

At a hybrid **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022, commencing at 6.00pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors Mrs M. A. Blakeley-Walker, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs J. M. Evans, S. Feeney, A. R. James, K. R. Jones, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms V. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, A. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels - Town Clerk

#### **83. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs D. L. King, D. Simmons and Deputy Town Clerk Miss H. J. Windus.

#### **84. MINUTES**

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

Meeting of Council - 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - Min. Nos: 70-82

Proposed by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - Min. Nos: 31-33

Proposed by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Min. Nos: 34-36

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor S. Feeney and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

To confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Min.Nos: 41-50

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

#### **85. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Deputy Mayor referred to events the Mayor and herself had attended on behalf of the Council over the past month (circulated with agenda), particularly to the Rhyl & District Musical Theatre Company's Civic Reception and production of 'The Wedding Singer' which she described as fantastic.

**86. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ADDITIONS TO 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 be signed by two councillors in due course.

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Details of Supply</b>	<b>Voucher Number</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Delwedd Ltd	Increase enquiries mailbox size	1556	12.96
Denbighshire CC	Recharges for May 2022 Elections	1557	31,883.46
Gwasg.com	Printing of Final Edition of Rhyl Read	1558	1,970.00
Denbighshire CC	Rental charge for Tir Morfa Bus Stop	1559	1.00
Delwedd Ltd	Migration of mailboxes to Office 365	1560	144.00
Delwedd Ltd	Office 365 subscriptions	1561	541.44
Denbighshire CC	Rental charge for Remembrance Gardens	1562	13.50
Denbighshire CC	Grounds Maintenance SLA 22/23	1563	37,486.21
Denbighshire CC	Remembrance Gardens SLA 22/23	1564	6,778.08
Denbighshire CC	Service charges for Wellington Rd – April-Dec 2022	1565	11,469.00
<b>Total Schedule B</b>			<b>£90,299.65</b>

**Emergency Payments:** None

**Card Payments:** None

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

**87. MEMBER'S ITEM: RHYL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)**

On behalf of Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, the Town Clerk sought members' approval for an invitation to be extended to the Rhyl BID for representatives to attend a future meeting of Council to report on its achievements so far.

***RESOLVED*** that the invitation was approved.

**88. 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.

## 89. HONORARY FREEMAN / FREEWOMAN REPORT

The Town Clerk referred to his confidential report (circulated with agenda) and confirmed that the nomination deadline had passed, with no nominations received.

**RESOLVED** that the report was noted.

## 90. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted (circulated with agenda) for members' information and approval of the recommendations contained therein:

Grounds Maintenance - 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 - Min. Nos. 11 – 17  
Sub-Committee

Strategic & Operational - 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Min. Nos. 29 - 37  
Planning (SOP) Committee

**RESOLVED** that the minutes were received and approved, with thanks to the Deputy Town Clerk and the Grounds Maintenance Sub-Committee members for their hard work.

## 91. ERASMUS PROJECT

The Town Clerk referred to his confidential report (circulated with agenda) for members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** that the report was received and the recommendation contained within the report was approved.

**[Councillors S. Feeney, A. R. James, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and Ms V. Roberts declared personal interests in the above item]**

## 92. ANNUAL BUDGET / FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

Further to the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the Town Clerk asked members to formally approve the budget recommendations (circulated with agenda); and to levy a precept for the financial year 2023/24 and to advise Denbighshire County Council accordingly.

Having considered the recommendations of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, particularly in respect of a request from Denbighshire Leisure Limited for the Council to revise its level of contribution towards event, members approved them and the recommended precept of £555,954. This would represent a slight increase of 0.33% on the 2022/23 precept requiring a charge of £57.85 for a Band D property (an increase of £0.19 to the 2021/22 charge).

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) the Council approves and levies a precept of £555,954 (Five Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four Pounds) upon Denbighshire County Council for the financial year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, Denbighshire County Council to be advised accordingly.

(ii) *The Finance Officer be thanked for his work in this regard.*

**[Councillor P. Prendergast declared a personal and a prejudicial interest in the above item due to his position on the Board of Denbighshire Leisure Limited, and vacated the Chamber taking no further part in discussions or voting thereon]**

**93. CANCELLATION OF MEETINGS**

The Town Clerk requested that the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee scheduled to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 be cancelled.

**RESOLVED** *that the request was approved.*

**94. ADDITIONAL ITEM: SOLAR POWERED CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS**

The Town Clerk advised that the two solar powered units were installed at the bus station and asked members to take a look at them and let him know their opinion of them for future reference.

**95. ADDITIONAL ITEM: 'RHYL READ'**

The Town Clerk advised that the latest bumper edition has been delivered to the office and asked members to call in and collect some for distribution in their wards.

The Town Clerk advised members that the Rhyl Read should not be delivered alongside any political materials for the forthcoming election, as this was contrary to Election Law.

**96. ADDITIONAL ITEM: WITHDRAWAL OF A PLANNING APPLICATION**

The Town Clerk reported the withdrawal of the application relating to Maes Emlyn, that was to be considered at the meeting of the Planning Committee immediately after this meeting.

Additionally, Denbighshire County Council's Housing department had offered to attend a meeting of Council to inform members of the proposed use of the premises.

**RESOLVED** *that the offer of a presentation be accepted to come before the Town Council's Planning Committee.*

**97. ADDITIONAL ITEM: MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

On behalf of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor read aloud a Christmas message and thanks from Councillor D. L. King.

**98. CHRISTMAS RECESS – DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE POWERS**

The Chair sought members' approval for the delegation of executive powers to the Town Clerk in consultation with the following members for the period 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 until 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

- Civic Matters - Mayor and / or Deputy Mayor
- Planning Matters - Chair and / or Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee
- SOP Committee - Chair and / or Vice-Chair of SOP Committee
- All Other Business - Chair and / or Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

**RESOLVED** *that the arrangements were confirmed*

**99. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Deputy Mayor: .....

Date: .....