

At a hybrid **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 18th January 2023, commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs D. L. King (Mayor)

Councillors Mrs M. A. Blakeley-Walker, 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, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms V. Roberts, D. Simmons, A. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

100. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs P. M. Jones and A. J. Rutherford.

101. MINUTES

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

Meeting of Council - 21st December 2022 - Min. Nos: 83-99

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

Planning Committee - 21st December 2022 - Min. Nos: 37-39

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

102. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor referred to events the Deputy Mayor and herself had attended on behalf of the Council over the past month (circulated with agenda), particularly to the Christmas pantomime at the Pavilion Theatre, at which a collection for her charities was taken and raised £386.64.

The Deputy Mayor said she had had a great time at the RNLI Boxing Day Dip, although hadn't been brave enough to do the dipping part!

103. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A)

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
1526	Tesco Mobile	3.00	Monthly insurance payment

1539	BT	269.17	Phone & Broadband lines
1540	HSBC	8.00	Bank charges 17 th Oct to 16 th Nov 2022
1555	HSBC	32.00	Annual card fee
1552	HMRC	2,771.11	PAYE deductions for Nov 2022
1553	Clwyd Pension Fund	4,339.63	Pension deductions & deficit funding for Nov 2022
1554	RTC Staff	10,685.02	Net pay for RTC staff for Dec 2022
1391	Denbighshire CC	736.00	NNDR for Civic Offices, WRCC, Rhyl
1419	Benefits Advice Shop	916.66	Part-time Appeals Officer – payment 9 of 12
1435	Citizens Advice Denbighshire	2,000.00	Energy Efficiency Officer 22/23 – payment 3 of 4
1539	Tesco Mobile	3.00	Monthly insurance payment
1555	Denbighshire CC	15,000.00	CCTV Partnership 22/23
	Total payments	36,763.59	

Category	Description	Amount
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	41.27
Santander	Interest on 31 Day Notice Account	117.12
HSBC	Interest on Money Manager Account	48.62
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	33.56
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	26.85
Rhyl BID	Reimbursement for frames for Christmas Windows competition	22.00
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	23.01
Denbighshire CC	Precept 2022/23 – tranche 3 of 3	184,128.00
HSBC	Interest on 7 Day Deposit	23.02
	Total income	184,463.45

104. 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 be signed by two councillors in due course.

Supplier	Details of Supply	Voucher Number	Amount £
BJS Solutions	Labour & parts – works @ Rhyl TC	1572	864.00
BJS Solutions	Renew Trend Anti-Virus	1573	359.88
NMWATC	Lunches for 2 delegates for meeting 20 th Jan 2023	1574	44.00
Cllr D. L. King	Mayoral expenses for Dec 2023	1575	85.00
Denbighshire CC	Service charges for Jan – March	1576	3,823.00

	2023 for Wellington Rd CC		
Lawnsience	Treatment at Remembrance Gardens	1577	40.00
Total Schedule B			£5,215.88

Emergency Payments: None

Card Payments: None

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

105. INVESTMENTS PERFORMANCE REPORT – DECEMBER 2022

The Town Clerk referred to his and the Finance Officer's report (circulated with agenda) advising of improved interest rates leading to better returns, particularly from the council's 31 Day Notice Account.

The Town Clerk and the Finance Officer suggested increasing the deposit amount in that account from £75,000 to £85,000 (£85,000 being the maximum possible due to Financial Services Compensation Scheme protection arrangements), to enable the council to further benefit from the improved rates.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the increase in the deposit held in the 31-day notice account to £85,000 be approved.

106. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES: DENBIGHSHIRE CCTV BOARD

The Mayor reported the resignation of Councillor B. Mellor as the town council's appointed representative on the partnership board and asked members to consider appointing another representative and substitute.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for 25th January 2023.

RESOLVED that Councillor Ms J. McAlpine was appointed as the town council's new representative, and Councillor A. R. James the substitute.

107. ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL – MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BETSI CADWALADR HEALTH BOARD

Further to min.no.45 of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 7th December 2022, the Town Clerk made reference to a letter and a briefing note received from Mr Mark Polin OBE QPM, Chairman of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (circulated with agenda), advising that it would be more beneficial for representatives of the health board to attend a meeting of the town council in March.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) representatives from the health board would hopefully attend the meeting of Council to be held on 15th March 2023.

- (ii) *The Town Clerk to call a briefing meeting half an hour before the March meeting to enable councillors to prepare a clear set of questions and comments.*

108. CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

The Town Clerk referred to correspondence received from Denbighshire County Council's Monitoring Officer (circulated with agenda) advising of a number of training sessions being made available for councillors to attend.

The Town Clerk reminded councillors that it was mandatory for them to attend one session during their term of office and asked each councillor to confirm which session they would be attending and which of the councillors who are also County Councillors had already attended, as follows:

Councillor Blakeley-Walker	–	already attended.
Councillor Butterfield JP MBE	–	already attended.
Councillor Chamberlain-Jones	–	2 nd February online
Councillor Chard	–	already attended.
Councillor Evans	–	already attended.
Councillor Feeney	–	7 th February at Russell House
Councillor James	–	already attended.
Councillor K. R. Jones	–	can't make any of the dates.
Councillor King	–	2 nd February online.
Councillor McAlpine	–	can't make any of the dates.
Councillor Mellor	–	already attended.
Councillor Mullen-James	–	already attended.
Councillor Prendergast	–	already attended.
Councillor Roberts	–	2 nd February online.
Councillor Simmons	–	2 nd February online.
Councillor Walker	–	already attended.
Councillor Williams	–	already attended.

RESOLVED *that the Town Clerk to inform the Monitoring Officer of the above and the relevant invitations / links to be sent to councillors directly from Denbighshire County Council.*

109. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: