



St Asaph City Council
Cyngor Dinas Llanellwy

Minutes of the Meeting of St Asaph City Council held on 10 February 2016 at 7.00pm in the Community and Council Meeting Rooms, Roe Plas Meadows.

Present: Cllrs: J Ellison, C Evans, M Gedd, C Hardie (Deputy City Mayor), G D Hodgkinson BEM, P G Morton, J O Roberts, P Scott (City Mayor), D A Thomas and R Williams.

Clerk
H Stewart BEM

The City Mayor asked those present to share a minute of silence in memory of John Pickering. He had been a very active member of the community contributing to the work of Community Association Efon Alwy and the City Council.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: P Mitchell (Business), D Owens (DCC meeting) and B J Rust (Family matters).

2. Public Participation

There were no requests to address the Council.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda item 14c) planning application by the Rev N Williams, the diocese being her employer. Cllr Williams did not take part in the discussion but remained in the meeting.

4. Urgent Matters

There were no matters of urgency which in the opinion of the Mayor, required consideration at this meeting.

5. North Wales Police Service

PCSO Dave Jones said this would be a very short report as there was not much criminality to report this month. There had been an incident of a dangerous dog biting a young girl near the Business Park, which was actually just outside of the boundary for St Asaph and enquiries ongoing about a break in at the Tweed Mill, again just outside city boundary.

PCSO Jones left the meeting at 7.05pm

6. Mayor's Report

The Mayor had been busy trying to acquire prizes for the raffle and auction for the Charity Ball. Eighteen donations had been made which was very pleasing.

Other duties had involved attending about nine other events including a Charity Lunch organised by the Mayor of Llangollen.

7. Reports from County Councillors

Cllr Bill Cowie was invited to report on the news from the County Council. He was pleased to inform the

Council that there was good news. The play area at Llwyn Elwy (West Ward) was to be completely refurbished and plans were available if anyone wanted to view them.

When asked by Cllr Hardie about the future maintenance of the play area Cllr Cowie assured him that the County Council was going to maintain it but he could not predict what would happen in the future.

He then had a question for the City Council as to what arrangements were in place to address the very bad state of the land behind the chemist. The Mayor replied that nothing was actually planned at this time but Cllr Owens was hoping that through developer contributions it might be tarmacked.

It was agreed that the condition of the area had been made worse by the building company working at the doctor's premises damaging the bund with a skip. The City council would contact the building company to have the bund reinstated.

8. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2015 were approved subject to the following amendments:

10. Matters Arising – Cllr Andrews amended to Cllr Thomas.

13. Ysgol Esgob Morgan School should be amended to read Ysgol Glan Clwyd.

RESOLVED that: The minutes be signed by the Mayor.

9. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

10. Events Working Group

Attention was drawn to the Party in the Yard moving to the Cathedral for 2016 and perhaps being renamed Winter Fair. Cllr Hardie was to progress the arrangements with the Dean.

Cllr Williams asked fellow councillors to make a note in the diary for Saturday 19 November 2016 for assisting with the Christmas lights on the tree.

11. Regeneration Group

Cllr Andrews thanked the Clerk for producing the notes from the last meeting and asked Members if they had any questions. Cllr Evans clarified that she was to progress the registering of the land by the Conservative Club and this was confirmed. A quote of £2900 had been obtained for improving the condition of this area when it had been registered.

Cllr Thomas offered assistance to try and get the City website information up to date. This was welcomed by the Clerk who would produce a contents list so that tasks could be allocated.

12. Community Resource Centre

The Clerk had met with Denbighshire County Council Officers about taking the negotiations and future plans for the library forward following the decision to meet a contribution of £12,000 to the revenue costs in 2016-17. It was also the intention not to lose the £100,000 investment in the City.

DCC has agreed to work in collaboration with the city council to look at an innovative and holistic approach to meet the needs of the City not just now but in 5–10 years time.

The next steps will involve further discussion and a lot of work between now and the Autumn to explore options. Because of the short timeframe it was proposed that a stakeholder group be formed to progress the work. The Clerk was happy to attend the meetings involving the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and to provide progress reports to the monthly meeting of the Council.

The Council approved this approach.

13. Financial Management

- a) A summary report of income and expenditure was produced for inspection and approval.
- b) The schedule of payments as listed below were presented for approval.

Design Web	344	£					
	1	30.00	£	6.00	£	36.00	Email Mailbox
St Asaph Netball Club	344	£					
	2	256.80			£	256.80	PB Grant
Accounting Solutions	344	£					
	3	405.00	£	81.00	£	486.00	Financial Software
cfCorporate	344	£					
	4	110.00	£	32.00	£	142.00	Lease rental photocopier
Kon-x	344	£					
	5	7.04	£	1.41	£	8.45	Photocopying
Gail Pendleton	344	£					
	6	136.00	£	-	£	136.00	Caretaker Services
M Dodd	344	£					
	7	864.70	£	172.94	£	1,037.64	Festoons and replacement lamps
DCC	344	£					
	8	35.00	£	-	£	35.00	Rent Byrn Gobiath
Co-Options Ltd	344	£					
Snowdonia Fire Protection	345	£					
	9	40.00			£	40.00	Litter Picking
MBD Developments	345	£					
	0	54.96			£	54.96	O/S Invoices Fire Equipment
Bowling Club	345	£					
	1	86.00	£	-	£	86.00	Maintenance Work
Glascoed Timber	345	£					
	2	218.97			£	218.97	Electricity for Bridge Lights
Rhyl Sound Centre	345	£					
	3	2,537.00	£	507.40	£	3,044.40	Fence cricket boundary & bins
Helen Stewart	345	£					
	4	300.00	£	60.00	£	360.00	Sound for Party in Yard
	345	£					
	6	752.00	£	-	£	752.00	Salary and Office Services
Total		5833.47		860.75	£	6,694.22	

RESOLVED that: The schedule of payments as listed be approved.

14. Planning Applications

Resolved:

- a) Application Ref: 46/2016/0033 - **No Objection**
Proposal: Proposed works to trees situated in conversation area
- b) Application Ref: 46/2015/1231 - **No Objection**
Proposal: Subdivision of exiting dwelling to create 2 dwellings and internal
- c) Application Ref: 46/2015/1242 - **No Objection**
Location: Erection of extension and associated remodelling works on existing vestry wing to provide new visitor welfare facilities.

15. Roe Plas Meadows and the Meeting Room

The hiring conditions for the facilities including the Sports Pavilion were presented for approval. It was

suggested that paragraph 3 be amended to ensure that the hirer had public liability for at least £2 million.

RESOLVED that: The hiring conditions be approved subject to the inclusion of the public liability requirement.

16. Gala 2016

The wording of the constitution for the Gala Group had been provided in an email but unfortunately the Council had still not received any accounts for 2015. The matter was deferred until the accounts had been received.

17. Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill

Members had been provided with a comprehensive set of papers including a summary report and the Draft Bill. Whilst there were no further comments to make in addition to the response produced by the North and Mid Wales Council Association it was noted that subject to the outcome of the elections in May, the City Council should be proactive in any future review of community councils. It was essential that the City status was retained through any realignment of boundaries.

18. Self-Regulation

Denbighshire County Council was seeking feedback about self-regulation which was a proposal that had been made by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

The City Council was not comfortable with the proposal of considering and determining action on any misdemeanor of a fellow Member even if they were "low-level" breaches.

RESOLVED that: The County Council be informed that the City Council did not support the proposal for self-regulation.

19. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted with no actions required.

20. News Digest

Members found the News Digest useful and Cllr Morton suggested that maybe there was other Council business that could be reported in a similar digest form.

Any arrangements to celebrations the Queen's 90th birthday were referred to the Events Working Group. Cllr Hodgkinson said that having achieved "city status" in 2012 to mark the Queen's Jubilee it was only proper that St Asaph celebrate such an occasion and hoped that the Events Group would give it some serious consideration.

The meeting concluded at 8 pm

Signed
Chairman, 9 March 2016