



St Asaph City Council
Cyngor Dinas Llanelwly

Minutes of the Meeting of St Asaph City Council held on Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7pm in the Community and Council Meeting Rooms, Roe Plas Meadows.

Present: Cllrs: C Hardie (City Mayor), P.G. Morton, M Gedd, P Scott, B Rust, D A Thomas, B Cowie. R Williams, G D Hodgkinson BEM; Cllr E Winter

Clerk:

1. Apologies for Absence

- Cllr J Ellison; J O Roberts (Deputy Mayor)

2. Declarations of Interest

- There were no declarations of interest

3. Public Participation

- None raised

4. Urgent Matters

- Cllr Hardie had one urgent matter to be brought up at the end of the meeting.

5 North Wales Police

Report provided by PCSO D Jones

- A serious break-in at the Co-op Supermarket – enquiries are ongoing.
- An assault in Gemig Street – thought to be a neighbourly argument.
- Reports of two missing persons – both found.
- A disturbance at the New Inn – passed on to Pub Watch.
- Small fire – dealt with by the Fire Service
- A disturbance caused by groups of children from Rhyl and Kinmel Bay – dispersed by Police.
- Advice given about the presence of travellers in the locality.

Cllr Peter Morton asked if there was any information about the re-instatement of the ATM at the Co-op.

Cllr Peter Scott raised the problem of parking of car share drivers in Roe Parc causing problems for residents gaining access to their properties.

Cllr Hardie asked for action to be taken against LNS regarding the parking of their heavy breakdown vehicles on the pavement on the Roe causing obstruction to pedestrians and also broken windscreen glass littering the pavement – PCSO will speak to the proprietor.

Cllr Winter queried the misuse of parking bays at the Co-op – he was advised to discuss with the Co-op. He also advised the PCSO that he had pictures of youths lighting fires in Roe Plas meadow.

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:

- Cllr Hardie reported that the past few weeks had been busy, he had attended AGMs at Abergele, Denbigh and Colwyn Bay.
- He had participated in the opening of the new Cathedral Tea Rooms, the newly refurbished Library, the Parish Church fete, and the opening of the newly constructed Bowling Club.
- He had attended at 100th birthday party for one of the residents of Bryn Derwen Nursing Home.
- He had met with NRW on several occasions and reported that the work to repair the condition of the common had been delayed due to problems with the sourcing of satisfactory top soil. Also, the resurfacing to the entrance to Roe Plas was to be completed after the adjacent stone walling had been completed.
- Cllr Hardie reported that he had finally retrieved the council's printer which would be stored in the Council Meeting Room until a new clerk had been appointed.

The Mayor invited the room regarding further questions:

Nothing further was raised.

7. County Councilors Reports

CC & Cllr D A Thomas

- Cllr Thomas reported that he was now sitting on the Planning Committee replacing Cllr Peter Scott who had been appointed Chair of DCC.
- He was looking for suggestions about how the council wished to go forward in discussions regarding the City Plan. It was resolved to make it an agenda item for the next council meeting.
- Judith Greenhaulgh, the new CEO of DCC will be visiting St Asaph in August and it was suggested that the Mayor accompany her in the walk-about.

End of CC & Cllr Thomas' report.

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

Nothing further was raised.

CC & Cllr P Scott

- Cllr Scott confirmed that as Chair of DCC he was not allowed to sit on any of the committees
- He had attended many events including Turf Cutting and AGMs
- He confirmed that the dog waste bin had been reinstated in Bro Havard
- He was still dealing with parking problems on Roe Plas and adjacent to the New Inn on Lower Denbigh Road.

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

Nothing further was raised.

8. Minutes

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

- Accuracy
 - Cllr Hardie informed everyone that with the help of his wife they had managed to decipher the handwritten notes for the May meeting and that they were found to be accurate.
 - The date in Item 17 was confirmed to be incorrect and was altered.

Cllr Bill Cowie proposed, seconded by Cllr Roz Williams that the minutes were accurate.

9. Matters Arising

- Page 2 – Cllr Thomas gave a choice of defibrillator locations at the top of the High Street. The cost to be over £1,000 to be shared between the council and St Asaph Rotary Association.

- Page 3 Item 14 – Cllr Scott confirmed that the rubbish accumulation at the site of City Skips was slowly being removed by Thornclyffe – no further news.
- Page 3 Item 13 – Cllr Winter had acquired a rental cost for the sheep grazing area/orchard to be approximately £33. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Rust that the rent remain the same.
- Page 4 Item 16 – no response yet as to the cost of refencing.

No further matters were raised

10. Financial Management

- To approve the schedule of payments detailed in Appendix A proposed and seconded
- 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.

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

11. Planning Applications

- 46/2018/0471 and 46/2018/0472 - No objections were raised for either planning applications

12. Community Hub

- Cllr Hardie reported that the Library is now fully operational and he has spoken to Bethan regarding the use of a permanent office for future city clerks.
- Not everyone is aware that the Library is now fully functional and it was agreed that the working group have a meeting with the Library management team to develop an action plan.
- The land behind the Library is yet to be landscaped as per the plan shown and further discussions are ongoing.

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

No further questions or comments were raised.

13. Projects update

- It was confirmed that banners/silent soldiers had been ordered to commemorate this years' Remembrance Sunday. Sites were agreed and it was also agreed that the displays were to be erected on the 4th August 2018 to commemorate the outbreak of the Great War.

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

No further questions or comments were raised.

14. Clerk Recruitment

- The advert for the Clerk to be advertised in local papers including the Daily Post and it was all agreed for a budget of £2,000 +/- 10%.

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

No further questions or comments were raised.

15. Correspondence

- A request for financial support was received from the Bowling Club to cover the cost of additional works for disabled access. It was agreed to pay £2,000.
- A letter had been received from Scottish Power regarding price increase – Cllr Rust to explore.
- A letter had been received from Chris Ruane MP – received.

- Letter from Japanese Consul regarding donation of Cherry Trees – Cllrs Hardie and Roberts to lead. Possible sites were discussed – path through Common, end of Common adjacent to Plough car park, alongside the Play Area, Lower Denbigh Road, land adjacent to Doctor’s surgeries.

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

No further questions or comments were raised.

17. Urgent Matters

- Cllr Hardie had received an email for Cllr Morton suggesting an increase in the council’s financial support of the North Wales Music Festival. After discussion and being reminded of the six-month rule on decisions, no further actions were taken.

18. Cllr Hardie thanked Cllr Cowie for his work in repairing the external plumbing to the Meeting Room.

As there were no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 20.30 hours.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 11th July 2018 at 7pm

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