

At the remote **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 19th February 2025, commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Miss C. L. Williams (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, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Ms R. S. Roberts, Miss S. L. Roberts, Ms V. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford and A. Walker.

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

115. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Miss S. Fleming and W. Price.

The Mayor took the opportunity to remind members to please respond to the office with regard to her charity event.

The Town Clerk updated members on the proposed photography project by Mr David Baker. Mr Baker would be invited into the chamber in the first week of March to discuss and if appropriate undertake the project with Members.

116. 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?

Councillor Mrs D. L. King declared a personal interest in agenda item no.5 (Events in Rhyl 2025/26) due to her position on the Denbighshire Leisure Limited's Board.

Councillor B. Mellor declared a personal interest in agenda item nos.15 (Local toilets Strategy Consultation), due to public toilets coming under his Denbighshire County Council Cabinet portfolio and 18 (Rhyl Liaison Group), due to his position as Chair of the Rhyl Liaison Group.

Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE declared a personal interest in agenda item no.5 (Events in Rhyl 2025/26) due to her position on the Denbighshire County Council Committee which oversees Denbighshire Leisure Limited

117. MINUTES

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

Meeting of Council - 15th January 2025 - Min. Nos. 104-114

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

Planning Committee - 15th January 2025 - Min. Nos. 42-45

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

118. 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.

119. EVENTS IN RHYL 2025/26

Further to min.no.75 of the meeting of council held on 20th November 2024, the Town Clerk reported that unfortunately Mr Groves was unable to attend, but that Mr Hughes would be joining us as planned, to talk through Denbighshire Leisure Limited's confidential event proposals for 2025/26 including costs for the town council's consideration.

RESOLVED that the proposed events programme was received.

120. OPEN SESSION

The meeting continued in open, non-confidential session.

121. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor submitted details of events the Deputy Mayor had attended over the past month, as unfortunately she had been unable to.

The Deputy Mayor referred particularly to the Rhyl Music Club North Wales's International Concert Series at the town hall, that he had been really impressed with and had thoroughly enjoyed.

RESOLVED that the report was received.

122. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A)

The Town Clerk referred to his 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
1949	BT	566.79	Line rentals & telephone charges
1950	HSBC	8.00	Bank charges
n/a	Tesco	12.99	Mobile phone charges

1953	RTC Staff	8,666.52	Net salaries for Jan 2025
1951	HMRC	3,104.36	PAYE deductions for Dec 2024
1952	Flintshire CC – Clwyd Pension Fund	3,269.74	Pensions deductions for Dec2024
1848	Benefits Advice Shop	1,213.33	Appeals Officer – payment 10 of 12
1808	Denbighshire CC	811.00	NNDR for Divic Offices, Wellington Rd, Rhyl – payment 10 of 10
n/a	Tesco	3.00	Mobile phone insurance
n/a	Tesco	12.99	Mobile phone charges
1962	Denbighshire CC	32,037.00	SC2 loan – payment 3 of 3 for 2024/25
	Total payments	£49,708.72	

Category	Description	Amount
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	259.89
WPS James Hallam Insurance	Reimbursement of premium on changes to insurance policy	186.06
HSBC	Interest on 1m Deposit matured 23 rd Dec 2024	703.56
HMRC	VAT claim Q3 Oct to Dec 2024	1,442.99
	Total income	£2,843.15

RESOLVED that the report was received and approved.

123. 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 £
1964	Sage & Co	Payroll services Q3 – Oct to Dec 2024	108.00
1965	Cllr C. L. Williams	Mayoral Allowance 24/25 – payment 3 of 3	433.33
1966	Cllr C. L. Williams	Senior Role Allowance 24/25 – payment 3 of 3	166.66
1967	Cllr A. Walker	Deputy Mayoral Allowance 24/25 – payment 3 of 3	133.32
1968	Cllr A. Walker	Senior Role Allowance 24/25 – payment 3 of 3	166.66
1969	Denbighshire CC	Services charges for Wellington Rd CC April to Dec 2024	5,483.00
1970	JDH Business Services Ltd	Interim Audit Fee 2024/25	465.60
1971	Canda Copying Ltd	Copier lease	259.32
1972	Canda Copying Ltd	Copier charges	250.72
1973	Delwedd Ltd	Website hosting & maintenance	828.17
1974	Holywell TC	1x Ticket for charity ball on 1 st	28.00

		March 2025	
1975	Information Commissioners	ICO Annual Fee	47.00
1976	RNLI	2x Tickets for Crew Dinner on 21 st Feb 2025	70.00
1980	Sandra Williams	Translation Services	128.17
	Total Schedule B		£8,567.95

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

124. INVESTMENTS PERFORMANCE 2024/25: QUARTER 3 – APRIL TO DECEMBER 2024

The Town Clerk referred to his and the Finance Officer's joint report (circulated with agenda) and to achieving £16,400 in interest, £12,400 more than was expected, thanks to the Finance Officer.

RESOLVED that the report was received.

125. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS TO 31st DECEMBER 2024 AND FORECASTS FOR THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Town Clerk made reference to his and the Finance Officer's joint report (circulated with agenda) showing performance against budget, which was looking healthy at the moment. No issues to report.

RESOLVED that the report was received.

126. INTERNAL AUDIT INTERIM REPORT 2024/25

The Town Clerk referred to his and the Finance Officer's joint report (circulated with agenda) with just one recommendation made by the town council's internal auditor, to annually review the effectiveness of its internal controls.

The Town Clerk recommended that this be passed to the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee for further consideration.

RESOLVED that the matter be passed to the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee.

127. INFORMATION ITEM: NORTH AND MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – RAIL PLAN 2025-28

The Mayor made reference to the above (circulated with agenda) for members' information.

RESOLVED that the Rail Plan was received.

128. INFORMATION ITEM: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUTED SUMS

The Town Clerk referred to the above, advising on the amounts available throughout the county, and to the £22,248.21 available for Rhyll applications.

RESOLVED that the information was received.

129. INFORMATION ITEM: LOCAL TOILETS STRATEGY CONSULTATION

The Town Clerk made reference to the above consultation received from Denbighshire County Council (circulated with agenda) and suggested that members complete the consultation and forward to him by Monday 24th February, for him to then complete the consultation as the town council's response, taking the majority views and comments into consideration.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to email an MS Word version of the form to all councillors the following day.

130. QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

131. 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.

132. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS: RHYL LIAISON GROUP

The Town Clerk reported receipt of an invitation from Denbighshire County Council (circulated with agenda) for the town council to appoint two members to serve on the Rhyl Liaison Group (copies of terms of reference and agenda circulated with agenda).

The Town Clerk advised that in his capacity as the town council's appointed representative on the Levelling Up Board, he had asked Councillor A. J. Rutherford to attend the first meeting of the Group, which was on Monday 17th February, with a watching brief.

Councillor Rutherford confirmed that he had attended the meeting and gave a brief overview.

RESOLVED that Councillors A. J. Rutherford and A. Walker were appointed to the Liaison Group.

133. INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

The Town Clerk advised that the Informal Meeting of Council would be held immediately after the Planning Committee on 5th March 2025.

RESOLVED that the date was approved.

134. ADDITIONAL ITEM: ESTABLISHMENT

The Town Clerk handed an envelope to the Mayor, which was his formal resignation from the town council, giving the required three months' notice.

RESOLVED that the letter of resignation was accepted and the handling of filling the new vacancy be passed to the Staffing Committee, to make recommendations to Council.

135. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: