

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012, at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll (Vice-Chair)

Councillors I. W. Armstrong, B. Blakeley, J. Butterfield MBE, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, S. H. Ratcliffe, Miss S. L. Roberts, D. Simmons and Miss C. L. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels	-	Town Clerk
Mr P. M. Thomas	-	Finance Officer
Miss H. J. Windus	-	Personal Assistant & Secretary

### **107. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones (DCC commitment), J. May (on holiday), B. F. Moylan (work commitment), P. Prendergast (mayoral engagement), A. J. Rutherford (on holiday), Miss R. Siddall (indisposed), W. N. Tasker (mayoral engagement) and P. J. Williams (work commitment).

### **108. RISK ASSESSMENT ANNUAL REVIEW 2012 AND FORWARD PLAN 2013**

The Chair referred to the Risk Assessment Committee's recommendations (circulated with Agenda) and answered Member's questions.

**RESOLVED** *that the review and all recommendations be approved.*

### **109. RHYL FEST – USE OF COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Further to Minute No.100 of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 (extract circulated with Agenda) and on behalf of the Rhyl Fest organising committee, the Chair sought Members' permission for the Council Chamber to be used by the committee for meetings.

**RESOLVED** *that as a result of the meeting becoming inquorate due to the number of declarations of interest made, the item be deferred to a future meeting and permission be granted in the meantime.*

### **110. PRESTATYN TOWN COUNCIL – INVITATION TO MAKE JOINT REPRESENTATIONS OVER THE QUALITY OF BATHING WATER**

The Chair reported receipt of the above (circulated with Agenda) seeking the Town Council's agreement to meet with the Environment Agency and Welsh Water with Prestatyn Town Council.

**RESOLVED** that the request be approved and a meeting to be arranged after the next Members Area Group on 12<sup>th</sup> December with all Town Councillors to attend.

**111. RHYL GOING FORWARD DELIVERY STRATEGY**

Further to the presentation made by the Leader of Denbighshire County Council at the Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012, the Town Clerk submitted his report (circulated with Agenda) for Members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**[Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, Mrs P. M. Jones, B. Mellor and D. Simmons declared a prejudicial interest due to being members of the Programme Board in their capacity as Denbighshire County Councillors and vacated the Chamber, taking no further part in discussions or voting thereon]**

**112. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURES ACT 2011 – SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

Further to the presentation made by the Leader of Denbighshire County Council at the Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012, the Town Clerk submitted his report (circulated with Agenda) for Members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** that as the meeting became inquorate due to the number of declarations of interest made, the item be deferred until the Town Council had set its own priorities.

**113. DENBIGHSHIRE TOWN PLANS**

Further to the presentation made by the Leader of Denbighshire County Council at the Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012, the Town Clerk submitted his report (circulated with Agenda) for Members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** that Denbighshire's CEO and Leader be provided with copies of the Town Council's priorities as soon as they are set.

**114. DAY CARE SERVICES REVIEW**

Further to the presentation made by the Leader of Denbighshire County Council at the Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012, the Town Clerk submitted his report (circulated with Agenda) for Members' consideration.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received more information earlier today via e-mail and had sent this on to all Town Councillors, but appreciated that not all would have had the opportunity to read it in time.

**RESOLVED** that Denbighshire officers be invited to attend the meeting of Council on 19<sup>th</sup> December to provide a full update.

#### **115. DENBIGHSHIRE BIG PLAN**

Further to the presentation made by the Leader of Denbighshire County Council at the Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012, the Town Clerk submitted his report (circulated with Agenda) for Members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Council to take an active role in the forthcoming review of the Big Plan with a view to linking in its own priorities.

**[Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE declared a prejudicial interest due to being on the Local Service Board in her capacity as a Denbighshire County Councillor and vacated the Chamber, taking no further part in discussions or voting thereon]**

**[Councillors B. Mellor and D. Simmons declared a prejudicial interest due to being on Corporate Governance in their capacity as Denbighshire County Councillors and vacated the Chamber, taking no further part in discussions or voting thereon]**

#### **116. REVIEW OF CHARTER**

Further to the presentation made by the Leader of Denbighshire County Council at the Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012, the Town Clerk submitted his report (circulated with Agenda) for Members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** that:

- i) *The Town Council awaits the planned review of the Charter in the New Year.*
- ii) *Due to a number of Councillors' uncertainty as to whether to declare an interest or not on matters involving their work as Denbighshire County Councillors, the Town Clerk to invite the Monitoring Officer to a future meeting to give further advice.*

#### **117. FUTURE OF MEMBERS AREA GROUPS (MAGs)**

Further to the presentation made by the Leader of Denbighshire County Council at the Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012, the Town Clerk submitted his report (circulated with Agenda) for Members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **118. FUTURE OF THE OAKTREE CENTRE**

Further to the presentation made by the Leader of Denbighshire County Council at the Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012, the Town Clerk submitted his report (circulated with Agenda) for Members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**119. RHYL CEMETERY**

Further to the presentation made by the Leader of Denbighshire County Council at the Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012, the Town Clerk submitted his report (circulated with Agenda) for Members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** that the Council does not accept the response, particularly when 21 pockets of land have recently been allocated as part of the Local Development Plan.

**120. SMART GROUP REPORT**

The Chair referred to the Town Clerk's report (circulated with Agenda) on the progress of the Town Council's SMART group on the Draft Strategic Plan.

**RESOLVED** that the report be approved.

**121. ANNUAL GRANTS SCHEME**

The Chair referred to the Finance Officer's report (circulated with Agenda) following on from the previous item in relation to the Town Council's Annual Grants Scheme.

**RESOLVED** that the report be approved.

**122. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – RHYL GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE ACTION PLAN**

The Chair reported receipt of the above (circulated with Agenda) inviting the Town Council's views by 21<sup>st</sup> December.

**RESOLVED** that Members to make their own Ward representations directly to Planning & Public Protection Services.

**123. CONSULTATION: NORTH WALES FIRE AUTHORITY – CONSULTATION ON IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES AND FUTURE PLANS**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above (survey circulated with Agenda, full consultation previously circulated) requesting the Town Council's views by 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**RESOLVED** that the document be received.

**124. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – RHYL GOING FORWARD – MARINE LAKE CABLE SKI**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above (circulated with Agenda) asking for the Town Council's comments by 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**RESOLVED** that Members attending the public exhibition at the Apollo Cinema on 6<sup>th</sup> December to complete the attached form individually and pass them to the Town Clerk by 12.00pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

[Councillor I. W. Armstrong declared a prejudicial interest due to his position as Chair of the Marine Lake Users Forum and vacated the Chamber, taking no further part in discussions or voting thereon]

[Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James declared a prejudicial interest as the Town Council's appointed representative to the Marine Lake Users Forum, but used the dispensation granted and remained in the Chamber taking full part in the debate]

**125. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT INTERIM PLANNING GUIDANCE**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above (circulated with Agenda) asking for the Town Council's views by 9<sup>th</sup> January.

**RESOLVED** that the document be approved.

**126. MEMBERS ITEM: ANNUAL BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

In the absence of Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, and on her behalf, Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, sought Members' views on the start of the fireworks being after 8.00pm this year and the scale and cost of the fairground rides.

Members expressed concerns about the fairground element getting bigger each year, detracting from the Bonfire Night celebrations, and also at the cost of the some of the children's ride. Some being £5.00 a ride.

Concerns were also raised about very small babies being taken along to what is an extremely loud fireworks display, which could very easily damage their sensitive hearing.

An alternative location was suggested due to the showfield being extremely muddy and slippery underfoot this year.

**RESOLVED** that the matter be referred to the Council's Civic and Social Events Sub-Committee, with a view to it meeting with the Fire Service to discuss all of the above concerns. Councillor S. H. Ratcliffe to replace Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, at the meeting with the Fire Service.

**127. 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.

#### **128. MAYOR'S GALA AWARDS**

The Town Clerk submitted his confidential report (circulated with Agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the reported be approved and the Town Clerk instructed to proceed with the arrangements.

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

#### **129. RISK ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE – TYNEWYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Town Clerk's confidential report containing the report of the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee was submitted seeking the Council's instructions.

**RESOLVED** to defer the action agreed pending the outcome of the Town Clerk's enquiries

#### **130. NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD DENBIGH 2013**

Further to the presentation received at the Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November, the Town Clerk presented his confidential report (circulated with Agenda) for Members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** that £10,000 be allocated to the Eisteddfod to be targeted on seven Cultural Workshops (at a cost of £4,500) and the remaining £5,500 towards the planned projects at the Pavilion Theatre, as referred to in the Eisteddfod's Deputy Organiser's proposal paper.

[At Members' requests the Chair agreed to a five minute comfort break at 8.45pm]

#### **131. TOWN CENTRE MANAGER – PROGRESS REPORT**

The Chair reported receipt of a confidential report from the Town Council's appointed representatives on the Town Centre Management Group in relation to the Council's support of the Town Centre Manager post (copies circulated at the meeting).

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **132. ESTABLISHMENT**

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council's Finance Officer, Mr P. M. Thomas, had resigned from the position, giving the required three months notice.

The Town Clerk advised that he would be calling a Staffing Committee on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December to progress matters.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**133. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Chair: .....

Date: .....