

At the **MEETING of COUNCIL**, held via video conference, on Wednesday 15th September 2021 commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs D. L. King (Mayor)

Councillors J. Ball, B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, A. R. James, B. Jones, K. R. Jones, Ms J. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms V. Roberts, T. Thomas, and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

46. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs E. M. Chard, A. J. Rutherford and Mrs M. Walker.

47. MINUTES

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

Meeting of Council - 21st July 2021 - Min. Nos. 35-45

Proposed by Councillor Mrs D. L. King and seconded by Councillor Ms J. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 21st July 2021 - Min. Nos. 14-16

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

Planning Committee - 1st September 2021 - Min. Nos.17-20

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

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 1st September 2021 - Min. Nos.26-37

Proposed by Councillor B. Mellor and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

48. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to the list of engagements (circulated with agenda) over the past month and in particular to the meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner, the High Sheriff of Clwyd and Chair of Police and Crime

Community Trust and Friends of the Cob on Marsh Road, which she found particularly interesting and productive, as Councillor Prendergast would advise of later on the agenda.

49. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST (SCHEDULE B)

Further to minute no.143 of the meeting of council held on 15th 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 would be signed by two councillors in due course.

Schedule B payments for approval (26th August and 8th September 2021)

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount £	Description of Goods & Services
1235	Flying Colours Entertainment Limited	2,886.00	Artistes for September Sizzler
1236	Gunsmoke Communications	38.00	Advertising & sweets for September Sizzler
1237	Cllr D. L. King	433.33	Mayoral Allowance 21/22 – payment 2 of 3
1238	Cllr J. L. McAlpine	133.34	Deputy Mayoral Allowance 21/22 – payment 2 of 3
1239	Cllr D. L. King	166.67	Senior Members Allowance 21/22 – payment 2 of 3
1240	Cllr J. L. McAlpine	166.67	Senior Members Allowance 21/22 – payment 2 of 3
1241	Mr Magico (J E Hughes)	154.50	Punch & Judy for September Sizzler
1242	Fool's Paradise Ltd	2,756.40	Artistes for September Sizzler
1243	Batala Bangor	447.00	Batala Band for September Sizzler
	Total payments	£7,181.91	

RESOLVED that the schedule was approved for payment, and would be signed by two councillors in due course.

50. FRIENDS OF THE COB

Further to minute no.91 of the meeting held on 20th December 2017, the Mayor invited Councillor P. Prendergast to provide members with a progress report.

Councillor Prendergast advised that the group had been running since May 2018 and created following the conclusion of the Communities First initiative.

Councillor Prendergast reminded members that the town council's £178 to pay for two members of the group to visit an upcycling site in London to see a successful enterprise in operation and bring ideas back to their 're-makery', unfortunately hadn't progressed, as it proved not to be self-funding.

Since then the group had initially established a drop-in service and 'safe space' offering help and practical support as well as sign-posting to anybody finding themselves outside of or falling in between formal assistance packages. People in need of company and help to build their confidence for example.

This had further expanded and developed into a place offering the use of computers (having three workstations available) and a workshop for wood-working, partnering with a training agency and training individuals to NVQ level.

Councillor Prendergast added that 2020 had been particularly hard financially, as it had been for many, and that the only grant they had successfully secured had been from the National Lottery, and the wood they use is kindly provided by a local forestry commission.

The project also grew plants and was hoping to extend their growing capability to include vegetables from seed, and would give seeds to a local foodbank for people to grow their own, via a small beginners planting kit.

They had recently been visited by the High Sheriff, etc, as mentioned by the Mayor earlier, which had led to another grant lead and to working with DCC's Countyside Services.

Another visit was planned from DCC's Chief Executive, Mr Graham Boase and Head of Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services, Mr Emlyn Jones, and they were hoping for ITV Wales to come over and do a piece for the teatime news.

The workshop now had a new roof with solar panels providing them with free electricity.

The project was very worthwhile and had three apprentices on-board.

Councillor Prendergast invited councillors to go along and see the Friends of the Cob and their work for themselves, and that anybody wanting to should to arrange a visit via himself.

In response to members' questions, Councillor Prendergast advised that:

- Retail training for the selling of produce was planned for the future.
- That there was a selection of bird tables available.
- They would be looking for a further three apprentices. Male or female and not just school leavers. All ages would be welcome to apply.
- The apprenticeships were currently advertised in schools and jobcentres.

The Mayor thanking Councillor Prendergast for this report.

51. CONSULTATION: AWEL Y MOR OFFSHORE WIND FARM

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above (circulated with agenda) with the full consultation available online at awelymor.cymru

The Town Clerk advised that it was no likely that the wind farm would be reduced in size and that electricity would be delivered via cables making landfall to the east of Rhyl (on the fringe of the Brynhedydd Ward) and travelling to the onshore substation in Bodelwyddan.

The Town Clerk encouraged members to complete the online questionnaire.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk to write to Awel Y Mor to convey the town council's disappointment that there is no community fund planned as there has been with other wind farm operators in the area.

52. CONSULTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – UK GOVERNMENT'S LEVELLING UP FUND

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the above (circulated with agenda) including a Capital Project Proposal form for members to complete and submit individually.

The Town Clerk suggested that members should consider supporting one project to make a stronger case, and advised that in her absence, Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield had suggested the Queen's Market scheme?

Councillor T. Thomas suggested the High Street might be another to consider as he was quite confident that the Queen's Market scheme had secured all of the necessary funding to complete it.

RESOLVED that members to submit their own individual projects.

53. CONSULTATION: BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES – 2023 REVIEW PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

The Town Clerk referred to the above (map showing existing and proposed constituency circulated with agenda) and advised that the Boundary Commission for Wales (BCW) had launched an online consultation at bcw-reviews.org.uk in respect of the proposed changes, which would result in the existing Vale of Clwyd constituency ceasing to exist with Rhyl falling within a new Clwyd constituency.

The Town Clerk advised that the UK Government had determined that the number of Welsh MPs would be reduced from 40 to 32, with the Boundary Commission tasked with determining how the boundaries of the new constituencies would be drawn.

In simple terms they are dividing up the Welsh population so that each constituency comprises between eight electors, and are basing their proposals on the existing electoral wards on numbers alone.

This will result in the existing Vale of Clwyd constituency being split into three new ones, 'Clwyd', 'Delyn' and 'Montgomeryshire & Glyndwr'.

Rhyl would fall under the Clwyd constituency along with Bodelwyddan, Denbigh, Rhuddlan and St. Asaph and would stretch along the coast to Colwyn

Bay with an electorate of 76,380 (the top end of the requirement). 40,482 of these would be Denbighshire electors.

Dyserth, Prestatyn and Ruthin would form part of the Delyn constituency.

The BCW are seeking views on their proposals and the factors they will consider are:

- Special geographical considerations, including, in particular, size and shape
- Accessibility of a constituency
- Local Government boundaries that existed or were prospective on 1st December 2020
- Boundaries of existing constituencies
- Any 'local ties' that would be broken by changes in constituencies
- The inconveniences attendant on such changes

What they will not consider is the impact the changes might have on political parties.

Furthermore, the impact of the proposals would mean that the existing links between Rhyl and Prestatyn would be severed and the County of Denbighshire would unlikely be the primary Council in any of the new constituencies.

Members felt that an argument could be made around the strong links and cohesion currently enjoyed by Rhyl and Prestatyn and that Rhyl seems to have been grouped with a mountain range when there is more commonality with neighbouring Towyn, Kinmel and Gronant?

RESOLVED that members to e-mail their opinions to the Town Clerk for him to collate and build a response around.

54. MEMBER'S ITEM: CAR PARKING CHARGES IN TOWN CENTRE

The Town Clerk suggested that the item be deferred as Councillor A. S. Johnson was not present.

RESOLVED that the item was deferred to a future meeting.

55. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: