

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Miss E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, Ms J. McAlpine, B. Mellor, P. Prendergast, S.H. Ratcliffe, D. Simmons, W. N. Tasker, T. Thomas, Rev. S. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels - Town Clerk  
Miss H. J. Windus – Deputy Town Clerk

### **70. OPENING OF MEETING**

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

### **71. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors I. W. Armstrong (indisposed), B. F. Moylan (indisposed), Mrs W. M. Mullen-James (DCC commitment), A. J. Rutherford (work commitment) and Miss R. Siddall (other commitment).

### **72. MINUTES**

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

Meeting of Council - 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - Min. Nos. 58-69

Proposed by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - Min. Nos. 26-29

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

Planning Committee - 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 - Min. Nos. 30-33

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

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 - Min. Nos. 56-67

Proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor D. Simmons and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

### **73. PRESENTATION: GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL TO THE MAYOR**

The Mayor invited Mr Graham to address Council and to present her with a copy of the Scriptures, which were gratefully received.

### **74. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor referred to the list of engagements she and the Deputy Mayor had attended over the last month and in particular the lighting of the Annual Bonfire and her attendance at Remembrance Sunday

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### **75. PRESENTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – TALKING POINT**

Further to minute no.103 of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016, the Mayor welcomed Mr Jason Haycock of Denbighshire County Council to advise Members on the work of the Talking Point initiative.

Mr Haycock provided Members with information packs and advised:

- That the initiative had been developed as a result of the Wellbeing Wales Act 2016 and sought to provide an accessible alternative to the formal approaches to health and wellbeing services.
- That the service operated by way of a number of drop in sessions operated across the County including at Rhyl Library at which residents could be signposted to a number of services by Community Navigators.

In response to Members questions, Mr Haycock advised:

- That the scheme was funded by Age Connect and the British Red Cross and was administrated by Ms Ann Weir of Denbighshire County Council who also monitored the Community Navigators work.
- That the initiative was part of the “Single Point of Access” (SPOA) with referrals being made when necessary.
- That although Talking Point in Rhyl was currently limited to all day Tuesday at the library they were seeking to expand it to local meeting points such as cafés, etc.

The Mayor thanked Mr Haycock for his presentation and the information contained therein.

### **76. CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Town Clerk submitted his written report (circulated with agenda) advising that the Town Council's existing policy was that a Councillor who was a Member of Denbighshire County Council should not hold the office of Chair of the Town Council Planning Committee.

The Town Clerk further advised that following the success of Councillor A. R. James in being elected to the County Council for the Rhyl West Ward, his

appointment as the Chair of the Planning Committee was now in breach of the policy.

The report further advised of the options available to the Council to either rescind the policy or reconfirm it.

Arising from the report a number of Members reminded the Council as to the reasons behind the adoption of the policy and specifically the potential for the Member to be required to declare an interest when considering an application at the County Council Planning Committee, and potentially being unable to support/oppose applications on behalf of Rhyl residents.

***RESOLVED*** that the existing policy be reaffirmed and Councillor A. R. James be thanked for his very good service as the Chair of Planning.

#### **77. REQUEST TO USE THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

The Town Clerk advised upon a request received (circulated with agenda) from Denbighshire County Council to use the Town Council Chamber for a meeting of the West Rhyl Housing Improvement Project Board to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 due to the unavailability of Russell House meeting rooms on that date.

Members generally referred to the importance of the Project Board and it was ***RESOLVED*** that the request be approved.

#### **78. MEMBERS ITEMS: NEW PROMENADE SHELTERS**

Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE advised that the new shelters would shortly become operational and sought the views of Members in respect of suitable lighting times for the new promenade shelters.

***RESOLVED*** that the County Council be advised that the Town Council would prefer the shelters to remain illuminated all night subject to a review if any complaints were received.

#### **79. MEMBERS ITEMS: RELOCATION OF OUTDOOR GYM FACILITY**

Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE advised that following the redevelopment of East Parade the existing outdoor gym would need to be relocated and sought support for it to be re-sited between the two new shelters subject to the cost being met by the developer.

***RESOLVED*** that representations be made to Denbighshire County Council accordingly.

#### **80. INFORMATION ITEM: FREE PARKING**

The Town Clerk advised that the Council would be taking advantage of the offer of five free parking days on the Saturdays leading up to Christmas commencing 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and sought volunteers to undertake the placing and removal of signage on appropriate days.

***RESOLVED*** that the following Councillors undertake the signage duties as indicated:

Morley Road – Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard  
West Kinmel Street & Library – Councillor A. R. James  
Sky Tower – Councillor P. Prendergast  
Underground Car Park – Councillor Ms J. McAlpine

**81. INFORMATION ITEM: CHRISTMAS POPS**

The Town Clerk advised Members of the availability of tickets for Christmas Pops at St. Thomas's Church.

**82. INFORMATION ITEM: MAYOR'S CHARITY EVENING**

The Town Clerk requested that those Members wishing to purchase tickets for the evening advise the Mayor as soon as possible

**83. QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present.

**84. 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.

**85. CCTV AGREEMENT**

The Town Council's appointed representative on the CCTV Partnership Board submitted his confidential report in respect of the future operation of the system.

**RESOLVED** that:

- i) the report be received and the representative be thanked for the information contained therein and be requested to submit the suggestion to the Partnership Board that Neptune Development be requested for a contribution.
- ii) an invitation be extended to the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner to attend a future meeting of the Town Council to discuss current abnormal levels of serious crime in the town

**86. JOINT MEMBERS AREA GROUP/RHYL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Further to the confidential joint meeting between the Town Council and the Rhyl Area Members Group held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 the Town Clerk sought instruction as to how he should proceed.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to ask Denbighshire County Council to provide the Town Council with something akin to a business plan to formalise the offer recently made of the Town Council to consider a significant financial contribution to the major development works on the Promenade, including all financial projections.

**87. STANDING ITEM: POLICE CLOSURE ORDERS**

Further to minute no.79 of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016, the Town Clerk advised that no applications had been received from North Wales Police.

**88. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....