



St Asaph City Council
Cyngor Dinas Llanelwly

Minutes of the Meeting of St Asaph City Council held on Wednesday 11th July 2018 at 5pm in the Community and Council Meeting Rooms, Roe Plas Meadows.

Present: Cllrs: C Hardie (City Mayor), J O Roberts (Deputy Mayor); P.G. Morton, M Gedd, P Scott, B Rust, G D Hodgkinson BEM;

1. Apologies for Absence

- Cllr J Ellison; Cllr B Cowie; Cllr E Winter; Cllr A Thomas; Cllr R Williams

2. Declarations of Interest

- CC & Cllr P Scott declared an interest in one item in correspondence.

3. Public Participation

There was no public present.

4. Urgent Matters

- Cllrs Hardie and Gedd had two items which are to be considered at the end of the meeting.

5 North Wales Police

Report provided by PCSO D Jones

- An incident in the Co-op car park when a handbag was stolen and the offender was caught.
- An incident in Llwyn Elwy which was a family dispute and was resolved.
- It was reported that Sergeant Stringfellow had retired and the new Sergeant, Peter Evans will be in post in two weeks' time.
- LNS had been spoken to regarding the heavy vehicle parking on The Roe.
- The all-day parking in Roe Parc will be checked and stickers applied where necessary.
- Cllr Hardie and Gedd both raised further questions about the heavy vehicles parking on The Roe causing traffic problems. In reply PCSO Jones said it would be advisable to phone and report at the time of each occurrence.

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

6. Mayor's Reports

Report provided by Mayor & Cllr C Hardie:

- The Mayor reported that it had been a relatively quiet month and that he had been on holiday but had attended three civic services and had represented the City Council at the official opening of the flood defences. He had officially opened a luncheon to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the National Health Service at The Oriel hotel.

The Mayor invited the room regarding further questions:

Nothing further was raised.

7. County Councilors Reports

CC & Cllr P Scott

- Cllr Scott had attended 14/15 events including civic services, County Council meeting to discuss “plastic-free”.
- He reported that the footpath at the south side of the New Inn is to be re-instated.
- Parking in Roe Parc continues to be an issue and has been reported to the PCSO.
- Late night noise in Llwyn Elwy.

End of CC & Cllr Scott's' report.

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

Cllr Morton asked about the proposed prospect of changes in the bin collection service. Cllr Scott stated that DCC were looking to reduce the financial burden of refuse collecting and that the proposed changes were open to public consultation.

The city sign at Cwyttir Lane is the responsibility of the City Council.

Nothing further was raised.

8. Minutes

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

The minutes were agreed to be accurate.

9. Matters Arising

- Item 13 – the Silent Soldiers have been delivered to Cllr Williams.
- Item 15 – Cllr Rust confirmed that she had been in discussion with Scottish Power regarding the price increase and there would be cost savings if the Council would pay by Direct Debit.

No further matters were raised

10. Events Committee

The Mayor reported on discussion of the previous Events Committee, in particular:

- Remembrance Sunday – the details of the poppy drop in the Cathedral still needed to be arranged. Awaiting response regarding the marching band.
A meeting to be arranged between the flag bearer and the Guides Association.
Cllr Hodgkinson had completed the list of casualties for High School pupils to read out.
Confirmed that the service will start at 9.45am.

11. 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 and stated that the balance in the current account as at 29th June was £32,827.37.

No further questions or comments were raised, and the statement was accepted.

12. Planning Applications

- 46/2018/0483: 46/2018/0584. No objections were raised for either planning applications

13. City Plan

- Discussion took place regarding future improvements in the City as a result of gaining city status. Resolved to set up a small working group to discuss this matter in more detail and to be listed as an item on the next council agenda.

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

No further questions or comments were raised.

14. Clerk Recruitment

- Adverts had been placed in two local papers at an overall cost of £2,000, There had been a good selection of applicants and five had been short-listed to attend for interviews on 18th July. Cllr Morton asked for the gender of the selection.

No further questions or comments were raised.

15. Correspondence

- **Good Grub Club** – it was requesting participation in this years Winter Fair and itemised improvements from last years' participation. Discussion took place and resolved to check out some of their participants and the need for them to pay for the stalls as with other stall holders – Cllr Hardie will investigate.
- **Rotary Club of St Asaph** – the letter itemised two potential sites for a defibrillator- confirmed the siting at The Chippery at a cost of £1,155 plus VAT. Resolved City Council to donate 50% of the cost to Rotary.
- **Pinder's Circus** - after discussions it was decided to deny the circus permission for this year.

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

No further questions or comments were raised.

16. Urgent Matters

- Cllr Gedd pointed out that the usual check the Council's Assets had not yet occurred. Resolved to discuss with the new clerk when appointed.
- Cllr Hardie gave a resume of the audit report and itemised some to the major issues raised on the report. It was proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Rust for the report to be accepted.

As there were no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 18.20 hours.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 7pm

Signed

Chairman of the Full Council Meeting held on 11th July 2018