

At a hybrid meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs J. M. Evans, A. R. James, K. R. Jones, B. Mellor, W. Price, Ms V. Roberts, A. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels – Town Clerk  
Mrs H. J. Mead – Deputy Clerk

**62. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors M. Blackwell, S. Feeney, Miss S. Fleming, Ms J. L. McAlpine, Ms R. Roberts, Miss S. L. Roberts and D. Simmons.

**63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Town Clerk asked if members had any personal and/or prejudicial interests to declare with regard to any of the business to be considered on the agenda?

No declarations were made.

**64. 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
1915	HSBC	8.00	Bank charges
N/A	Tesco	12.99	Mobile phone insurance
1927	RTC Staff	10,164.09	Net salaries Nov 2024 inc. backdated pay award
1925	HMRC	2,960.11	PAYE deductions Oct 2024
1926	Flints CC – Clwyd Pension Fund	3,173.10	Pensions deductions Oct 2024
1848	Benefits Advice Shop	1,213.33	Appeals Officer – payment 8 of 12
1808	Denbighshire CC	811.00	NNDR for Civic Offices, Wellington Rd, Rhyl – payment 8 of 10
N/A	Tesco	3.00	Mobile phone insurance
N/A	Tesco	12.99	Mobile phone charges
	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£18,361.61</b>	

Category	Description	Amount
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	295.99
HSBC	Interest on 1m Deposit matured 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2024	861.23
	<b>Total income</b>	<b>£1,157.22</b>

**RESOLVED** that the report was received and approved.

**65. REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR EARTHDAY.ORG**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from the above organisation (circulated with agenda), asking for a meeting with Town Council with regard to any events planned for Rhyl in 2025.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk and/or the Chair to meet with Ms Grotelueschen to discuss proposals and signpost her to Denbighshire County Council, if need be.

**66. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above documents for members' consideration (circulated with agenda).

Members raised some frustrations with the location of some of polling stations in the town, namely Ysgol Dewi Sant and Ysgol Llywelyn and Rhyl Leisure Centre and Botanical Gardens Café being so close to one another and not the most convenient for a lot of voters, who needed to go out of their way to cast their votes, which acted as a barrier to the process.

The Town Clerk reminded members that this had been a regular complaint made to Denbighshire County Council, but that ideally polling stations needed to be within each ward whilst meeting a number of other criteria and that suitable venues were few and far between.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to raise the above concerns with Denbighshire County Council.

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

**67. MEMBER'S ITEM: ELECTRIC SCOOTERS / CYCLES**

Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield sought members' support for a letter to be sent to Denbighshire County Council and North Wales Police asking for clarity on exactly who is responsible for the enforcement of the irresponsible use of electric scooters and cycles in both pedestrian areas and on Rhyl's roads and streets.

Members were in complete agreement with Councillor Butterfield and all had witnessed inconsiderate and irresponsible use of both and reported concerns from their residents.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to write to both authorities for a definitive answer on enforcement and to ask that whichever the responsibility lies with, they be extra vigilant over the Christmas period, when many more of these scooters and cycles will be given as Christmas presents.

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

**68. 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.

**69. HONORARY FREEMAN / FREEWOMAN POLICY**

The Town Clerk referred to his confidential report (circulated with agenda) and asked members to get any nominations they may have in mind for a particular individual they feel meets the established criteria, to him by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**70. 2025 EVENTS SUPPORT**

Further to the meeting of Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the Town Clerk referred to his confidential report (circulated with agenda) suggesting that a new line be added to the budget called the Event Contingency Fund as a way of managing the events supported by the Town Council going forward.

**RESOLVED** that the Event Contingency Fund and the amount proposed to go into that budget heading was approved.

**71. ANNUAL BUDGET 2025/26 / FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN**

The Town Clerk referred to the Strategic and Operational Planning (SOP) Committee's recommendations (circulated with agenda) for the 2025/26 Annual Budget for subsequent recommendation to the meeting of Council to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024, and to recommend a precept for the financial year 2025/26.

**RESOLVED** that the report was received and approved for recommendation to the meeting of Council on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

**72. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Chair: .....

Date: .....