

At the **MEETING of COUNCIL**, held via video conference, on Wednesday 21st April 2021 commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard (Mayor)

Councillors J. Ball, B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, B. Jones, K. R. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms V. Roberts and T. Thomas.

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

84. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, B. Mellor, A. J. Rutherford and Miss C. L. Williams.

85. PRESENTATION: RHYL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Mayor welcomed Mr Lawrence Wood, College Principal, to the meeting and invited him to update members on the planned developments at the campus.

Mr Wood thanked members for allowing him to attend and talked of his fondness for Rhyl having grown up here.

He explained that space was limited on campus but that the very most was being made of it, and adjacent land was being acquired from Denbighshire County Council to make was for engineering accommodation similar to that at the Rhos-on-Sea campus.

The accommodation would include provision of fabrication and welding skills and would be as carbon neutral as it possibly could be.

The engineering centre was a partnership between the college and industry, namely with RWE Renewables, providing an essential link.

The development would also feature laboratories and classrooms for 150 students and staff, with 3D printers, virtual reality and a large, flexible space for the holding of events.

The total cost was £12 million.

In response the members questions and comments, Mr Wood advised that:

- Timescales were tight but it was hoped that the project would be complete by September 2022.
- The popular automotive engineering element helped to make students employable and that would continue, but there was also an ambition to attract A-Level students and be a good alternative to local students having to travel to Deeside college.

- The historic drive to work with Network Rail to extend the range of engineering skills on campus, unfortunately has not materialised, but other avenues were looking more positive in connection with the North Wales Growth Deal.

Before leaving the meeting, the Mayor thanked Mr Wood for his attendance and for keeping the town council informed of the exciting and progressive plans for the college and the whole town.

86. MINUTES

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

Meeting of Council - 17th March 2021 - Min. Nos. 62-83

With regard to minute no.75 (Member's Item: Letter of Congratulations to Rhuddlan Town Council), a member advised that he had seen the letter sent and asked why Councillor Ann Davies had not been mentioned in it?

The Town Clerk apologised for the omission.

In reference to minute no.80 (Proposed Temporary Relocation of the Town Council), a member asked for more information on the initial approach from Denbighshire County Council to the town council asking for financial assistance towards the SC2 building, as this was before his time as a councillor.

The Town Clerk said he would send the member a copy of the relevant minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and seconded by Councillor Mrs D. L. King and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 17th March 2021 - Min.Nos. 27-29

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

Planning Committee - 7th April 2021 - Min.Nos. 27-29

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 - 7th April 2021 - Min. Nos.27-33

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and seconded by Councillor Mrs D. L. King and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

87. VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR – BRYNHEDDYD WARD

The Town Clerk advised that two candidates had been nominated to stand in the Brynheddyd Ward election on 6th May 2021.

RESOLVED that the information was noted.

88. MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor referred to the two-day celebration of pupils achievements working from home during the Covid-19 pandemic at Christ the Word Catholic School, which had been lovely.

89. 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 (1st to 13th April 2021)

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount £	Description of Goods & Services
1145	Delwedd Ltd	21.59	Domain name registry fee
	Total payments	£21.59	

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

90. INVESTMENTS PERFORMANCE REPORT 2020 – 2021

The Town Clerk referred to his and the Finance Officer’s joint report (circulated with agenda) on investment activity and performance for the financial year from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, giving a modest yield of £397.94.

RESOLVED that the report was received and noted.

91. THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (CORONAVIRUS) (MEETINGS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2020

The Town Clerk advised that the regulations expired on 1st May 2021 effectively returning local authorities to the regulations previously established, for example, the six-month attendance rule for councillors.

RESOLVED that the advice was received and noted.

92. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

The Town Clerk referred to his report (circulated with agenda) highlighting the significant changes that will affect the town council.

Further guidance is awaited, which the Town Clerk will report back to Council in due course.

RESOLVED *that the report was noted and received.*

93. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: