

At a hybrid meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 7th December 2022 commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

Councillors Mrs M. A. Blakeley-Walker, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs J. Evans, S. Feeney, A. R. James, K. R. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, Miss S. L. Roberts, D. Simmons, A. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

41. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, P. Prendergast and Ms V. Roberts.

42. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A) NOVEMBER 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
1526	Tesco Mobile	3.00	Monthly payment for insurance
1521	HSBC	8.00	Bank charges 17 th Sept to 18 th Oct 2022
1527	Tesco Mobile	12.99	Phone contract
1522	Gunsmoke Communications	320.00	Management fee for Oct 2022
1523	HMRC	2,936.77	PAYE deductions for Oct 2022
1524	Clwyd Pension Fund	4,339.63	Pension deductions & deficit funding for Oct 2022
1525	RTC Staff	7,950.73	Net pay for RTC staff for Nov 2022
1391	Denbighshire CC	736.00	NNDR for Civic Offices, WRCC, Rhyl.
1419	Benefits Advice Shop	916.66	Part-time Appeals Officer – payment 6 of 12
1539	Tesco Mobile	3.00	Monthly payment for insurance
	Total payments	17,226.78	

Category	Description	Amount
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	121.03
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	41.26
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	Total income	£286.07

RESOLVED that the report was received.

43. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST

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).

Voucher Number	Supplier	Details of Supply	Amount £
1541	Amazon	Stationery	84.78
1542	Denbighshire Leisure Services	Catering for Remembrance Sunday	1,192.50
1543	CIPFA	Annual membership subs for Mr A. O. Williams	362.00
1544	Rhyl Silver Band	Donation for Remembrance Sunday service	50.00
1545	St. John's Cymru	Donation for Remembrance Sunday service	50.00
1546	Charity Christmas cards	Mayor's Christmas cards	249.90
1547	Dafydd Timothy	Translation costs for 'Rhyl Read'	150.00
1548	JTM Signs	Traffic management signage for Remembrance Sunday	336.00
1549	Mold Town Council	2 x tickets for Mayor's Charity Dinner & Auction 18 th Feb 2023	70.00
1550	SLCC	Annual subscription for Mr Gareth Nickels	403.00
1551	Cllr D. L. King	Mayoral expenses for Nov 2022	190.35
	Total Schedule B		£3,138.53

RESOLVED that the schedule was approved for payment, and signed by two councillors.

44. INFORMATION ITEM: SETTING LOCAL SPEED LIMITS IN WALES

Further to min.no.34 of the meeting held on 2nd November 2022, the Town Clerk reported receipt of statutory guidance issued by the Department for the Economy and Transport of the Welsh Assembly Government for the setting of speed limits in Wales by local highway authorities (circulated with agenda).

The Town Clerk advised that essentially the Welsh Government had decided that from September 2023 the speed limit for all A and B roads will be 20mph, but that it will be up to Local Authorities to determine when particular roads will have a higher limit.

This would be discussed by Denbighshire County Council's Communities Scrutiny Committee tomorrow and the town council will be consulted on these roads once they have been determined.

Councillor B. Mellor advised that most roads in Rhyl would default to 20mph, but that due to the significant financial strain on local authorities and the country as a

whole, that Welsh Government might decide that this is not the right time to bring the 20mph limit in.

RESOLVED that the information was received and Councillor Mellor to forward the list of Rhyl roads to become 20mph roads to the Town Clerk for him to share with members for their information.

45. ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL

Further to min.no.34 of the meeting held on 2nd November 2022, the Town Clerk reported that since issuing the letter to the Chair of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (circulated with agenda), Mr Gareth Evans, Acting Executive Director of Therapies and Health Sciences, and Ms Libby Ryan-Davies, the Integrated Health Care Director for the central area, had confirmed their attendance at the January meeting of Council.

Councillor J. Butterfield advised of a meeting with Betsi Cadwaladr representatives and the Leader of Denbighshire County Council and other officers to discuss this matter.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to contact Denbighshire County Council to ask for the detail and outcome of the meeting planned with the Health Board prior to the meeting of Council in January.

46. 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.

47. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted (circulated with agenda) for members' information and approval of the recommendations contained therein:

Strategic & Operational Planning Committee - 14th November 2022 - Min. Nos. 19 - 28

Risk Assessment Sub-Committee - 24th October 2022 - Min. Nos. 9 - 15

Risk Assessment Sub-Committee - 29th November 2022 - Min. Nos. 16 - 24

With regard to min.no.22 of the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee meeting held on 29th November, the Town Clerk was pleased to report that the town council's business case for the Bee and Station building had been approved by Denbighshire County Council's Asset Management Group.

The Town Clerk asked members if they were content for the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee to continue to oversee negotiations, and thanked the appointed negotiators Councillor A. R. James and P. Prendergast for their continued work and support on this matter.

RESOLVED that the minutes were received and approved, and that the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee are to continue negotiations around the Bee and Station building on the town council's behalf.

48. HONORARY FREEMAN / FREEWOMAN POLICY

The Town Clerk made reference to his report (circulated with agenda) written in line with the council's policy on approval of nominations for the award.

The closing date for members to make any written nominations is 12.00pm on Monday 12th December. Nominations must contain detail of why they feel the person should be considered for the award.

49. ANNUAL BUDGET 2023/24 / FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

The Town Clerk referred to the Strategic and Operational Planning (SOP) Committee's recommendations (circulated with agenda) for the 2023/24 Annual Budget for subsequent recommendation to the meeting of Council to be held on 21st December 2022, and to recommend a precept for the financial year 2023/24.

The Town Clerk reported on some developments since writing the report with regard to Denbighshire Leisure Services, this year's elections, an increase of 31 Rhyl households and the draft pensions valuation and recommended that the budget to remain unchanged.

RESOLVED that the report was received and approved for recommendation to the meeting of Council on 21st December 2022.

50. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Chair:

Date: