

At the **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in the Council Chamber, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs D. L. King (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, A. R. James, A. S. Johnson, Mrs P. M. Jones, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Miss S. L. Roberts, Ms V. Roberts, T. Thomas and R. J. Turner.

Gareth Nickels – Town Clerk  
Miss H. J. Windus - Deputy Town Clerk

**66. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. Ball, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, B. Jones, K. R. Jones and A. J. Rutherford.

**67. MINUTES**

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

Council - 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - Min.Nos.52-65

Proposed by Councillor Mrs D. L. King and seconded by Councillor Mrs P. M. Jones and **RESOLVED** as a correct record

Planning Committee - 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - Min.Nos.18-20

Proposed by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and seconded by Councillor A. S. Johnson and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

**68. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Deputy Mayor referred to the Urdd Gobaith Cymru Esteddfod Announcement Festival and Procession she had attended in Prestatyn which she described as a fantastic day thanks to the good weather.

Councillor King advised that the Mayor had asked her to mention the brilliant RNLI Welcome Home to the Shannon Class Lifeboat event at Rhyl Lifeboat Station, which had been really well attended and very enjoyable.

**RESOLVED** that the report was received.

**69. PRESENTATION: 'TOGETHER IN DEMENTIA EVERYDAY' (TIDE)**

Further to minute no.18 of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019, the Town Clerk advised that unfortunately Ms Helen Wilkinson and Ms Vanessa Van Lierde had not yet arrived and suggested that the item be returned to should they do so before the close of the meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the presentation be returned to accordingly.

**70. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A) – SEPTEMBER 2019**

The Chair referred to the Town Clerk's report (circulated with agenda) detailing the schedule of payments made.

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount £	Description of Goods & Services
832	Denbighshire CC	32,622.00	Contribution to Rhyl Waterpark Instalment 5
833	HSBC	7.90	Bank Charges 17/07/19 to 16/08/19
834	BT	128.16	Internet Rental Charges
837	Flints CC (Clwyd Pension Fund)	4,290.48	Pension Contributions & Deficit Funding August 2019
838	HMRC	2,743.31	PAYE Deductions August 2019
835	Gunsmoke Communications	1,280.00	Events Management Fees for August 2019
836	RTC Staff	7,146.32	Staff Salaries September 2019
716	Denbighshire CC	723.00	NNDR for Wellington Road Offices - Payment 6 of 10
723	Benefits Advice Shop	916.67	Part Time Appeals Officer 19/20 Payment 6 of 12
839	BT	166.22	Rental Charges
	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£50,024.06</b>	

**RESOLVED** that the report was approved.

**71. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS / ADDITIONS TO THE APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST (SCHEDULE B)**

Further to minute no.143 of the meeting of council held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 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) and details of one additional supplier to be added to the suppliers list after members' approval.

**RESOLVED** that the following was approved for payment and signed by two councillors.

*Schedule B payments for approval (11<sup>th</sup> September – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019)*

Supplier	Details of Supply	Voucher Number	Amount £
Newsquest Media	Public Notice	846	274.80
Flying Colours Entertainment Ltd	Stilt walkers for Halloween event	847	840.00
Blachere Illumination UK Limited	LED sparklight 24v pure white with green cable	848	852.00
Cllr E Chard	Travel Expenses June 2019 – missed off claim	849	13.50
ECL Plastics Ltd	Collection buckets	850	58.14
Cllr J Chamberlain-Jones	Mileage for NMWATC meeting 19/9/19	851	21.60
Waterloo Hire Ltd	Toilets for Remembrance Sunday	857	90.00
Soroptimist International Rhyl & District	International Night meal for Mayor's Consort	858	18.50
NMWATC	Lunches for 4 delegates at meeting 25/10/19 in Holywell	859	68.00
<b>Total Schedule B</b>			<b>£2,236.54</b>

Emergency Payments – Vouchers 848, 858 & 859 was approved as an emergency payment by the Town Clerk as payments had to be made before the next meeting (F&GP on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019).

**72. STATEMENT OF PETTY CASH PAYMENTS: 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL – 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

The Deputy Mayor referred to the Town Clerk's report (circulated with agenda) requiring members' approval of expenditure from petty cash during the above six month period, payment schedule attached as appendix A.

**RESOLVED** that the following payments were approved.

Description of Goods & Services	Amount
Flowers for Mayor's Inauguration 15/5/19	£50.00
Postage – Annual Return to Internal Auditor	£2.26
Envelope to post annual return to BDO	£1.25
Postage for Annual Return to BDO	£4.00
Stationery	£6.14
Meeting refreshments	£15.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>£78.68</b>

**73. INVESTMENTS PERFORMANCE REPORT - APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2019**

The Town Clerk made reference to his and the Finance Officer's joint report (circulated with agenda) on the council's investment returns, which in total had earned a modest £985.67 during the period.

**RESOLVED** that the report was received.

**74. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATION - RHYL BUSINESS GROUP**

The Town Clerk asked members to consider appointing a replacement representative to the group in view of Councillor T. Thomas having to step down from the position as he had now become Chair of the group. Town Council representatives were not permitted to take up official positions within the organisations.

Follow-on discussions about the Rhyl Business Improvement District (BID) were had, with some concerns / issues raised by members on behalf of town centre businesses.

A suggestion was made for the town council to host a meeting for all Rhyl businesses, at which the BID will be discussed and businesses asked to consider joining the business group or the merits of forming a new group.

**RESOLVED** that:

- i) the invitation to re-appoint was declined.*
- ii) the Town Clerk to report back on the progress of the BID and the issues raised by local businesses, for further consideration.*

**[Councillor T. Thomas declared a prejudicial interest in the above item due to his position as Chair of the Rhyl Business Group, and vacated the chamber, taking no further part in discussions or voting thereon]**

**75. PRESENTATION: 'TOGETHER IN DEMENTIA EVERYDAY' (TIDE)**

As Ms Helen Wilkinson and Ms Vanessa Van Lierde had arrived the Deputy Mayor invited them to address members.

Ms Wilkinson firstly apologised for their late arrival and went on to advise that:

- the project was DVSC lead and received its core funding from Welsh Government until the end of the project life in March 2021, at which point the aim was that the scheme would be self-sufficient.
- They would deliver a 'dementia action plan' from awareness to action.
- They were looking to establish a Rhyl Action Group.
- They would be happy to return to the town council to deliver a Dementia Friends session, making councillors all official Dementia Friends.

In response to members' questions and comments, Ms Van Lierde advised that:

- They had supported 'Outside Lives', a social enterprise start-up, dementia friendly films at Rhyl's Little Theatre, TIDE Life Story Network and tours of St. Asaph Cathedral.
- They didn't provide a service to people with dementia as such, their work was focussed on raising awareness within communities, but they did signpost to local services.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Ms Wilkinson and Ms Van Lierde for their presentation

**76. MEMBERS ITEM: SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH AUTISM**

Councillor B. Blakeley sought members' support for the town council becoming more aware of autism and the many daily challenges it presents for sufferers.

Councillor Blakeley suggested that the town council's small events programme could consider autism friendly elements? Other suggestions were to promote the wearing of 'hidden disability' lanyards to encourage a more understanding reaction from members of the public?

A councillor advised that there were a number of autism friendly initiatives in operation in Rhyl, and referred to a 'no tannoy' hour from 4-5pm in Home Bargains, as a great policy that perhaps wasn't promoted enough?

***RESOLVED*** that a small panel of councillors (Councillors Blakeley, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, Ms J. L. McAlpine and Miss S. L. Roberts) to meet with representatives of Prestatyn Town Council, who already support families with autism, with a view to producing a proposal for the town council to consider introducing

**77. INFORMATION ITEMS**

The Deputy Mayor advised that there were no urgent matters to raise.

**78. QUESTION TIME**

No questions were asked by members of the public present.

**79. 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.

**80. INFORMATION: CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

The Deputy Mayor referred to the minutes of the SOP Committee meeting (circulated with agenda) for members' information:

SOP Committee - 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - Min.Nos.8-14

***RESOLVED*** that the minutes were received.

**81. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Deputy Mayor: .....

Date: .....