

At a hybrid meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 6th November 2024 commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

Councillors M. Blackwell, Mrs M. A. Blakeley-Walker, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs J. M. Evans, S. Feeney, K. R. Jones, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, W. Price, Ms R. Roberts, Ms V. Roberts, D. Simmons, A. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

51. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Miss S. Fleming and A. R. James.

52. MAYOR’S HONOUR CADETS

The Chair welcomed Flt Lt Paul Roberts, Sergeant Evie Mitchell and Sergeant Orezi Onibere from the 1340 Rhyl Squadron Air Cadets to the meeting.

The Mayor presented Sergeants Mitchell and Onibere with Mayor’s Honour Cadet badges, and thanked them both for joining her at certain events.

53. 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
1900	BT	560.06	Line rentals & telephone charges
n/a	Tesco	3.00	Mobile phone insurance
n/a	Tesco	12.99	Mobile phone charges
1901	HSBC	8.00	Bank charges
1902	Denbighshire CC	32,037.00	SC2 loan – payment 2 of 3 for 2024/25
1903	RTC Staff	8,425.73	Net salaries for Oct 2024
1904	HMRC	2,959.92	PAYE deductions for Sept 2024
1905	Flints CC – Clwyd Pension Fund	3,173.10	Pensions deductions for Sept 2024
1848	Benefit Advice Shop	1,213.33	Appeals Officer – payment 7 of 12
1808	Denbighshire CC	811.00	NNDR for Civic Offices, Wellington Rd, Rhyl – payment 7 of 10
n/a	Tesco	3.00	Mobile phone insurance
n/a	Tesco	12.99	Mobile phone charges
	Total payments	£49,220.12	

Category	Description	Amount
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	286.44
HSBC	Interest on 1m Deposit matured 21 st Oct 2024	899.51
	Total income	£1185.95

RESOLVED that the report was received and approved.

54. 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 £
1916	WPS James Hallam Insurance	Main AVIVA policy renewal 1 st Nov 2024 to 31 st Oct 2025	5,476.44
1917	WPS James Hallam Insurance	AVIVA Accident & Travel policy renewal 1 st Nov 2024 to 31 st Oct 2025	458.99
1918a	WPS James Hallam Insurance	BES Lift Inspection policy renewal 1 st Nov 2024 to 31 st Oct 2025	372.50
1918b	WPS James Hallam Insurance	BES Lift Inspection old policy – cancellation 1 st Nov 2024 to 31 st May 2025 (Credit Note – will deduct off NV 1918a)	(257.82)
1919	CCLL	Tickets x2 for event on 23 rd Nov 2024	12.00
1920	Denbighshire CC	CCTV contribution 2024/25	15,000.00
1921	The Works	Diaries for 2025	12.00
1922	Audit Wales	Audit fee for Annual Return 2023/24	200.00
1923	Cllr C. L. Williams	Expenses Claim July – Sept 2024	34.65
1924	Amazon	Cords & twine for Remembrance Sunday	36.21
	Total Schedule B		£21,344.97

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

55. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2024 AND FORECASTS FOR 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Town Clerk referred to his and the Finance Officer's joint progress report (circulated with agenda) showing performance against budget, and added that the report is effectively a snapshot of how the accounts were looking on 30th September 2024, and that since then a number of payments had been made, which will be reported in the next quarterly report due in January 2025.

The Town Clerk advised that a surplus of £70,778 for the full financial year ending 31st March 2025 was anticipated.

RESOLVED that the report was received and the key variances noted.

56. INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2024

The Chair made reference to the Town Clerk and Finance Officer's joint report (circulated with agenda), which again was a snapshot of the council's investments as at 30th September 2024, when they had generated £5,667. £1,600 more than was estimated for the whole financial year.

RESOLVED that the report was received.

57. REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL – VALE OF CLWYD MIND

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a request from Ms D. Holmes Langstone from Vale of Clwyd Mind, to provide a presentation to the council in respect of a potential joint initiative for the benefit of Rhyl residents.

The Town Clerk advised that members might instead like to visit Mind on Marsh Road as it would be a few months before Ms Holmes Langstone could be accommodated on a council agenda?

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to arrange a time for members to visit Mind.

58. 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.

59. ESTABLISHMENT: IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL PAY AGREEMENT 2024-25

The Chair reported that the Local Government Pay Award had now been reached and sought members authority to implement it with effect from 1st April 2024 and to instruct the council's payroll services provider to implement the award.

RESOLVED that the pay award was accepted and the Chair authorised to instruct its implementation.

[Mr G. J. Nickels and Mrs H. J. Mead declared a prejudicial interest in the above item as council employees, and vacated the chamber, taking no further part in discussions thereon]

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

60. PUBLIC TOILETS SUPPORT

Further to min.no.38 of the meeting held on 2nd September 2024, the Town Clerk provided a confidential verbal update on discussions with Denbighshire County Council.

[Councillor B. Mellor declared a prejudicial interest in the above item due to his position as the Denbighshire County Council Cabinet Member with responsibility for public toilets as part of his portfolio, and left the meeting, taking no further part in discussions or voting thereon]

61. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Chair:

Date: