

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 16th September 2015 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor B. Mellor (Mayor)

Councillors I. W. Armstrong, B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE,
Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James,
Mrs P. M. Jones, Ms J. McAlpine, B. F. Moylan, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, S. H. Ratcliffe,
A. J. Rutherford, S. F. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

50. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Charles Ramsay, commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer.

51. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. May (work commitment), P. Prendergast (on holiday), Miss S. L. Roberts (indisposed), Miss R. Siddall (work commitment), D. Simmons (on holiday) and W. N. Tasker (on holiday).

52. MINUTES

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

Meeting of Council - 15th July 2015 - Min.Nos. 33-49

Proposed by Councillor B. Mellor and seconded by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning - 15th July 2015 - Min.Nos. 11-15
Committee

With regard to item no.13 (Informal Hearing – New Pines Caravan Holiday Home and Leisure Centre, Dyserth Road, Rhyl), a Member advised that the appeal had been dismissed.

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning - 2nd September 2015 - Min.Nos. 16-21
Committee

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

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General - 2nd September 2015 - Min.Nos. 27-38
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor B. Blakeley and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

53. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to the list of engagements he and the Deputy Mayor had attended over the last month, and in particular to the Carnival, Proms on the Prom and the Air Show, which had all been fantastic events.

54. CONSULTATION: BETSI CADWALADR U.H.B. – TEMPORARY CHANGES TO WOMEN'S AND MATERNITY SERVICES

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above (summary document circulated with agenda) for Members' consideration.

After general debate exploring all three of the options presented by the Health Board, it was **RESOLVED** that option 1 is the preferred choice, followed by option 3 and then option 2.

55. CONSULTATION: WELSH GOVERNMENT GREEN PAPER – OUR HEALTH OUR HEALTH SERVICE

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

A Member advised that Councillor Mellor had been appointed to collate the views of Denbighshire County Councillors on this matter, and suggested that Town Councillors passed their comments to Councillor Mellor via the Town Clerk to enable comprehensive responses to be provided by both the authorities.

RESOLVED that Members to pass their comments to the Town Clerk to enable him to formally respond to the consultation and pass those comments on to Councillor Mellor.

56. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Town Clerk presented his report (circulated with agenda) detailing the requested changes and including the amended membership spreadsheet, which would stand until the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2016.

RESOLVED that the changes be approved.

57. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Mayor advised that Councillor Ratcliffe would like to raise two urgent matters.

(i) Fixed Penalty Fines – Littering

Councillor Ratcliffe reported that he had received a complaint from a resident that they were followed from the High Street to Vale Road by enforcement officers who

seemed to be waiting for them to drop litter, before eventually being stopped by them.

Councillor Ratcliffe sought Members' support in asking Denbighshire County Council how many fines had been issued during this year's summer months, and how many were given to visitors to the town?

Members commented that there seems to have been a shift in focus from dog fouling to littering and that perhaps 'zero tolerance' signs to both should be introduced to the town centre to act as a clear warning and deterrent.

Members also referred to the enforcement officers 'uniform', which was black trousers and a black hoodie or fleece and felt to be a little too subtle when the initiative was introduced as a preventative measure rather than a reactive one.

(ii) Fixed Penalty Fines - Parking

Councillor Ratcliffe asked Members if they felt the level of traffic enforcement during both days of the Air Show was appropriate, and added that on street ticket machines on the Promenade were also showing incorrect times.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to invite representatives from the enforcement team to a future Council meeting.

58. QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

59. 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.

60. ESTABLISHMENT

The Town Clerk referred to the Staffing Committee's confidential report (circulated with agenda) detailing the re-shaping of the roles of the Council's employees and the outcome of the job evaluation exercise that all four posts have been the subject of.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) *the new job descriptions and post gradings be approved and implemented with effect from 1st October 2015, and subject to formal review after three, six and nine months.*
- (ii) *the Staffing Committee be given full authority to undertake the appointment of a part-time Finance Officer.*

61. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: