



St Asaph City Council
Cyngor Dinas Llanelwly

Minutes of the Meeting of St Asaph City Council held on Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 7pm in the Community and Council Meeting Rooms, Roe Plas Meadows.

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

Clerk: Gail Jones-Livesey

1. Apologies for Absence

- Cllr E Winter

2. Declarations of Interest

- There were no declarations of interest

3. Public Participation

- None raised

4. Urgent Matters

- None raised

5 North Wales Police

Report provided by PCSO D Jones who was accompanied by a trainee PCSO

- Quiet period was noted.
- Incident of shop lifting in High Street.
- Drive-off from Seaways Garage.
- Two separate incidents of dangerous dogs.
- Criminal damage when external terrace windows were broken at the site of the old HM Stanley hospital.
- There will be an information stall at the up-coming Spring Fair at the Parish Church.

The Mayor reported an incident of dogs running free and chasing sheep on the Roe Plas meadow.

Cllr Cowie raised the matter of parking of vehicles on the Lower Denbigh Road close to the New Inn creating a traffic hazard when HG vehicles approach. PCSO stated that he would undertake additional police checks and CC Peter Scott said he would pursue the matter with the County Council.

Cllr Hodgkinson reported an incident of speeding motor cyclists riding dangerously along Glascoed Road and also Bro Havard and the High Street.

The Mayor invited the room to raise further questions or incidents and as there were no further questions the PCSO was thanked and he and his colleague left the chamber.

6. Mayor's Reports

Report provided by Mayor & Cllr C Hardie:

- Cllr Hardie had attended two charity events held by the town Mayors of Ruthin and Prestatyn
- Attended a meeting of the organisers of the forthcoming Spring Fair

- Attended a meeting with the manager of the Library to discuss the use of a room as an office for the City Council

The Mayor invited the room regarding further questions:

Nothing further was raised.

7. County Councilors Reports

CC & Cllr D A Thomas

- Stated that he had discussed with the County Council ways to improve the image of the city, it is having received City Status. It was decided to put this item on the Agenda for the next meeting for more detailed discussion

End of CC & Cllr Thomas' report.

Mayor & Cllr C Hardie invited the room regarding further questions.

Nothing further was raised.

CC & Cllr P Scott

Before inviting Cllr Scott to give his report the Mayor congratulated him on election to Chair of Denbighshire County Council.

- Report on resurfacing of several local roads
- The VP school visited the Council Chamber at Denbighshire Country Council offices.
- The completion of Phase 3 of the Bro Havard improvement scheme
- An invitation on the 23rd May to open the newly refurbished Library
- He was looking into complaints of parking outside the fitness centre on Lower Denbigh Road

Mayor & Cllr C Hardie invited the room to raise further questions or issues and expressed the good wishes of all councilors for the speedy recovery of Susan his wife.

Nothing further was raised.

8. Minutes

The previous minutes were discussed regarding accuracy (previously circulated prior to the meeting)

- Accuracy
 - The minutes were proposed by Cllr Rust and seconded by Cllr Williams as being an accurate report, however there was a disruptive outburst from Cllr Morton relating to the appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor which had been previously resolved at the AGM.

9. Matters Arising

- Cllr Scott confirmed that the work to rebuild the Bowling clubhouse was complete and that some internal refitting remained to be done and asked councilors regarding painting the outside or leaving it to be naturally weathered
 - The Mayor informed everyone that the new date for the official opening of the flood defence works is the 5th July 2018.
 - DCC's Planning Department apologised for a previous reference to Livingstone Place and confirmed that it would not be referred to as that in future planning applications.
 - Cllr Rust asked if Rotary had yet given any costs to the purchase of a defibrillator.
- No further matters were raised

10. Financial Management

- a) To approve the schedule of payments detailed in Appendix A proposed and seconded
- b) To review the budget, income and expenditure – to be provided within the meeting. proposed and seconded.

Mayor & Cllr C Hardie invited the room to raise further questions or issues.

The question arose on whether the insurance value of the Bowling Club should be increased. It was agreed to review this and discuss with the insurance company.

No further questions or comments were raised.

11. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to discuss.

12. Community Hub

- The Mayor reported that the refurbishment of the Library was complete and that the new city clerk would have office space within on one afternoon per week, but signage was required to inform residents of her presence.
- Cllr Morton asked that the clerk took details of any interest from members of the public.
- The library management staff requested if the grassed banking alongside the library could be removed as part of the general landscaping of the car park. Also if the recycling bins could be moved from their present position to stand within the car park. The mayor reported that he was due to have a site meeting with NRW's environmental officer on the 4th June when these matters could be discussed in some detail.

Mayor & Cllr C Hardie invited the room to raise further questions or issues.

No further questions or comments were raised.

13. Projects update

- There was concern amongst the councilors regarding the usage of the I Beacons and it was agreed to arrange a further meeting with the installers.
- Maintenance of the installation of the showers in the football pavilion was discussed.
- The mayor reported that he has asked for a list of the species of trees planted in the orchard at Roe Plas meadow. The farmer has requested a reduction in rent due to the small loss of grazing land following the planting of the orchard (0.36 of an acre). The clerk was asked to find the present rental value of such land for grazing which amounts to 22 acres.

Mayor & Cllr C Hardie invited the room to raise further questions or issues

No further questions or comments were raised.

14. City Skips

- Cllr Scott said that he had emailed Andrew Lord at DCC in relation to concern about the accumulated waste at the site previously run by City Skips. Andrew Lord had replied and said that there were legal implications with its removal and NRW were trying to resolve the matter. Cllr Scott said that he would pursue this matter again with DCC.

Mayor & Cllr C Hardie invited the room to raise further questions or issues.

No further questions or comments were raised.

15. Dog Fouling Signs

- Cllr Thomas volunteered to arrange the production of 4 official dog fouling signs in the A4 size. Cllr Hardie stated that he had seen DCC staff talking to a dog walker on the football pitch.

CC & Cllr C Hardie invited the room to raise further questions or issues.

No further questions or comments were raised.

16. Correspondence

- In response to a request from Llangollen and Dee Valley Good Grub Club to participate in this years' Winter Fair, it was resolved to reply expressing our disappointment at their level of attendance at last years' event.
- Correspondence was received from Menter Llaith Sir Ddinbych requesting a Grant Application form. The request was noted.
- Request from NWIMF to continue with our financial support. Resolve to donate £500 as last year. There followed further discussion regarding their intention to include the anniversary of the ending of the Great War within their programme.
- Request from the Allotment Association to repair/renew the boundary fencing to the allotment area. The Association was requested to give an indication of the cost of carrying out this work.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th June 2018 at 7pm

Signed

Chairman of the Full Council Meeting held on 12th June 2018