

At a meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held via video conference on Wednesday 6th April 2022 commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

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

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

88. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors A. S. Johnson, Ms J. L. McAlpine, Miss S. L. Roberts and Miss C. L. Williams.

89. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A) MARCH 2022

The Chair referred to the Town Clerk’s report (circulated with agenda) detailing the schedule of payments made and income received.

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount	Description of Goods & Services
1360	BT	246.24	Phone & broadband services
1361	HSBC	11.00	Bank charges 17 th Jan to 16 th Feb 2022
1167	Citizens Advice Bureau	2,000.00	Energy Efficiency Officer – payment 4 of 4 2021/22
1168	Benfits Advice Shop	916.66	Appeals Officer payment 12 of 12 2021/22
1362	Gunsmoke Communications	1,600.00	Management fee for Feb 2022
1363	HMRC	2,794.89	PAYE deductions for Feb 2022
1364	Flintshire CC (Clwyd Pension Fund)	4,294.23	Pension contributions & deficit funding for Feb 2022
1365	Staff salaries	8,625.34	Staff salaries for March 2022
1382	BT	219.22	Regular charges
	Total payments	20,707.58	

Category	Description	Amount
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	24.16
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	3.07
HSBC	Interest on BMM Account	3.95
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	3.07
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	2.45
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	19.64
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	5.52
	Total income	61.86

RESOLVED that the report was approved.

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

Further to min.no.143 of the meeting of Council held on 15th March 2017 and in accordance with the council's adopted financial regulations, the Chair referred to the Town Clerk's submitted schedule B (a list of non-regular payments to be released over the coming month) (circulated with agenda).

The Town Clerk reported an additional to the circulated schedule as the town council was now ready to complete the transfer of the Tynewydd Community Centre to the Rhyl Community Association (RCA), and sought members' authority to release £10,000 to the RCA as the agreed contribution to the refurbishment works to the centre, £13.00 to Edward Hughes for disbursements and £1,080.00 to Edward Hughes for legal fees at a total of £11,093 less the £50.00 deposit already paid, £11,043.00.

Voucher No.	Supplier Name	Description of Service	Amount £
1382	Gunsmoke Communications	Advertising & sweets for Mayor's March Day event	31.73
1383	Holywell Town Council	2 x tickets for charity dinner 30 th April 2022	70.00
1384	Cllr D. L. King	Mayoral expenses for March 2022	105.10
1385	Bay of Colwyn Town Council	2 x tickets to fish & chip supper night 14 th April 2022	30.00
1386	RNLI Rhyl Crew Fund	2 x tickets to Crew Dinner 30 th April 2022	60.00
1387	Denbighshire CC	Works to wall following storm damage in Jan 2022	6,246.78
-	Edward Hughes & Co	Sale of Tynewydd Community Centre	11,043.00
Total			£17,586.61

Emergency & card payments: No emergency or card payments were made.

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.

91. 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.

92. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

To receive the following minutes (circulated with agenda) for information and to approve the recommendations contained therein:

Special Risk Assessment - 15th March 2022 - Min.Nos 53-57
Sub-Committee

Strategic & Operational - 14th March 2022 - Min.Nos 31-39

RESOLVED that the minutes and the recommendations contained therein, were approved.

93. 2022 ELECTIONS – ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Further to min.no.85 of the meeting held on 2nd March 2022, at which a number of matters were provisionally agreed relating to the Annual Meeting of Council following the forthcoming elections, and in particular that the current Deputy Mayor would be promoted to the Office of Mayor and that a decision on the appointment of a new Deputy Mayor would be made at the Annual Meeting.

The Town Clerk advised that since then he had been made aware that discussions between members had taken place around the current Mayor being asked to consider remaining in the role for another 12 months to enable Councillor King to experience a more ‘normal’ year in office now that Covid restrictions have been significantly reduced.

This would of course mean that the current Deputy Mayor would not be promoted to Mayor, in line with the town council’s policy, and presumably be asked to consider remaining in the role for another 12 months, and would take up the Office of Mayor in 2023/24?

The Town Clerk asked members if this was the case, as there was some urgency as bookings and invitations needed to be arranged once the outcome of the elections on 5th May were known.

RESOLVED that an Informal Meeting of Council be held in the period between 9th and 18th May (the date of the Annual Meeting of Council) to determine which of the newly elected Councillors would take up the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor, along with the numerous other roles, to enable the Inaugural Evening to be personalised to the incoming Mayor as much as possible.

94. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Chair:

Date: