

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James (Mayor)

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

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

**162. OPENING OF MEETING**

The Mayor's Chaplain, Archdeacon of St. Asaph, the Rev. Andy Grimwood, commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer.

**163. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. Ball, Ms J. Hughes, K. R. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, A. J. Rutherford and Miss C. L. Williams.

**164. PRESENTATION TO WINNERS OF THE G2G CHILDREN'S POETRY COMPETITION**

The Mayor reported that unfortunately representatives of G2G were unable to attend, and that the presentation would be re-arranged in the Mayor's Parlour before the end of her year in office.

**165. ASSEMBLY MEMORIAL CHAIRS: PRESENTATION OF COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL BOOK TO COUNCIL**

The Mayor welcomed Mr Toni Vitti to the meeting and invited him to address the council.

Mr Vitti briefly advised on his interest and research to date on the Belgian refugees who have settled in Rhyl since World War One, and on his latest involvement with the Assembly Memorial Chairs. A five year touring installation throughout the British Isles of five chairs from Passchendaele's St. Audomarus Church, each representing the casualties of each year of World War One (1914-1918). The tour included The Marble Church in Bodelwyddan and latterly all countries where people were born who finally lost their lives, were invited to enter a chair to be part of a permanent display at the In Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres.

Mr Vitti had chosen a chair from one of the Belgian refugee's homes in Rhyl.

A small commemorative Assembly Memorial Chairs book had been produced featuring a page on every chair entered, and Mr Vitti presented the Mayor with a copy.

The Mayor accepted the book which would be displayed in the Mayor's Parlour.

The council congratulated Mr Vitti and thanked him for his involvement in the Assembly Memorial Chairs and for representing Wales and Rhyl's proud contribution.

#### **166. PRESENTATION OF TOWN CREST**

Further to minute no.143 of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Councillor Mrs D. L. King presented the Mayor with a framed photograph of her presenting a town crest to Mr Gaston Browne, the Prime Minister of Antigua, in Antigua earlier this month.

The photograph would be displayed in the Mayor's Parlour.

#### **167. MINUTES**

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

Meeting of Council - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Min.Nos.149-161

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

Planning Committee - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Min.Nos.58-60

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 - Min.Nos.61-64

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 - Min.Nos.116-126

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

#### **168. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor referred to the events she and the Deputy Mayor had attended during the past month and in particular to the opening of SC2, to judging the Easter egg competition at Ysgol Bryn Hedydd and asking Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts to pass on her congratulations to Ysgol Plas Cefndy for its recent excellent Estyn report.

**RESOLVED** that the report was received.

## **169. PRESENTATION: RNLI**

Further to minute no.131 of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019, the Mayor welcomed Mr Brian Allen, Community Safety Officer, to the meeting and invited him to address the council to advise on his role as part of the RNLI's 'Respect the Water' campaign.

Mr Allen reported that:

- he was the only Community Safety Officer in North Wales and that his area of responsibility had this year been reduced to Rhos Point to Talacre.
- 190 lives are lost every year due to drownings in salt waters and the 'Respect the Water' campaign aimed to reduced that figure by half.
- one of his tasks was to produce a Community Life Saving Plan for the area.
- Rhyl would be receiving a new lifeboat in October this year.
- they enjoyed a close relationship with HM Coastguard adjacent to the RNLI station, which was quite a unique position.

Mr Allen then played a short film on water safety.

In response to members' comments and questions, Mr Allen advised that:

- unfortunately the number of fatalities was fairly constant each year and increased during long periods of good weather like experienced last year.
- the Pro Kitesurfing School on Rhyl's East Parade was one of the RNLI's 'safety partners'.
- he was trying to get lifesaving inflatable 'throwbags' installed in lockers at the harbour and was working with the Harbour Master to hopefully achieve this.
- the RNLI had trained educators whose job it was to go into schools to get the water safety message across. It was part of his job to identify schools and pass their information on to the educators.
- males aged 16-39 accounted for 70% of all drownings and that 40% of people had never even intended to get their feet wet when they got into difficulty.

The Mayor thanked Mr Allen for his attendance at the meeting, which has been very informative.

## 170. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A) – APRIL 2019

The Town Clerk presented his report (circulated with agenda) detailing the schedule of payments made, and circulated an amended version with an additional payment (voucher no.730).

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount £	Description of Goods & Services
724	Sunshine Events	1,230.00	Activities for Circus Theme Event July 2019
725	Conrad	227.12	Stationary Order March 2019
726	Prestatyn Town Council – Mayor’s Charity Account	70.00	2 x Tickets to charity dinner on 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
727	James Ball	150.00	Members Expenses Allowance 2019/20
728	Fool’s Paradise Ltd	1,077.60	Bouncing Bunnies artistes for Easter Event
729	NMWATC	32.00	Lunches for 2 delegates for meeting 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
730	Sunshine Events	1,098.00	Activities for Mayor’s Fun Day 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£3,884.72</b>	

**Voucher 729** was paid on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 as an Emergency Payment (approved by Town Clerk) as payment had to be made prior to meeting (we received late notification of date of meeting).

**Voucher 730** has been added. Invoice payment is required in advance of event on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**RESOLVED** that the report was approved and signed off by two councillors.

## 171. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Chair advised that there were no urgent matters to raise.

## 172. QUESTION TIME

No questions were asked.

## 173. 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.

**174. INFORMATION: CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

The Mayor referred to the following minutes (circulated with agenda) submitted for members' information.

SOP Committee - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Min.Nos.67-73

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

**175. SOP COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONED SERVICES EXPENDITURE**

The Town Clerk reported that the SOP Committee recommended that the council continues to provide match funding for the Fuel Poverty Advisor post at the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Appeals Officer post at the Benefits Advice Shop for 2019/20.

**RESOLVED** *that the recommendations were approved and the Town Clerk to write to both organisations to thank them for the vital services, during a time of great need with less resources, that they provide for the people of Rhyl.*

**176. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....