

At a hybrid meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

Councillors 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, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, Ms R. S. Roberts, Ms V. Roberts, D. Simmons, A. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

**77. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J. M. Evans, Ms S. Fleming and B. Mellor.

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

Further to min.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 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).

<b>Voucher Number</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Details of Supply</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
1790	Denbighshire County Council	Wellington Rd Community Centre – service charges Q4 Jan to Mar 2024	3,823.00
1791	Sandra Williams	Translation services	169.28
1792	Proarb Ltd	Christmas Tree 2023	2,100.00
1793	Amazon UK	Stationary	210.21
1794	Cllr C. L. Williams	Expenses for Feb 2024	24.50
1795	Purple Plaque Campaign	Contribution for Dorothy Miles plaque	1,000.00
1796	Denbighshire County Council	Illuminations Contract 2023/24	13,881.98
	<b>Total Schedule B</b>		<b>£21,208.97</b>

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

**80. 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.

**81. RHYL TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTED EVENTS 2024/25**

The Mayor welcomed Mr Jamie Groves and Mr Gwyn Hughes, from Denbighshire Leisure Limited, to the meeting and invited them to address members on the supported major events schedule to be held in 2024/25 (copy of confidential e-mail circulated with agenda).

Mr Groves duly took members through the planned programme and offered town council representation on a future working group to share information and ideas on all events programmes from here on.

The Chair thanked Mr Groves and Mr Hughes for their time and accepted the invitation for representatives to sit on a working group.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to invite the Chief Executive and the Leader of Denbighshire County Council to a meeting of the Town Council to advise members of their expectations of City, Town and Community Councils with regard to events going forward.

**[Councillor Mrs D. L. King declared a personal interest in the above item, due to her position on the Board of Denbighshire Leisure Limited, and remained within the chamber whilst Mr Groves and Mr Hughes were present.]**

**[Councillor Mrs D. L. King declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the above item after Mr Groves and Mr Hughes left the meeting as discussions turned to the town council's finances, and vacated the chamber taking no further part in discussions or voting thereon]**

**82. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2024/25**

The Town Clerk advised that the previously nominated, Councillor Mrs M. A. Blakeley-Walker, has further considered the position and unfortunately feels unable to accept it due to ongoing work and family commitments, and so would not be able to devote the time the role demands and deserves.

Councillor Blakeley-Walker thanked her fellow councillors for putting their good faith in her and hoped that it was a position she could consider again in the not too distant future.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor S. Feeney nominated and Councillor Ms R. S. Roberts seconded Councillor A. Walker for the position of Deputy Mayor which Councillor Walker accepted (Subject to confirmation at the Council's Annual Meeting).

**83. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Chair: .....

Date: .....