

At a **SPECIAL MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Mayor)

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, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, S. H. Ratcliffe, Miss S. L. Roberts,  
Miss R. Siddall, D. Simmons and P. J. Williams.

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

**43. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs M. McCarroll (indisposed), B. Mellor (on holiday), B. F. Moylan (work commitment), P. Prendergast (on holiday), W. N. Tasker (on holiday) and Miss C. L. Williams (work commitment).

**44. ADDITIONAL ITEM: TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP – REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Further to Minute. No.44 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013, the Mayor invited his fellow representative, Councillor A. R. James, on the above Group to update Members on the outcome of the meeting of the Group on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Councillor James confirmed that both he and Councillor Rutherford had attended the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September, which had largely centred around the merits of filling the position for the remaining 18 months of the contract, how the future post would link in with Denbighshire County Councils Events Manager, Sian Davies and who would help to fund the post beyond March 2014, when the Welsh Governments contribution would come to an end.

Councillors James and Rutherford supported the suggestion to meet with neighbouring Councils who have a TCM to explore the nature of their roles, how they are managed and funded, etc, and it was agreed that Denbighshire County Councils Mark Dixon would arrange a visit to Mold.

The next meeting of the TCM Group would be on 14<sup>th</sup> October and until then no decisions would be taken.

**RESOLVED** that the information be received.

#### 45. **REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR D. SIMMONS**

Councillor Simmons advised that of the £1.4b of European Objective One funding available for Wales, the North East area was set to receive £345m and sought Members' support to develop a Town Council policy to ensure that Rhyl secured a good share of it.

Councillor Simmons stated that the main criteria for the funding would focus on employment, regeneration and community and as such the Members should keep these in mind when identifying project in their Wards.

Councillor Simmons added that he had spoken to the Leader of Denbighshire County Council about the potential windfall for the North East of Wales and that the Leader had advised him to take this information to the Town Council and for it to decide on major projects it would like to see in Rhyl.

#### 46. **TOWN COUNCIL MAJOR PROJECT POLICY**

Further to Agenda Item No.45 above, the Mayor made reference to the Town Plan document and asked Members to identify projects that would fit its objectives as well as the criteria for the Objective One funding.

After rigorous debate a list of 24 possible projects was drawn up and Members cast their votes for each of them. As a result the following list of 10 was agreed upon.

Roof on Events Arena	10 votes
New uniform lighting scheme for whole town including lights along the Promenade	8 votes
Purchase of the Ocean Plaza site	8 votes
Redevelopment of Marine Lake	7 votes
A Marina	6 votes
A Pier	6 votes
Demolish the Children's Village	6 votes
Complete refurbishment of High Street including public art and water features	5 votes
Refurbishment of derelict buildings	4 votes
New Retail Centre for larger stores	3 votes

#### **RESOLVED** that:

- i) *The process contained in the Town Clerk's report be approved.*
- ii) *The above list of prioritised major schemes be approved for submission to the County Council.*
- iii) *Councillor Simmons to arrange a meeting with himself, Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, the Mayor, the Town Clerk and the relevant County Council officers to further discuss the above list and report back to the Town Council.*
- iv) *The Rhyl County Councillors submit the list (as confirmed at the meeting to be arranged at (iii) above) to the next available meeting of the Rhyl Members Area Group.*

**47. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....