

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 17th July 2013 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor D. Simmons (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors I. W. Armstrong, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, Mrs M. McCarroll, B. Mellor, B. F. Moylan, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, S. H. Ratcliffe and Miss C. L. Williams.

Mr R. A. Hughes - Finance Officer
Miss H. J. Windus - Personal Assistant & Secretary

30. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. Stan Walker, commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer.

31. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors B. Blakeley (other commitment), Mrs J. Butterfield MBE (other commitment), Mrs E. M. Chard (other commitment), J. May (on holiday), P. Prendergast (family commitment), Miss S. L. Roberts (work commitment), A. J. Rutherford (on holiday), Miss R. Siddall (indisposed), W. N. Tasker (work commitment) and the Town Clerk, Mr G. J. Nickels (on holiday).

[With Members' agreement, the Deputy Mayor suggested that in light of so many apologies and a number of Councillors present having to leave the meeting early, Agenda Item Nos. 6 and 10 be brought forward for consideration, in the event of the meeting becoming inquorate after those Councillors have left]

32. AUGUST RECESS – DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE POWERS

The Deputy Mayor requested Members' approval of the arrangements for the delegation of Executive Powers to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the appropriate Chairs during the August Recess, as follows:

- Civic Matters - Mayor and / or Deputy Mayor
- Planning Matters - Chair and / or Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee
- All Other Business - Chair and / or Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

RESOLVED that the arrangements be confirmed and the Town Clerk instructed to take the suggested action during the recess period.

33. 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.

34. RHYL TOWN COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN 2012-2017

The Finance Officer referred to the draft Plan (circulated at the meeting) and suggested that the SMART Group needed to expand the 'How' column in the document to further illustrate how the Council intends to progress its objectives.

RESOLVED that the Plan is approved subject to the SMART Group providing the additional information requested above.

35. OPEN SESSION

RESOLVED that the meeting resume in open / non-confidential session.

36. MINUTES

The Minutes of the following Meetings of Council and Committees were submitted for approval as a correct record:

Council - 19th June 2013 - Min.Nos. 18-29

Proposed by Councillor D. Simmons and seconded by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 19th June 2013 - Min.Nos. 6-8

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor B. F. Moylan and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 3rd July 2013 - Min.Nos. 9-11

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor S. H. Ratcliffe and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 3rd July 2013 - Min.Nos. 20-38

Proposed by Councillor D. Simmons and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

37. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Deputy Mayor referred to the list of engagements the Mayor and himself had attended since the last meeting of Council (circulated with Agenda) for Members information.

38. PRESENTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Further to Minute No.31 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 3rd July 2013, the Deputy Mayor advised that unfortunately Ms Hutton Davies, Business Investment Officer, had not arrived to speak to the Council about the Shop Front Improvement Grants.

RESOLVED that the Finance Officer to rearrange Ms Hutton Davies' presentation at a future meeting of Council.

39. PRESENTATION: Y DYFODOL DENBIGHSHIRE AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Further to Minute No.167 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 6th March 2013 the Deputy Mayor welcomed Ms Vivien Edwards and Ms Maria Evans to the meeting and invited them to address the Council on the work of the project.

Ms Edwards and Ms Evans advised that they had introduced a new initiative called ODEL (Opening Doors Enhancing Lives) on 15th October 2012, which was essentially training opportunities provided in-house, for young people aged between 16-25 with the majority being NEETs (Not in Education Employment or Training) to help them into further education and/or employment, and it was working well. Already 121 certificates had been presented and the feedback they were receiving was really positive.

Y Dyfodol in Rhyl was now in its 13th year and continued to support young people, again aged between 16-25, to live independent lives, whether that be by signposting them to specialist or outreach services or helping them onto college courses and basic life skills sessions. They were delighted to report that many had gone on to college, university and employment.

Ms Edwards and Ms Evans stated that individuals came to them via referrals from Pathway, Social Services, the Probation Service, the Night Shelter and by word of mouth.

Members congratulated them on their excellent work and wished them well.

40. INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no urgent matters arising.

41. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions by Members of the public present.

42. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: