

At a hybrid meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 3rd July 2024 commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

Councillors M. Blackwell, Mrs M. A. Blakeley-Walker, Mrs J. Butterfield JB MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, S. Feeney, A. R. James, K. R. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Ms V. Roberts, Miss C. L. Williams and A. Walker.

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

16. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Miss S. Fleming and D. Simmons.

17. PRESENTATION: RHYL TOWN BOARD

Further to the meeting of Council held on 16th June 2024, the Town Clerk advised that unfortunately the invited representative, Mr Adam Roche, was unable to attend the meeting.

The Town Clerk added that Ms Liz Grieve, Denbighshire County Council's Head of Housing and Communities, and the Chair of the Board hoped to attend the next meeting of Council.

The Chair advised that the Board had approved his appointment to it as the town council's representative.

18. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A)

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
N/A	Tesco	3.00	Mobile phone insurance
1843	BT	309.23	Phone & Broadband lines
1844	HSBC	8.00	Bank charges
N/A	Tesco	12.99	Mobile phone charges
1847	RTC Staff	8,425.92	Net salaries for June 2024
1845	HMRC	2,960.12	PAYE deductions for May 2024
1846	Flints CC – Clwyd Pension Fund	3,173.10	Pensions deductions for May 2024
1848	Benefits Advice Shop	3,640.03	Appeals Officer – payments 1, 2 and 3 of 12
1808	Denbighshire CC	811.00	NNDR for Civic Offices, Wellington Rd, Rhyl – payment 3 of 10

1849	Citizens Advice Denbighshire	2,000.00	Energy Efficiency Officer – payment 1 of 4
N/A	Tesco	3.00	Mobile phone insurance
N/A	Tesco	12.99	Mobile phone charges
	Total payments	£21,359.38	

Category	Description	Amount
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	295.99
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	30.69
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	353.50
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	30.70
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	Total income	£772.28

RESOLVED that the report was received and approved.

19. 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).

Voucher Number	Supplier	Details of Supply	Amount £
1855	Cllr C. L. Williams	Mayoral Allowance 24/25 – payment 1 of 3	433.34
1856	Cllr A. Walker	Deputy Mayoral Allowance 24/25 – payment 1 of 3	133.34
1857	Cllr C. L. Williams	Senior Role Allowance 24/25 – payment 1 of 3	166.67
1858	Cllr A. Walker	Senior Role Allowance 24/25 – payment 1 of 3	166.67
1859	Pottles Premier Plants Ltd	Summer plants 2024	11,938.69
1860	Cllr C. L. Williams	Cost & Expenses Allowance 24/25 (£52 & £156)	208.00
1861	Cllr A. Walker	Cost & Expenses Allowance 24/25 (£52 & £156)	208.00
1862	Cllr S. Feeney	Cost & Expenses Allowance 24/25 (£52 & £156)	208.00
1863	Lawnsience	Treatment at Remembrance Gardens	42.00
1864	Sandra Williams	Translation services	620.66
	Total Schedule B		£14,125.37

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

20. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – BUDGET CONSULTATION MEETING

The Town Clerk referred to the invitation (circulated with agenda) from Denbighshire County Council (DCC) for the town council to appoint a representative to attend the above meeting to receive a presentation on the county council's financial position and future financial forecasts, with a view to exploring potential opportunities for joint working.

The Town Clerk suggested that members consider Councillor A. J. Rutherford, as he was the Chair of the town council's newly established DCC Budget Pressures Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED that Councillor A. J. Rutherford was appointed to attend.

21. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – RHYL TOWN CENTRE GATEWAY POCKET PARK SCHEME

The Town Clerk reported receive of the above (circulated with agenda) seeking permission to provide a presentation to the town council on the emerging plans for the pocket park at the bottom of the high street.

The Town Clerk apologised the late submission of the consultation.

RESOLVED that the request was approved.

22. 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.

23. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (DCC) – CONSULTATION ON PUBLIC TOILETS

Further to the meeting of Council held on 19th June 2024, the Chair referred to the confidential recommendations (circulated by email today) of the newly established DCC Budget Pressures Sub-Committee, in respect of the above consultation, for members to consider.

After some debate, it was **RESOLVED** that the sub-committee's recommendations were approved along with additional requests to DCC around approaches to the private and voluntary sector.

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

24. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The Chair referred to the following confidential minutes for members' information and approval of the recommendations contained therein:

Grounds Maintenance - 29th November 2023 - Min.Nos.9-16
Sub-Committee

RESOLVED *that the minutes were noted and approved.*

25. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Chair:

Date: