

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 19th April 2017 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, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, Ms J. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, S.H. Ratcliffe, A. J. Rutherford, Ms R. Siddall, D. Simmons, Rev. S. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels - Town Clerk

152. OPENING OF MEETING

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. Councillor S. Walker, commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer.

153. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors I. W. Armstrong (indisposed), W. N. Tasker (indisposed) , T. Thomas (on holiday) and Deputy Town Clerk Miss H. J. Windus (indisposed).

154. MINUTES

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

Meeting of Council - 15th March 2017 - Min. Nos. 138 - 151

Proposed by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 15th March 2017 - Min. Nos. 58 - 60

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen James and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. C. Chard and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 5th April 2017 - Min. Nos. 61 - 64

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

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 5th April 2017 - Min. Nos. 124 - 140

Proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

155. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor referred to the various events they had attended and enjoyed.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

156. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS / ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST

Further to minute no.143 of the meeting of Council held on 15th March, and in accordance with the Council's adopted financial regulations, the Town Clerk submitted Schedule B, a list of non-regular payments to be released over the coming month.

RESOLVED that the following be approved for payment and signed by the Mayor and the Chair of Finance and General Purposes.

(a) *Schedule B Payments for Approval (April 2017)*

Supplier Name	Description of Services Provided	Voucher No.	Payment Method	Amount £
NWN Media	Events Leaflet distribution in Rhyl Journal	261	Bank Trans	202.76
Blachere	Purchase of Illuminations	262	Bank Trans	4,380.00
Blachere	Purchase of Illuminations	263	Bank Trans	1,571.14
4TheCommunity	Construction of Little Library Boxes	264	Bank Trans	390.00
Gunsmoke Communications	Promotional Expenses for Events Programme	265	Bank Trans	154.83
T2Green	Catering and Room Hire for Mayors Charity Quiz	266	Cheque	472.00
The Aloud Charity	Net Proceeds from Mayors Charity Quiz	267	Cheque	700.00
N&MW Association	3 Delegates for Meeting Friday 21 April 2017	268	Bank Trans	48.00
Total for Schedule B				£7,918.73

157. PRESENTATION BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting Ms Eleri Watkins (North Wales Manager), together with choir members Daniel Hilton and Harri Rees Jones all from the Rhyl Only Boys Aloud and presented a cheque for £700 raised during her year in office.

The representatives duly accepted the cheque and thanked the Mayor for the amount raised. They advised of the role of the choir in the local community and on the number of Rhyl members.

Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen James advised that in her role as Vice Chair of the County Council she had attended a recent concert at Rhyl Town Hall by the Choir which she thought was exceptional.

158. REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL - WICKED WALES 16

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a request from Ms Rhiannon Hughes MBE, Festival Director, to address a future meeting of Council in respect of a proposed International Film Festival.

RESOLVED that the request be approved and Ms Hughes be invited to attend a meeting after the forthcoming elections.

159. DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE POWERS

Further to minute no.130 of the meeting held on 15th February 2017, the Chair requested confirmation of arrangements for the delegation of executive powers during the period 20th April 2017 – 8th May 2017 to the Town Clerk in consultation with the following Members:

Civic Matters	-	Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor
Planning Matters	-	Chair and/or Vice-Chair of Planning Committee
SOP Committee items	-	Chair and/or Vice-Chair of SOP Committee
All Other Business	-	Chair and/or Vice-Chair of F&GP

For the period 8th May 2017 until the Annual Meeting on 17th May 2017, the delegation of executive powers for all matters to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Mayor.

RESOLVED that the arrangements be confirmed.

160. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Town Clerk advised that following the announcement of a General Election to be held on 8th June 2017 he required guidance in respect of the Finance and General Purposes Committee currently scheduled to be held on 7th June, 2017. He advised that it was normal practice for the Council to cancel meetings which fell immediately before an election however due to necessary timescales which needed to be complied with this was not possible on this occasion. The Town Clerk suggested that it would be possible to reschedule the meeting the 14th June 2017 should Members prefer.

A Member referred to recent press speculation that the Local Government elections to be held on 4th May 2017 might be rescheduled to coincide with the General Election and the potential additional costs which would fall on the Town Council if this was accurate.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) *The meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee currently scheduled to be held on 7th June 2017 be postponed to 14th June 2017, and*
- (ii) *The Town Clerk to make enquiries of the Elections Officer at Denbighshire County Council to ascertain whether there was any possibility of the rescheduling of the Local Government elections and if so to make representations to the Welsh Government Minister.*

161. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions asked by the members of the public present.

162. 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.*

163. STANDING ITEM: POLICE CLOSURE ORDERS

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

164. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Prior to the closure of the meeting the Mayor and other Members expressed their thanks and best wishes to the Councillors who had decided not to stand for re-election, for their commitment to their Wards and to the Town Council as a whole.

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

Mayor:

Date: