

At a hybrid meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 5th March 2025 commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

Councillors M. Blackwell, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs J. M. Evans, S. Feeney, Miss S. Fleming, A. R. James, K. R. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, W. Price, Ms V. Roberts, D. Simmons, A. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

73. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs M. A. Blakeley-Walker, B. Mellor and Ms R. Roberts.

74. 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?

Councillor Mrs D. L. King declared a personal interest in agenda item no.8 (2025 Events Support) due to her position on the Denbighshire Leisure Limited’s Board.

75. 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
1963	HSBC	8.00	Bank charges
N/A	Tesco	12.99	Mobile phone charges
1979	RTC Staff	8,644.31	Net salaries for Feb 2025
1977	HMRC	3,103.95	PAYE deductions for Jan 2025
1978	Flints CC – Clwyd Pension Fund	3,269.74	Pensions deductions for Jan 2025
1848	Benefits Advice Shop	1,213.33	Appeals Officer – payment 11 of 12
N/A	Tesco	3.00	Mobile phone insurance
N/A	Tesco	12.99	Mobile phone charges
	Total payments	£16,271.31	

Category	Description	Amount
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	259.89
HSBC	Interest on 6m Deposit matured 10 th Feb 2025	1,853.88

HSBC	Interest on 1m Deposit matured 24 th Feb 2025	1,080.11
Various	Ticket sales for Mayor's fundraising event	660.00
	Total income	£3,853.88

RESOLVED that the report was received and approved.

76. 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 £
1981	Proarb Ltd	Christmas tree 2024	2,154.00
1982	Prestatyn Town Council	2x tickets for charity ball on 4 th April 2025	60.00
1983	Denbighshire CC	Christmas illuminations contract 2024	13,111.20
1984	Scottish Power	Electricity for illuminations 2024 (less credit note 2023)	20.12
	Total Schedule B		£15,345.32

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

77. ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

The Chair reported that a councillor had requested the Annual Meeting of Council be rescheduled from Wednesday 21st to Wednesday 28th May 2025.

Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE advised that unfortunately she would not be able to make the meeting on 21st May, and asked members to consider moving it to 28th May.

Members raised no objections to pushing the meeting back a week.

RESOLVED that this year's Annual Meeting of Council be held on Wednesday 28th May 2025.

78. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

Further to min.no.69 of the meeting held on 16th October 2024, the Town Clerk referred to a revised version of the town council's Standing Orders (circulated with agenda), as recommended by the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee.

The revised version reflected all legislation changes since the last review in November 2018.

In response to a member's comments, the Town Clerk advised that unlike County Councillors, Town Councillors were not required to have their cameras on during remote attendance at meetings.

A discussion was then had around councillors clearly showing how they are voting whilst their cameras were both on and off, and how confidentiality can be ensured if councillors' cameras are off?

RESOLVED that the item be deferred to enable the Town Clerk to prepare a report on the relevant legislation around these issues to provide clarity, and for Denbighshire County Council's Monitoring Officer to be invited to a future meeting of Council to advise.

79. 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.

80. 2025 EVENTS SUPPORT

Further to the meeting held on 19th February 2025, and the presentation received from Mr Gwyn Hughes of Denbighshire Leisure Limited (DLL), the Town Clerk referred to a follow-up report from DLL (circulated with agenda) confirming the events proposed for the town council's consideration.

The Town Clerk suggested that each proposed event be considered individually to enable full debate for each.

Members were happy with the three events put forward, but felt that use of the Events Arena and St. Thomas' Church should be explored to provide a better spread of community and public engagement throughout the town centre, and benefit more of the local economy.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to respond accordingly to DLL and ask for revised costings.

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

81. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Chair:

Date: