

At the hybrid **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024, commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Miss C. L. Williams (Mayor)

Councillors M. Blackwell, Mrs M. A. Blakeley-Walker, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs J. M. Evans, S. Feeney, A. R. James, K. R. Jones, W. Price, Ms R. S. Roberts, Miss S. L. Roberts, Ms V. Roberts and A. J. Rutherford.

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

**88. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES**

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Anthony Nnamah MSP, led all those who wanted to take part, in prayer.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Ms S. Fleming, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor and D. Simmons.

**89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Mayor 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.

**90. MINUTES**

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

Meeting of Council - 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Min. Nos. 71-87

Proposed by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Min. Nos. 29-31

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

Planning Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Min. Nos. 32-36

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

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Min. Nos. 62-72

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

With regard to min.no.69 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee (Honorary Freeman / Freewoman Policy), the Town Clerk reported that there had been no nominations received for consideration of the award this year.

**91. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor submitted details of events she and the Deputy Mayor had attended over the past month, and referred particularly to Denbighshire County Council Chairman's Christmas Celebration Service at St. Thomas' Church in Rhyl and to Ysgol Llywelyn's Christmas Extravaganza, which had both been lovely events that were well attended.

**RESOLVED** that the report was received.

**92. 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>
1942	Denbighshire County Council	By-Election costs for Tynewydd Ward	3,296.21
1943	Delwedd Ltd	Office 365 for 4 computers	593.28
1944	Sandra Williams	Translation costs	323.26
1945	Denbighshire County Council	Ground rent – Remembrance Gardens	13.50
1946	Denbighshire County Council	Ground rent – Tir Morfa Bus Shelter	1.00
1947	GoToMyPC	Subscription renewal	208.80
1948	HSBC	Annual fee for commercial card	32.00
	<b>Total Schedule B</b>		<b>£4,468.05</b>

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

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

The Town Clerk reported that due to Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine's absence, the presentation of the record of her year in office 2023-2024 would be rescheduled for the New Year.

**94. QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present.

**95. 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.

**96. PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT**

The Town Clerk confidentially reported of an approach from a local individual planning to undertake a photography project in Rhyl, which would garner the views of local residents about the town and result in an exhibition, and asking for participation with councillors.

***RESOLVED*** that the Town Clerk to invite the individual to meet with councillors in the first instance before engaging in the proposed project, if that is what they chose to do?

**97. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC TOILET STRATEGY**

The Town Clerk confidentially reported on Denbighshire County Council's latest position and that it was hoped that a decision on available options would now be made next year and provided to the town council.

***RESOLVED*** that consideration of the options be deferred until received from Denbighshire County Council.

**98. ANNUAL BUDGET / FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN**

Further to the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024, the Town Clerk asked members to formally approve the budget recommendations (circulated with agenda); to levy a precept for the financial year 2025/26 and to advise Denbighshire County Council accordingly.

***RESOLVED*** that a precept of £580,000 be levied upon Denbighshire County Council, resulting in a charge for a Band D property of £58.15 (compared to £57.85 for 2024/25) representing an increase of just 0.52%, Denbighshire County Council to be advised accordingly after the town council's meeting of Council on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**99. ADDITIONAL ITEM: MAYOR'S FUND BANK ACCOUNT**

The Town Clerk advised that following comment from the External Auditor, he was looking to open a new bank account solely to receive and distribute monies raised by Mayors from this point forward, and asked for members' authorisation to do so.

***RESOLVED*** that the Town Clerk was authorised to open a new account.

**100. ADDITIONAL ITEM: PHOTOCOPIER**

The Town Clerk reported that following a tender exercise and receipt of three quotes, the Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, had authorised him to accept a tender from the town council's current provider, and sought members' approval.

**RESOLVED** *that the Town Clerk to accept the tender.*

**101. ADDITIONAL ITEM: GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Town Clerk sought members' authorisation for the Grounds Maintenance Sub-Committee to proceed with submitting the formal order for next year's summer and winter plants, following its meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024, at which it would be considering the received quotes after advertising the contract on the Sell2Wales website.

**RESOLVED** *that the sub-committee was authorised to proceed with the formal order, should a satisfactory quote and provider be selected at next week's meeting.*

**102. CHRISTMAS RECESS – DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE POWERS**

The Mayor sought members' approval for the delegation of executive powers to the Town Clerk in consultation with the following members for the period 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

- Civic Matters - Mayor and / or Deputy Mayor
- Planning Matters - Chair and / or Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee
- SOP Committee - Chair and / or Vice-Chair of SOP Committee
- All Other Business - Chair and / or Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

**RESOLVED** *that the arrangements were confirmed*

**103. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....