

At the hybrid **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 21st February 2024, commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine (Mayor)

Councillors Mrs M. A. Blakeley-Walker, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, 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, 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

119. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Miss S. Fleming and D. Simmons, also from the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. Gheorghiu Gould.

120. MINUTES

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

The Town Clerk reported an error in the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 20th December 2023 with regard to the level of Precept, which had been authorised to be changed by the Mayor and Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to enable the correct Precept to be levied on Denbighshire County Council.

Meeting of Council - 20th December 2023 - Min. Nos. 88-103

Proposed by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Special Meeting of Council - 9th January 2024 - Min.Nos.104-106

Proposed by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Meeting of Council - 17th January 2024 - Min. Nos. 107-118

Proposed by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 17th January 2024 - Min. Nos. 37-39

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

Planning Committee - 7th February 2024 - Min. Nos. 40-42

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

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 7th February 2024 - Min. Nos. 65-76

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

121. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor submitted details of events attended by the Deputy Mayor over the past month, due to her ill-health (copy circulated with agenda), but commented on the opening of the new Engineering building at the Rhyl campus of Coleg Llandrillo she had attended earlier that day, which she felt is an amazing facility that promises to provide fantastic opportunities for students and ultimately a highly skilled workforce for the area.

The Deputy Mayor commented on her attendance of the Rhyl Samaritan's 50th Anniversary Supper, a wonderful service and a lovely evening.

RESOLVED that the report was received.

122. **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 £
1784	Canda Copying Ltd	Copier rental	259.32
1785	Canda Copying Ltd	Copier charges	289.16
1786	Delwedd Ltd	Website maintenance & hosting	828.17
1787	Cllr C. L. Williams	Mileage claim – 30 July 2023 to Jan 2024	133.20
1788	CCLL Helping Hands for Ukraine	Tickets x2 for Afternoon Tea event on 3/3/24	23.00
	Total Schedule B		£1,532.85

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

123. REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL – MR TOM BARNHAM, CHAIR OF THE DENBIGHSHIRE VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL (DVSC)

The Mayor referred to the above request received via Councillor B. Mellor, and asked Councillor Mellor to expand on the request.

Councillor Mellor advised that the presentation would be an overarching explanation of the work of the DVSC.

RESOLVED *that the request was approved.*

124. MEMBER'S ITEM: PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)

Councillor K. R. Jones sought members' support for reminding Denbighshire County Council that the current active dog fouling PSPO expires in August 2024, and to ask them if it would be renewed and if so, how would it be enforced in the absence of a contractor?

Members offered up ideas on how to tackle the problem, like more signage in hot-spot areas, a social media campaign to promote the picking-up of dog waste and also to warn of it being a fineable offence not to do so.

Members felt a leaflet, to be included in the planned literature to explain the new waste collection scheme, going out to all Rhyl residents prior to it being introduced mid-April, to appeal to residents to pick up their dog's waste, might help?

RESOLVED *that:*

- (i) *the Town Clerk to contact Denbighshire County Council to ask if the PSPO is to be renewed, what the current position is on enforcement of dog-fouling and to ask about the possibility of including a leaflet on the matter. to be delivered with the new waste collection service information.*
- (ii) *the newsletter budget of £2,000 to be used to pay for the leaflet if DCC agree to deliver it on the Town Council's behalf.*

125. 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.*

126. DENBIGHSHIRE CCTV AGREEMENT – RHYL

The Town Clerk made reference to his and Councillor A. R. James' joint confidential report (circulated with agenda) highlighting two issues for members' consideration.

The first was that the contract to monitor CCTV, currently with Cheshire West and Chester Council, should have ended last year and was now out to tender. In order for the service provided by Cheshire West and Chester Council to continue until the outcome of the tender exercise, all partners were required to sign an extension agreement.

The Town Clerk asked members to authorise the Mayor to sign the document, if they agreed that CCTV provision (monitoring and preservation of data) should carry on until a new provider or the same be awarded the contract.

The second was to inform members of the position taken by himself and Councillor James (the town council's representative on the CCTV Partnership), that after being asked for the town council's contribution to be doubled for the 2024/25 financial year, they had responded that the town council's budget had now been set for the forthcoming year and therefore the increase could not be met.

Additionally, they had suggested to the partnership that a gradual increase over the life of the new contract would be more manageable, but that this would depend upon a review of the number of cameras and their locations here in Rhyl. To this end, statistics were awaited on how the cameras were being monitored and on the number of images captured by them to have been provided as evidence.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) members authorised the Mayor to sign the extension document.
- (ii) Councillor James and the Town Clerk's actions were approved.

127. **LIGHTS IN RHYL HIGH STREET**

The Town Clerk referred to his confidential report (circulated with agenda) following an approach from Denbighshire County Council's Tree Officer, who advised that the cable ties used to secure the lights to the trees in the High Street were damaging the trees and that this could hinder their future development.

The Town Clerk therefore asked members to consider either removing the current lights and ties and replacing with new at a cost of £1,820, or removing the lights and ties and not replacing. The latter would incur a cost to remove, but this was not known at this time.

Members agreed that the lights in the trees were particularly effective and it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is authorised to arrange for the removal and replacement of the lights at a cost of £1,820.

128. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: