

At the hybrid **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 17th April 2024, commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine (Mayor)

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

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

141. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. Helen Gheorghiu Gould, led all those who wanted to take part, in prayer.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Ms S. Fleming.

142. MINUTES

The minutes of the following meeting of council and committee were submitted for approval as a correct record:

Meeting of Council - 20th March 2024 - Min. Nos. 129-140

Proposed by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** *as a correct record.*

Planning Committee - 20th March 2024 - Min. Nos. 46-48

Proposed by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and seconded by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and **RESOLVED** *as a correct record.*

143. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor submitted details of events she had attended over the past month, and in particular to her charity quiz night and thanked all who attended and donated. Councillor McAlpine also referred to the 'Great Tommy Sleep Out' at Morrisons in Rhyl, raising money for homeless veterans.

RESOLVED *that the report was received.*

144. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A) – MARCH 2024

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
1526	Tesco	3.00	Mobile phone insurance HW
1789	BT	271.12	Telephone line & Broadband
1526	Tesco	12.99	Mobile phone charges HW
1797	HSBC	14.80	Bank charges
1658	Benefits Advice	1,166.67	Appeals Officer 23/24 – payment 12 of 12
1798	HMRC	3,084.58	PAYE deductions Feb 2024
1799	Clwyd Pension Fund	4,881.43	Pension deductions & deficit funding Feb 2024
1800	RTC Staff	8,301.46	Net Pay for March 2024
1539	Tesco	3.00	Mobile phone insurance GN
1539	Tesco	12.99	Mobile phone charges GN
1659	Citizens Advice Bureau	2,000.00	Energy Efficiency Officer – payment 4 of 4
	Total payments	£19,752.04	

Category	Description	Amount
HSBC	Interest on Money Maker Account	481.32
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	276.89
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	21.48
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Various	Mayor's Charity Quiz Night (tickets/donations/raffle)	830.00
	Total income	£1,674.16

RESOLVED that the report was received and approved.

145. 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 £
1809	NMWATC	Lunches for 2 delegates meeting on 19 th April 2024	46.00
1810	Delwedd Ltd	Domain Name	24.47
1811	Sandra Williams	Translations services	195.88
1812	Rhyl Rugby Club	Catering for Mayor's Chairty Quiz	441.00

1813	Mold Town Council	2 x tickets for charity event on 27 th April 2024	30.00
	Total Schedule B		£737.35

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

146. INVESTMENTS PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023/2024

The Town Clerk referred to his and the Finance Officer's joint report (circulated with agenda) on investment activity and performance for the last financial year, giving a return of £7,987.53.

RESOLVED that the report was received with thanks to the Finance Officer.

147. MEMBER'S ITEM: LEVELLING UP FUNDING

Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE sought members' support for the Town Council purchasing the full transcript of a conference being held about the Levelling Up Funding by the Westminster Social Policy Forum on Wednesday 15th May 2024 (circulated with agenda).

The cost of the transcript would be £95.00 plus VAT.

Members felt it would be more beneficial for a representative to attend the online conference at a cost of £260.00 plus VAT (to include a permanent record of proceedings), given the importance of subject for Rhyl.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE to attend the online conference on the Town Council's behalf.

148. ADDITIONAL ITEM: LEVELLING UP FUNDING

The Town Clerk referred to the email he had sent to members earlier that day regarding the appointment of a Chairman to the Levelling Up Funding Board, with the closing date for nominations being 25th April 2024.

The Town Clerk added that nominations should not include politicians and that he had no nominations in mind.

Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, advised that she had thought long and hard about a suitable nomination and suggested Mr Paul Higginson for members' support.

The Town Clerk advised that if Mr Higginson was put forward to Denbighshire County Council (DCC) as the Town Council's nomination, he would be one of many and that it would be for DCC to consider.

The Town Clerk added that individual members could make the same nomination or alternatives, should they wish to.

RESOLVED that the nomination was supported, with two members voting against.

149. 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.*

150. REPORT OF SOP COMMITTEE

The Mayor referred to the confidential report from the SOP Committee (circulated with agenda) seeking confirmation of the release of payments from the Commissioned Services Budget to the following:

- Benefits Advice Shop – for the Appeals Officer post - £14,560
- Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) – for the Fuel Poverty Officer post - £8,000 (match funded with the CAB)
- Homestart Cymru – for the Early Years Scheme - £2,000

***RESOLVED** that the payments were approved and the Town Clerk to issue a press release outlining the huge benefit to Rhyl residents made possible because of the Town Council's relatively modest continued contributions to three organisations.*

151. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEM: 'RENEW / ADNEWYDDU – CLEAR, HOLD, BUILD RHYL WEST' INITIATIVE

The Town Clerk advised that Denbighshire County Council's Mrs Helen Vaughan-Evans had contacted him to inform him of the above initiative being soft launched on Monday 22nd April 2024.

Mrs Vaughan-Evans asked if representatives from North Wales Police could attend a meeting of the Town Council to tell members about it. However, the Town Clerk had had to inform Mrs Vaughan-Evans that the earliest opportunity would be the June meeting of Council, long after the initiative was underway.

Mrs Vaughan-Evans had added that a presentation was to be provided to the next Rhyl Local Reference Group meeting on 25th April 2024.

The Town Clerk had therefore suggested that as all members of the Town Council could attend the Rhyl Local Reference Group, that information about the initiative should be shared with them then.

***RESOLVED** that the information was received.*

152. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: