

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 15th June 2022 via hybrid meeting, commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs D. L. King (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE,
Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs J. M. Evans, S. Feeney, A. R. James, K. R. Jones,
Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, A. J. Rutherford,
D. Simmons, A. Walker and Mrs M. Walker.

13. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs. J. Chamberlain-Jones, Ms J. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Miss C. L. Williams and from the Deputy Clerk Miss H. J. Windus.

14. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the following Council and committee meetings (copies enclosed):

Annual Meeting of Council - 18th May 2022 - Min. Nos: 1- 12

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

Planning Committee - 1st June 2022 - Min. Nos: 1- 5

Proposed by Councillor D. Simmons and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 1st June 2022 - Min. Nos: 1- 18

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to events she had attended on behalf of the Council over the past month, and made particular reference to her attendance at the lighting of the Queen's Jubilee Beacon at Rhyl Events Arena, expressing her thanks to fellow members and her Consort for their support at the event in inclement weather.

16. PRESENTATION: CLWYD ALYN HOUSING ASSOCIATION – WELL-FED INITIATIVE

Further to min.no.125 of the meeting of Council held on 16th March 2022, the Mayor welcomed to the meeting Mr Paul McGrady and Mr Robbie Davison of Clwyd Alyn and invited them to provide a presentation on the Well-fed initiative.

The two officers advised on the initiative indicating:

- That the initiative had been established with aim of seeking an alternative to foodbanks by providing fresh food to people at households.
- Statistics relating to the demand for their service indicating:
 - o that currently 23% of people skip a meal and that this had been estimated as likely to rise further by 10% over the coming months
 - o 8 out of 10 people in need do not use foodbanks
 - o 60% of household never cook a meal at home from basic ingredients
 - o That for 25% of children their only vegetable was baked beans
- Their goal to get good food to people regardless of their level of income.
- That their service was to initially provide food deliveries comprising of fresh produce to households for 12 weeks with each delivery valued at £36.
- After the initial four weeks recipients were asked to pay £10 per week and after eight weeks £15 per delivery.
- That each food parcel was designed to feed a family of four for five days and worked out at £4 per meal per family.
- That the meals came complete with a variety of food powders prepared by their chefs.
- That the Service also operated two mobile shops to visit areas where access to fresh produce was difficult, such as large housing estates and rural areas where there were no suitable shops with meals being available at a cost of £2 each.
- That profits from the service were used to subsidise the meals.
- That unlike food banks all food was fresh and not date expired.
- That they were constantly looking for new initiatives and partnerships.

In response to members' questions, they advised:

- That they provided training for people on how to use slow cookers and microwaves and were able to provide the appliances for those without access to them indicating that 16,500 people had received training.
- That they were constantly market testing their meals and services and had so far had feedback from over 11,000 people.
- That their contact details would be forwarded by the Town Clerk to all members.

- Agreed that the feeding of children during the summer holidays was an issue contributing to child poverty.
- That they were talking to the North Wales Councils and :
 - o in Denbighshire had held discussions with Liz Greeves
 - o were working with the South Denbighshire Community Partnership
 - o had received funding from the Levelling Up fund via Flintshire County Council
- That political support would assist them in developing the services.
- That they were financially supported by Clwyd Alyn.
- That the full price of their weekly delivery box would be £43 for five days, which a number of people paid but this was then subsidised as required.

At the conclusion of the presentation the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, thanked the two officers.

Prior to leaving the officers left sample meal cards and flavour mixes for members to try.

[At this point in proceedings Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield left the meeting to attend another meeting]

17. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST

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 be signed by two councillors in due course.

Supplier	Details of Supply	Voucher Number	Amount £
Royal British Legion	Wreath (Falklands)	1417	18.50
James Hallam	Aviva Combined Insurance Premium 2022/23	1424	4,853.38
James Hallam	Aviva Personal Accident & Travel Premium 2022/23	1425	437.66
James Hallam	British Engineering – Inspection	1426	400.00
Kate Willey	Artiste for Royal Rhyl Event	1427	395.00

Lawnsience	Lawn treatment at Remembrance Gardens	1428	40.00
Gemma Johnson	Entertainer for Mayor's Inauguration Event	1429	250.00
Paul O'Connor (Sol Cinema)	Attraction for Royal Rhyl Event	1430	2,450.00
Design to Print Ltd	Flyers for Royal Rhyl Event	1431	186.00
Design to Print Ltd	Posters for Royal Rhyl Event	1432	87.60
Benefits Advice Shop	Grant towards General Running Costs (F&GP 1/06/22 refers)	1433	6,000.00
Total Schedule B			£15,118.14

An emergency payment was made for voucher **no.1417** on the grounds of urgency.

18. **INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT 2021/22**

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

Members advised that an alternative to GoToMyPC would be office364.

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

19. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021/22**

The Town Clerk asked members to confirm the statement (circulated with agenda) for inclusion within Rhyl Town Council's Finance Statements 2021/22 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.

20. **LOCAL COUNCILS IN WALES ANNUAL RETURN 2021/22**

The Town Clerk referred to the 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.

21. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES - MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2022/23

The Town Clerk submitted his written report (previously circulated) relating to the Determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and seeking members' decision as to the Rhyl Town Council policy for Members Allowances 2022/23.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) *To note that the with effect from 9th May 2022 the following mandatory determinations apply to Rhyl Town Council Members:*

Determination 43: Costs of Care

Determination 44: Costs and Expenses Allowance

Determination 52: to note that Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary from a principal council (that is leader, deputy leader or executive member) can only receive travel and subsistence expenses and contribution towards costs of care and personal assistance; if they are eligible to claim, and wish to do so.

To note the requirement to publish details of all allowances paid to members of the Council.

- (b) *That the following discretionary allowances be payable to members of Rhyl Town Council*

Determination 45: Travel costs for attending approved duties

Determination 46: Subsistence expenses when attending approved duties

Determination 47: Financial Loss Allowance when attending approved duties

Determination 49/50: Civic Allowance for Mayor/Deputy Mayor (The actual level of allowance if approved, to be referred to Civic and Social Events Sub-Committee for recommendation following receipt of clarification relating to the reimbursement of the cost of clothing)

Determination 51: To determine that the number of Senior Members Allowances to be payable by Rhyl Town Council be 2 to the Chair and Vice-Chair of Council.

- (c) *That the following discretionary allowances be not payable to members of Rhyl Town Council*

Determination 48: Attendance Allowance but subject to future review)

- (d) *All members to complete as soon as possible Appendices a-c as applicable*

22. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS – RHYL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The Town Clerk advised that at the meeting of the Town Council held on 20th December 2022, Councillor Mrs D. L. King was appointed to represent the Town Council on the above organisation. The appointment was subsequently re-confirmed by the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 1st June 2022.

The Town Clerk further advised that subsequently he had been informed that as Councillor King was now also a County Councillor, she would receive invitations to the meetings in that capacity and inviting the Town council to nominate an alternative representative.

RESOLVED that Councillor D. Simmons be appointed.

23. 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.

24. 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 6th June 2022 and sought confirmation of the recommendations contained therein.

Members thanked the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee and officers for their work on this matter but expressed their disappointment at the time taken to progress the matter.

RESOLVED that the minutes and the recommendations contained therein be approved and specifically:

- (a) That following the visit by a number of members to the former Bee & Station building, a formal request be made to Denbighshire County Council that the building be designated as the Town Council's preferred building for relocation on the previously agreed terms and conditions.
- (b) That the Next Chapter building be redesignated as a secondary choice only.
- (c) That the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee be delegated responsibility for overseeing all aspects of the proposed relocation on behalf of the Council including the requirements to be met by the County Council to fulfil its obligations under the agreement between the two authorities.

25. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date:20.072022.....