

At the hybrid **MEETING of COUNCIL**, on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 commencing at 6.00pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs D. L. King (Mayor)

Councillors J. Ball, B. Blakeley, Mrs E. M. Chard, A. R. James, B. Jones, K. R. Jones, J. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, 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

### **132. APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones.

On behalf of all members, the Mayor wished Councillor Chamberlain-Jones a speedy recovery.

### **133. MINUTES**

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

Council - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - Min. Nos.118-131

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

Planning Committee - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - Min. Nos. 54-56

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

Planning Committee - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Min. Nos. 57-59

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

The Town Clerk reported that the retrospective planning applications 45/2021/0738-40/PC relating to three properties on the new Aberkinsey estate in Rhyl had been deferred until after the May elections at today's meeting of the Planning Committee at Denbighshire County Council.

#### **To Confirm or otherwise:**

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Min. Nos. 88-94

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

**134. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor referred to the list of engagements (circulated with agenda) over the past month and in particular to the Rhyl BID Awards Evening which was testament to the resilience of Rhyl businesses over the last two years, and she was delighted to present Denmore Premier Stores with the Special Business Champion award.

**135. PRESENTATION: RECORD OF YEAR IN OFFICE**

On the town council's behalf, the Mayor presented Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard with a record of her mayoral years 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Councillor Chard was grateful for the files and said that she was very much looking forward to looking through them and remembering her time as Mayor, which despite the Covid pandemic, she had thoroughly enjoyed.

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

Further to minute no.143 of the meeting of council held on 15<sup>th</sup> 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 (29<sup>th</sup> March - 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022)*

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount £	Description of Goods & Services
1397	Delwedd Ltd	24.47	Domain name registration
1398	Sioned Graham-Cameron	208.91	Translation services
	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£233.38</b>	

**Emergency & Card Payments:** None.

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

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

**137. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2021/22 PROVISIONAL YEAR END ACCOUNTS AND RESERVES**

The Town Clerk referred to his and the Finance Officer's joint report (circulated with agenda) and asked members to note the key variances and approve the provisional out-turn for 2021/22 and the reserves movements for the year-end.

**RESOLVED** that the accounts for 2021/22 and provisional year-end accounts and reserves were approved.

**138. INVESTMENTS PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021-2022**

The Town Clerk presented his and the Finance Officer's joint report on investment activity and performance from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (circulated with agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the report was noted.

**139. TRANSFER OF TYNEWYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Town Clerk advised that the transfer was imminent and that both parties (the Town Council and the Rhyl Community Association) were in regular contact with their solicitors.

**140. INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The Mayor advised that the informal meeting of the new Council would be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

The Town Clerk reported that the current budget for the Annual Meeting of Council and the Mayor's Inaugural Evening was £2,000, but that after contacting three local venues for the evening, quotes for the food alone were exceeding £2,000.

Additional expenditure was also required for photography and flowers for the Annual Meeting of Council and for entertainment and to dress the tables at the evening event.

The Town Clerk therefore sought members' approval to increase the budget to £4,000 for this event only on a one-off basis, due to the short timescale as the Annual Meeting and Inaugural Evening is 18<sup>th</sup> May. The additional £2,000 would be taken from General Reserves.

The Town Clerk also asked for the Civic and Social Events Sub-Committee to undertake a full review of all budget levels for future civic events, given the current cost of living crisis, following the May elections.

Members were uncomfortable with increasing the budget by a further £2,000 at a time when people were really struggling to make ends meet, and after much discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the current budget of £2,000 should not be increased.

**141. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....16.03.2021.....