

At a meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015, at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor P. Prendergast (Chair)

Councillors I. W. Armstrong, B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield MBE,  
Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James,  
Mrs P. M. Jones, J. May, B. Mellor, B. F. Moylan, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James,  
Miss S. L. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, Miss R. Siddall and W. N. Tasker.

Mr G. J. Nickels – Town Clerk  
Miss H. J. Windus – Personal Assistant & Secretary

**109. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were submitted from Councillors C. S. Ball (on holiday), S. H. Ratcliffe (on holiday), D. Simmons (on holiday) and Miss C. L. Williams (work commitment).

**110. FEBRUARY 2015 STATEMENT OF AUTHORISED PAYMENTS**

The Town Clerk presented his report for the period of January – February 2015 and the list of authorised payments (copy circulated with Agenda).

<b>Voucher No.</b>	<b>Creditor</b>	<b>Amount Total (£)</b>	<b>Description</b>
157	Rhyl Town Council	200.00	Petty Cash
158	Cllr D. Simmons – Mayor	976.00	Mayoral allowance (payment 3 of 3)
159	Cllr B. Mellor – Deputy Mayor	325.33	Mayoral allowance (payment 3 of 3)
160	Denbighshire County Council	1,566.00	Recharge for supply, installation & removal of High Street Christmas tree
161	Information Commissioner	35.00	Data protection annual registration fee
162	HSBC	10.47	Bank charges (for DDs, SOs & Internet bill payments)
163	Shire Leasing	487.33	Phone system rental (quarterly payment - Oct 2014)
164	Shire Leasing	337.33	Phone system rental (quarterly payment - Jan 2015)
165	Rhyl Town Council	50.00	Internal payment for 4 complimentary meals at Mayor's Charity Dinner in 2014
166	Rhyl Town Council Employees	6,832.75	February 2015 salary payments
167	HMRC	2,492.09	February 2015 payroll deductions
168	Flintshire County Council	3,531.68	February 2015 pension fund contributions
169	Sioned Graham-Cameron	307.02	Translation fees up to 14/12/14

170	Canda Copying Limited	166.88	Colour copy charges (quarterly payment – Nov 14 - Jan 2015)
171	Canda Copying Limited	335.23	Rental charges (quarterly payment – Nov 14 – Jan 2015)
173	Rhyl Town Council Employee	6,290.00	Payment
174	Neopost	200.00	Credit for franking machine

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**111. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GRONANT STREET AND AQUARIUM STREET) (ONE WAY TRAFFIC ORDER 201?)**

The Chair reported receipt of the above (circulated with agenda) for Members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** that the correspondence be received.

**112. CONSULTATION: WELSH GOVERNMENT 'REFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT: POWER TO LOCAL PEOPLE' WHITE PAPER**

The Town Clerk referred to his report (circulated with agenda) for Members' consideration and suggested that due to the size and importance of the accompanying survey, a small group of Councillors be nominated to meet and complete it on the Town Council's behalf.

**RESOLVED** that Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, A. R. James, B. Mellor, B. F. Moylan and A. J. Rutherford, along with the Town Clerk, be appointed to put together a suggested response for the Committee to approve at its next meeting.

**113. CORRESPONDENCE: RHYL WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP**

Further to Minute No.102 of the meeting of Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014 the Town Clerk reported receipt of an e-mail from Inspector Devonport (circulated with agenda) expressing his disappointment that no Councillors took part in a 'clean-up' of the Groves area in the Foryd Ward he had organised on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

The Ward Members were unhappy with the correspondence and advised that they had both offered their assistance and had been told that it was not required.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to contact Inspector Devonport to:

- (i) convey the Ward Members' response to his e-mail,
- (ii) decline the request for the Town Council to pay £280 for the hiring of skips and a flatbed vehicle on 24<sup>th</sup> January,
- (iii) ask that he comes to the Town Council to formally request Councillors' assistance, financial or otherwise in the future.

#### **114. RHYL IN BLOOM – REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

Further to Minute No.100 of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, the Town Clerk referred to his report (circulated with agenda) on the submission of an application for dispensation to DCC's Standards Committee.

The Town Clerk further advised that he would be attending the meeting of the Standards Committee at which the Town Council's request would be considered on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**RESOLVED** *that the information be received.*

#### **115. PROGRESS REPORTS**

To receive progress reports on:

(i) Rhyl Town and Area Plan

The Town Clerk advised that a meeting of the Rhyl Town and Area Plan Committee was scheduled for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March but that he would be unable to attend due to his required attendance at a meeting of the Standards Committee. It was noted that the majority of other Town Council representatives would also be unable to attend due to other commitments.

Although not able to attend on the 6<sup>th</sup> March due to a Mayoral engagement Councillor Mellor offered his services as a substitute for future meetings.

**RESOLVED** *that the Town Clerk contact the County Officers to explain that Members would be unable to attend and to request that the meeting be rearranged and Councillor Mellor be included as a designated substitute for future meetings.*

(ii) Rhyl Going Forward Officers

Further to Minute No.103 of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, the Town Clerk referred to the correspondence received from Chesham Estates on the progress of the development of the former Honey Club, and to an e-mail received from the Welsh Government's Regeneration Manager on the progress of the planned development on West Parade (circulated with agenda) for Members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** *that both be received.*

#### **116. MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS**

- (i) The Town Clerk advised on the details of the candidates for the forthcoming election for the vacancy in the Rhyl Cefndy Ward.
- (ii) Councillor Mrs. W. Mullen-James provided Members with an update on the development of the Rhyl High School.

**RESOLVED** *that the reports be received.*

#### **117. INFORMATION ITEM: INVITATION TO VISIT RHYL MEN'S SHEDS**

The Chair reported receipt of the above (circulated with agenda).

**RESOLVED** that any Member wanting to visit should make their own arrangements.

#### **118. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It is recommended, pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following items of business, on the grounds of confidentiality.

#### **119. CONSULTATION: RHYL MARKET**

The Chair reported receipt of correspondence from DCC (circulated with agenda) seeking the Town Council's views on the future of the market.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to reply as follows:

- (i) that points 1 and 3 of the correspondence referring to the permanent cease of the market on the High Street as of 13<sup>th</sup> April and to an alternative operator being sought and new locations being trialled in the Events Arena or on the land to the side of the Seaquarium are confirmed.
- (ii) that point 2 relating to the temporary location of the market in Market Street and Sussex Street is not felt sensible as these streets are too narrow to accommodate the market and will have a negative impact on the permanent businesses there.

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

#### **120. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION – PROGRESS REPORT**

The Town Clerk confidentially reported that he had attended the Burbo Bank Windfarm Extension event and had been advised that it would look favourably at our project, although match funding would be needed.

The Town Clerk further reported that the Rhyl Community Association had recently asked what the Town Council's plans were for the Tynewydd Community Centre, and reminded Members that negotiations around the management agreement for the centre had been put on hold whilst the relocation project was progressed.

**RESOLVED** that the Council's appointed representatives to meet with the Rhyl Community Association to continue negotiations re: the management agreement for Tynewydd Community Centre.

### **121. EVENTS OVERPAYMENT**

The Town Clerk presented his confidential report (circulated with agenda) on an overpayment to DCC, which had been a financial error made by the Town Council.

**RESOLVED** *that the payment be honoured.*

### **122. ESTABLISHMENT**

Further to Minute No.115 of the meeting of Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015, the Town Clerk provided a confidential progress report.

**RESOLVED** *that the position be noted and the Staffing Committee be instructed to examine the current Town Council establishment and make recommendations.*

### **123. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Chair to close the meeting.