Nos 46 and 51? Recommend seeking clarification and making a determination following publication of the final report.
No.48	New provision. No guidance as to when an Attendance Allowance would be payable. Recommend rejection for 2022/23 and review next year.
Nos.49 & 50	The town council currently pays both of these allowances. To note the addition of the word 'official' in reference to clothing. Recommend seeking clarification on this point prior to any policy decision being taken.
No.51	No change for the town council. Re-confirmation of current policy required.
No.52	No change for the town council.

RESOLVED that all recommendations were approved.

[Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine declared a personal interest in determinations 49, 50 and 51 due to her potential position as Mayor during the 2022/23 municipal year]

64. 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.

65. I.T. REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER TO FACILITATE HYBRID MEETINGS

The Town Clerk advised that some of the new equipment had been delivered, but that the remaining items were awaited, and as soon as everything is on-site we would be in a position to install everything and have a practise run.

RESOLVED that the information was noted.

66. ANNUAL RHYL BONFIRE

The Town Clerk reported that he had been advised that the bonfire and fireworks display would proceed this year, subject to any changes in Welsh Government guidance being issued prior to 5th November.

The Town Clerk added that the town council's involvement with the event had now been altered in that it was no longer a partner, but a sponsor to the value of £5,000.

The new arrangement was however, yet to be signed-up to by the Fire Service's Welfare Club.

A discussion took place around the merit of quiet or silent fireworks in the future.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) *the £5,000 contribution to this year's event was approved.*
- (ii) *the Town Clerk to table a discussion around future displays and the town council's support of them.*

67. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

To receive the following minutes (circulated with agenda) for information:

Risk Assessment - 27th September 2021 - Min.Nos 22-27
Sub-Committee

To receive the following minutes (circulated with agenda) for approval of the recommendations contained therein:

Strategic & Operational - 13th September 2021 - Min.Nos 1-7
Planning Committee

Strategic & Operational - 11th October 2021 - Min.Nos 8-13
Planning Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes were received and approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the next Small Events and Publicity contract to be a two year contract with the option to extend it for a further year.

68. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: