

At a **MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 19th April 2023, commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors M. Blackwell, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE,
Mrs. J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Mrs J. M. Evans, S. Feeney,
Mrs. J. Hughes, R. James, K. R. Jones, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor,
Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, A. J. Rutherford,
D. Simmons, A. Walker and Miss C. L. Williams.

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

161. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs D. L. King, P. Prendergast and Ms V. Roberts.

162. MINUTES

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

Special Meeting of Council - 8th March 2023 - Min.Nos. 126-146

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

Meeting of Council - 15th March 2023 - Min.Nos. 147-160

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

Planning Committee - 15th March 2023 - Min.Nos. 46-50

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

Planning Committee - 5th April 2023 - Min.Nos. 51-53

Proposed by Councillor D. Simmons and seconded by Councillor B. Mellor and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

To confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 5th April 2023 - Min.Nos. 51-64

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

163. PRESENTATION: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – CENTRAL RHYL/PRESTATYN COASTAL DEFENCE PROJECTS AND THE RHYL HIGHWAYS PUBLIC REALM PROJECT (PHASE 1)

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Mr Tony Ward, Mr Tim Towers and Mr Mike Jones from Denbighshire County Council and Mr Chris Hull from Balfour Beatty to the meeting and invited them to provide members with an update on Phase 1 of the project.

Mr Hull advised:

- of the establishment of a compound on Marine Drive, the closure of Quay Street car park, the construction of a site access opposite John Street and the partial closure of the Promenade and start of construction of site access from the Marine Drive compound over the Promenade.
- that the site access opposite John Street will be reinstated in 2025 on completion of the project back to how it was previously including a playground.
- Quay Street car park will be used to store materials and solid blue hoardings will be erected around it to protect the materials.
- further Promenade closures from John Street to SeaQuarium would be effect from 24th April through to Autumn 2025.
- it would be necessary to close some of the parking spaces at Central Car Park.
- the revetment construction would begin in late May 2023 which would work in-between tides until Summer 2025.
- the rock tow and beach access ramp extension work would begin late April 2023 from Splashpoint to SeaQuarium, again working in-between the tides until Spring 2024.
- moving out towards Prestatyn, the establishment of a compound at the Clubhouse of Rhyl Golf Course, the construction of site access off the Coast Road including a storage area and the start of ground monitoring installation.
- looking ahead, they hoped to complete mobilisation works in the next few weeks and to complete the ground monitoring at the end of May.
- embankment works would start in May, culvert strengthening works to begin in June and works on the beach would also start in May 2023, which would require a section of the Promenade from Garford Road to Green Lanes to be closed from May through to October 2023.

In response to members questions and comments, Mr Hull and the officers advised:

- that 40/50 spaces to the right as you enter would be closed within Central Car Park, and that alternative parking would be identified via press releases.
- information / communication will be via on-site hoarding signs.
- they were in regular discussions with Denbighshire Leisure Limited around people management on event days like the Air Show, and the thought was that crowds would be ushered to the East of the Promenade away from the construction areas.
- that park and ride facilities and good signage were being considered for the Air Show days, especially with the lost of town centre parking as mentioned.
- that there was a Communication Strategy for the project and that it would very much include the strong message that Rhyl remains open for business throughout.
- that the officers were happy to return to the town council to give further updates when they requested them.

Mr Mike Jones took the opportunity to provide members with a quick update on the Highway and Public Realm project, that had unfortunately been unsuccessful in its application for Levelling Up funding, as part of the wider Vale of Clwyd application.

That as a result they had had to pause and reflect on the scheme, and had not ruled out a round three further application once feedback is received, as well as looking to alternative funding streams.

They were working with Balfour Beatty colleagues to scope further design and development works to the scheme.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Mr Hull and Denbighshire County Council officers for their time.

164. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Deputy Mayor referred to the events the Mayor had attended over the last month (circulated with agenda), and read aloud some words from Mayor thanking councillors for attending her charity evening on 30th March at 1891 and reporting that the night raised over £1,200 for her three charities, the RNLI, the Alzheimer's Society and the North Wales Women's Centre.

165. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS / ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST – FEBRUARY 2023 (SCHEDULE B)

Further to min.no.143 of the meeting of Council held on 15th March 2017 and in accordance with the council's adopted financial regulations, the Chair referred to the Town Clerk's submitted schedule B (a list of non-regular payments to be released over the coming month) (circulated with agenda).

Voucher Number	Supplier	Details of Supply	Amount £
1618	Rhyl Steam Preservation Trust	Insurance re-charge for Billy & nameplate	254.80
1619	Delwedd Ltd	Domain registration	24.47
1620	Cllr Mrs D. L. King	Mayoral expenses for March 2023	140.50
	Total Schedule B		£419.77

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

166. REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL / BANGOR UNIVERSITY – GREEN SPACE INITIATIVE IN RHYL

The Deputy Mayor made reference to receipt of a request from Denbighshire County Council and Bangor University (circulated with agenda) to address the town council with regard to the above initiative via Councillor B. Mellor.

Councillor B. Mellor advised that they would like to give a brief presentation to the town council prior to the study and survey taking place this summer.

The Town Clerk added that if members would like to accept the presentation then it might be necessary to add two presentations to one Council agenda to fit all of the planned presentations within their timescales, and asked for members' permission to do so.

RESOLVED that the request was approved and permission granted to the Town Clerk to arrange for two presentations to be received on the same evening, if necessary.

167. REVIEW OF POLICIES: REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Town Clerk referred to his report (circulated with agenda) asking members to re-confirm or amend the town council's policy relating to the appointment of representatives on outside bodies.

RESOLVED that the policy was re-confirmed.

168. ADDITIONAL ITEM: TOWN COUNCIL INSURANCE

The Town Clerk reported that the town council's insurance was due to expire at the end of May 2023 and sought authority for delegated authority to be granted to the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee to appoint a new provider by the end of May 2023.

RESOLVED that authority to act was given to the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee.

169. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Deputy Mayor closed the meeting.

Deputy Mayor:

Date: