

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 19th October 2022 via hybrid meeting, commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs D. L. King (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs J. M. Evans, S. Feeney, A. R. James, K. R. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms V. Roberts, A. Walker and Mrs M. A. Walker.

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

57. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors Miss S. L. Roberts, D. Simmons and Miss C. L. Williams.

58. PRESENTATION TO ST. MARY'S CHURCH CONGREGATION AND THE FILIPINO CHOIR

The Mayor welcomed Father Anthony Nnamah, May Castillo and members of the Filipino choir to the meeting and thanked them all for their part in her civic service.

The Mayor referred to the lovely service, excellent refreshments, decoration and flowers and to the wonderful choir, and presented them with a framed certificate of thanks.

59. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the following Council and committee meetings (copies enclosed):

Meeting of Council - 28th September 2022 - Min. Nos: 42-56

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor B. Mellor and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

The Town Clerk advised that Councillor D. Simmons' apologies had not been recorded in the minutes, and that the minutes would be amended to include them.

With regard to min.no.44 (Presentation: Denbighshire County Council – Mr Mike Jones – Rhyl Promenade Development), Councillor A. R. James referred to the conversation about the Rhyl Member Area Group (MAG) that took place within the item and read aloud the response he had had from Denbighshire County Council's Senior Legal Officer, Mr Gary Williams.

The issue of excluding town councillors from the majority of Rhyl MAG meetings, only inviting Rhyl county councillors was raised by Councillor James on the town council's behalf.

Mr Williams response explained that the purpose of the meetings was to discuss with and inform county councillors on county matters, and that the town council was a separate authority.

Planning Committee - 28th September 2022 - Min. Nos: 21-24

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Mrs P. M. Jones and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

60. PRESENTATION: COLEG LLANDRILLO PRINCIPAL, MR LAWRENCE WOOD

The Mayor reported that unfortunately Mr Wood had advised that he could not now attend tonight's meeting, and that the presentation would be re-scheduled.

61. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Chair referred to events the Mayor and Deputy Mayor had attended on behalf of the Council over the past month (circulated with agenda), particularly her civic service at St. Mary's Catholic Church, which had been a wonderful occasion and again thanked everybody at the church for welcoming and looking after all who attended so beautifully.

The Deputy Mayor referred to the Prestatyn and Rhyl Lions Club's 53rd Charter Night and said that she was really impressed by the work that they do and that she had thoroughly enjoyed the night.

The Mayor also thanked Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard for her attendance at the Battle of Britain Historical Exhibition at Rhyl Town Hall on her behalf and as a past Mayor herself.

62. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A) SEPTEMBER 2022

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

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount	Description of Goods & Services
1477	BT	269.17	Phone line & Internet
1478	HSBC	11.05	Bank charges 17 July to 16 August 2022
1487	Gunsmoke Communications	1280.00	Management fee for August 2022
1488	HMRC	2936.38	PAYE deductions for August 2022
1489	Clwyd Pension Fund	4339.63	Pension deductions & deficit funding for August 2022
1490	RTC Staff	7483.87	Net pay for RTC staff for September 2022
1391	Denbighshire CC	736.00	NNDR for Civic Offices, WRCC, Rhyl
1419	Benefits Advice Shop	916.66	Part-time Appeals Officer – payment 5 of 12
1435	Citizens Advice Denbighshire	2000.00	Energy Efficiency Officer 22/23 – payment 2 of 4

1491	BT	239.00	Line rental
	Total payments	20,211.76	

Category	Description	Amount
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	63.70
HSBC	Interest on Money Manager Account	15.58
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	23.51
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HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	28.87
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	Total income	212.91

63. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST

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 be signed by two councillors in due course.

Supplier	Details of Supply	Voucher Number	Amount £
Chernobyl Children's Lifeline North Wales	2 x tickets to Gala Night on 29 th Oct 2022	1501	76.00
Prestatyn & Rhyl Lions Club	2 x tickets to event on 15 th Oct 2022	1502	50.00
Navy League Sea Cadets Corp	2 x tickets to 80 th Anniversary Mess Dinner on 21 st Oct 2022	1507	60.00
Sioned Graham-Cameron	Translation services	1512	402.60
Rhyl Fire Station Welfare & Recreation Club	Contribution towards Bonfire & Fireworks 2022	1513	5,000.00
One Stop Promotions Ltd	2 x Welsh Flag for Remembrance Gardens	1514	158.40
Plantscape Ltd (G. Burley & Sons)	2 x hanging Christmas tree decorations	1515	328.80
North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils	Annual fee 2022/23	1516	100.00
Cllr D. L. King	Mayoral expenses for Sept 2022		175.80
Total Schedule B			£6,351.60

Emergency Payments: Vouchers 1501, 1502, 1507 & 1515 were approved by the Town Clerk as payments had to be made to secure tickets/goods.

Card Payments: One card payment (Voucher No.1514) to complete an online order.

The Town Clerk advised of an error on the schedule relating to the payment made to the Mayor for expenses, which should be £152.40, and not £175.80 as recorded.

RESOLVED that the amended schedule was approved for payment, and signed by two councillors.

64. INVESTMENTS PERFORMANCE REPORT – QUARTER 2 2022/23

Further to min.no.32 of the meeting of Council held on 20th July 2021, the Town Clerk referred to his and the Finance Officer's joint report (circulated with agenda) showing a modest return of £516.31.

RESOLVED that the report was received.

65. APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY SCHOOL GOVERNOR – YSGOL EMMANUEL

The Mayor reported the resignation of Councillor Mrs M. A. Walker from the position of the town council's appointed additional Community Governor, and asked members to consider appointing a replacement.

Councillor Ms V. Roberts advised the Town Clerk that Ysgol Llywelyn had not received her appointment letter as the town council's additional Community Governor.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) The appointment be deferred to the next meeting of Council.
- (ii) The Town Clerk to look into Councillor Roberts' appointment letter to Ysgol Llywelyn and report back to her.

66. 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.

67. ADDITIONAL ITEM: REQUEST FROM DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – MR WESLEY HUTTON

The Town Clerk confidentially reported that Mr Hutton had identified a local couple who he felt were deserving of some recognition for their almost daily litter-picks along the promenade and the beach.

RESOLVED that a letter of thanks from the Mayor be sent to the couple.

68A. ILLUMINATIONS

The Town Clerk referred to his confidential report (circulated separately to the agenda), seeking authority to put the illuminations lease scheme contract out to tender via Sell2Wales.

The Town Clerk also suggested that the contract be referred to the Strategic and Operational Planning (SOP) Committee for its full consideration before presenting Council with a recommendation.

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the SOP Committee and the Town Clerk authorised to put the contract out to tender via Sell2Wales.

68B. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS 2022

The Town Clerk confidentially advised of the planned arrangements for this year's services, which now that Covid restrictions had been lifted, would be very much in line with the provision prior to the pandemic.

RESOLVED that the arrangements were approved and the Town Clerk to happily issue a press release to inform the public that it was 'business as usual'

69. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: