St Asaph City Council Events meeting

Wednesday 19th February 2020 10 am at the Translators' Tearoom. St Asaph Cathedral

Present: Cllrs Scott (Mayor), Roberts (Chair), Cowie, Hardie, Hodgkinson, Morton, Rust, Thomas and Williams.

Also Present: Rev Nigel Williams and Lorna Kernahan

Apologies: Cllr Ellison

- The meeting was called to consider arrangements for VE Day 75 in St Asaph.
- Task List from the meeting of 21st January was reviewed to clarify which events are City Council responsibility:

1. **The Mayor's Toast Friday 8th May 2020 at 3 pm**
   - This will be a City Council Event. Clerk to register with veday75.
   - To take place on Cathedral Green.
   - Prosecco and glasses to be ordered on a sale or return basis.
   - Alcohol licence not required as alcohol is not being sold.
   - Clerk to contact British Legion re: a recording of Churchill's speech.
   - PRS licence not required as recording will be acquired through British Legion.
   - Music to be 1945 themed & National Anthems.
   - Clerk to contact Mark Budd re sound system.
   - Clerk to source Union Flag with Welsh Ddraig Goch in the centre.
   - Winner of Window Competition to be announced.

2. **Saturday 9th May 2020**
   - Article in City Times along the lines of "If you want to arrange a street party, please go ahead and do so".
   - Saturday afternoon – encourage residents to picnic to (the Common or Roe Plas Meadow) late afternoon, followed by WW2 films/ Suggestions include Goodbye Mr Tom, The Dambusters. Could also play 1945 music. Encourage residents to wear 1945 dress.
   - There are no guarantees the Parish Church will be ready, so best not to proceed with Tea Dance, Tea Party. Therefore, dance lessons not required.

3. **Sunday 10th May 2020**
   - The Dean confirmed that the service at the Cathedral can go ahead so long as it coincides with Morning Eucharist.
   - Options after the service were discussed and it was decided that rather than a parade to the Cenotaph and service there, there would be a poppy drop and the reading of names of those from St Asaph who lost their lives in World War 2.
   - The Dean will consider the possibility of a peal of bells.

- Children to be encouraged to bring an item relating to each of those lives lost reinforcing the personal cost of the War.
- PS to contact Brad re: drum stack.
- Bugler not required.
- Clerk to source poppies.
- Clerk to contact Translators' Tearoom re@ refreshments.

4. **Week leading up to 8th May 2020**
   - Clerk to order bunting – possible Union Jack & Ddraig Goch. BR will assist with quantities.
   - AT will contact DCC Events team for support with:
     - Display Boards.
   - Council discussed display at the Library and events for children in the week leading up to 8th May.
   - Window dressing competition – 1945 theme - with a bottle of champagne as the prize. Judging on the Thursday.
   - Lorna to organise craft events with children – perhaps they could make the items relating to the fallen mentioned in 3 above.
   - Decided not to go ahead with the fireworks.
   - A decision on the beacons was deferred to the next meeting when the condition of the beacon stored at the football pavilion is known (post flood).
   - Duncan and Janet were to contact Michael Parry Jones re: photographs for display.
   - AT and DH volunteered to organise the display.
   - DH will organise fliers and entries into the City Times.
   - Clerk to research Banners and Soldiers at the Cenotaph.

Next meeting 18th March 2020 at 10 am at the Cathedral Tearoom